

Hi, Neighbor!

A Quarterly Newsletter for the Eastmorland Community Association

First Quarter 2017

Why the ECA Board of Directors Voted To Oppose the Olbrich Biergarten as Currently Detailed

By Dan Zimmerman

Despite an article in the *Hi, Neighbor!* newsletter, in the *Wisconsin State Journal*, and in the *Isthmus*, as well as coverage by WMTV (channel 15), it is possible that you have not heard or read anything about a proposed German-style Biergarten for Olbrich Park. The current proposal would be that the establishment would be operated by BKM Group, LLC, a new for-profit company, open seven days a week from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Monday thru Thursday, 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Friday, and from noon to 10:00 p.m. on weekends from May through October (possibly April through November, weather permitting). Food (a limited selection), soft drinks, beer and cider would be served at the beach house with tables by the beach house as well an area down a path near the lakeshore. Note: Various details related to the proposal have changed over time; for example, the application requested a proposed maximum capacity of 300 persons with up to 1,000 persons for four special events each year, but now the request is for a proposed maximum capacity of 270 persons.

This proposal was developed in response to a Request for Proposals (RFP) issued by the city's Parks Department on June 22, 2016. In addition to the proposal for the Biergarten, a proposal from Rutabaga Paddlesports for food, rental of watercrafts (e.g., kayaks), and family/children's games at Olbrich Park, and a similar proposal from the company that runs Brittingham and Wingra Boats for food and watercrafts (e.g., kayaks) at Marshall Park on the west side of Lake Mendota were approved. It is important to note that the city's standard RFP process does not include obtaining any public input (i.e., conducting a survey of city residents or involving the neighborhood) prior to the development and release of an RFP. The Parks Department website includes the following information: "The newly adopted Master Plan Policy is intended to provide guidelines and procedures that will ensure individual park master plans are consistent with the most recently adopted City of Madison Park and Open Space Plan and Comprehensive Plan. This policy is also intended to sustainably guide the location and management of the infrastructure, recreational amenities, and habitats/land management areas in the Madison Park system." The following documents were approved by the Parks Commission and Parks Department on February 10, 2016: Master Plan Policy || Report || Process.

For a number of neighborhood residents, the lack of input into proposed changes to a city park within our neighborhood was

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EASTMORLAND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS

(As of June 27, 2016)

I. Purpose

Eastmorland Community Association serves those who live, work and visit the neighborhood. Specifically, the association will:

1. Listen to, understand, and, when appropriate, take action on neighborhood concerns and issues.
2. Improve our neighborhood and promote community quality and safety.
3. Promote citizen participation by communicating with residents and businesses about events and plans that may affect the neighborhood.
4. Promote social interaction among neighbors.

II. Membership

The Eastmorland neighborhood is currently the area bounded to the North by Highway 30, to the East by Highway 51, to the South by Cottage Grove Road, and to the West starting at the corner of Cottage Gove Road and Atwood Avenue to the shoreline of Lake Monona up to Starkweather Creek (East Branch) connecting to Highway 30. These boundaries may be changed in one of two ways: at the initiative of the directors, residents of other areas may be invited to join the neighborhood; or residents of other areas may petition the directors to join the neighborhood. Any boundary change must be presented at an Eastmorland Community Association meeting at least one month before it will be voted on. Written notice must be given before the vote. A quorum is required for the change of boundaries.

Each adult resident of Eastmorland, 18 years of age or older, is considered a voting member of the Eastmorland Community Association. Additionally, non-resident owners of real estate and one appointed representative per business within the Eastmorland boundaries may participate as voting members.

Adult resident households who pay a minimum annual contribution, the amount of which is set by the board of directors at the annual meeting, are considered paid members. Paid members support activities of the Eastmorland Community Association. It will be announced when paid membership is required to participate in a neighborhood event of activity.

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Kathy's Komments



Hello Neighbors!

I keep reminding myself that every day brings spring closer. That is hard to remember when I look out the window and see the road, the sidewalks, and especially our driveway glazed in ice. I hope that all my neighbors are remembering the way to walk on the ice.

December was interesting for us. Early in the month, our furnace died, and after 27 years, the company no longer makes replacement parts. Bummer! So, we bought a new one – just before the super cold weather happened the first time. It is 95% efficient and the new programmable thermostat works very well (as long as ‘someone’ keeps his fingers off it).

We spent four days and Christmas Day in Chicago with Melissa, Luis, Diego and Katia. We left to come back home, and the next day they all went to spend the rest of the kiddos’ winter break with Luis’ family in Puerto Rico.

We were home about two days and our basement freezer died. We then spent the rest of December looking at freezer shopping. Boy! They are more expensive now than they were when we bought our last freezer.

On January 10, 2017, about 45 people (mostly neighbors) came to our regular ECA directors’ meeting. A motion was made and seconded. Here is the motion: “Send a follow up letter to members of ALRC and Parks and city alders and any recipients of the original letter in opposition to the Biergarten stating that the action taken in sending that letter was not performed in accordance with the currently adopted ECA by-laws, no special meeting was appropriately called and as such the motion by email to send letter was out of order.”

An amendment to this motion (which I will paraphrase) said that ECA would write a letter in support of the Biergarten. The amendment was voted on first and failed with a vote of 18 in favor and 21 against. The motion vote was 24 in favor and 21 against. It passed.

Many of the neighbors present said that they would start attending director meetings and would help with updating our by-laws, and help make ECA more able to notify people about important issues that come up fast through different medias. Take care of yourselves and please walk and drive safely. — Kathy

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III. Board of Directors

The board of directors is responsible for the functioning of Eastmorland Community Association, including all administrative and corporate duties. The board of directors consists of a minimum of four and a maximum of 15 people. Directors commit to attending the Eastmorland Community Association meetings. Directors will be elected at the annual meeting, and a quorum must be present (see article IV, decision making). Between annual meetings, the president may appoint a director if the appointment is confirmed by a majority vote of the board of directors. Directors must be association members who live in the neighborhood. A business owner who does not live in the neighborhood may not be a director. Directors are elected or appointed for two-year terms. There is no limit to the number of consecutive terms a director may serve. A list of directors will be maintained by the secretary and made available to all members.

Officers: Officers are elected from among the directors for a one-year term. Officer elections will take place among the directors after the annual meeting. It is required that there be a president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer.

Committees: Committees will be established by the directors on an as-needed basis, and committee heads will be selected by the committee or appointed by the president, and confirmed by a majority vote of the board of directors. Committee meetings will take place as needed. A list of current committees and committee heads will be kept by the directors and made available to all members. Upon request, committees will report back to the board of directors.

Nomination and elections of directors: Elections will take place at the annual meeting (see article IV, decision making). Nominations will be accepted at or prior to the meeting. Candidates may be self-nominated or nominated by another voting member. A current director will serve as a contact person for people considering running.

Checks: All checks issued in the name of the Eastmorland Community Association shall be signed by the president, treasurer or an agent of the association duly appointed for that purpose.

IV. Meetings and Procedures

Eastmorland Community Association meetings: Meeting will take place monthly except expect for December. These meetings of voting members will occur at a place and time agreed upon by the directors. Written notice will be provided in advance of the meetings.

Annual meeting: An annual general membership meeting will also take place in order to elect directors and discuss issues of concerns to the neighborhood. At least one week notice must be given of the annual meeting.

Special meetings: Special meetings may be requested by any member or group of members and held after approval by the directors.

Decision making: All actions shall be by simple majority of those voting members present at any meeting, unless otherwise required by the by-laws. Presence of 10 voting members, in-

cluding three directors, will constitute a quorum when a quorum is required. A quorum is required for the elections of directors, the passing or amendment of by-laws, amendment of the neighborhood boundaries, and the removal of a director by voting members.

Meeting facilitation: Responsibility for facilitating the meetings may rotate among the directors. The directors will select among themselves who will facilitate each meeting. Meeting agendas will be determined by the board of directors. All members will have the opportunity to add items to the agenda. A list of those present at each meeting will be kept.

By-laws: A quorum is required for the passing or amendment of by-laws. Proposed changes to the by-laws must be presented in writing at an Eastmorland Community Association meeting at least one month before they will be voted on. Written notice must be given before the vote. Amendments to the by-laws duly adopted by the membership shall become effective immediately.

Removal of directors and officers: Three consecutive absences from monthly meetings or committee meetings without notification shall be deemed a resignation. Additionally, voting members of the association shall have the power to remove any director or officer from his or her position provided that notice is given to all directors in advance. Removal of a director by members requires a quorum to be present, and will take place by majority vote. The directors will provide written notification to the removed director.

V. Dissolution

The board of directors may vote to dissolve this association and, after paying or providing for the payment of all the association's liabilities, transfer its assets to any successor association that is a non-profit association and whose purposes are consistent with Eastmorland Community Association's purposes.

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From Our Alder



David Ahrens
15th District

Does Madison have enough police? Is the current force attempting to police a city with increased crime but with fewer resources? Would the money for more police be more effectively spent if it was used to address the conditions of poverty that are related to more crime? These questions have been debated for decades and have led to numerous police staffing studies. However, no answer has been conclusive.

Some background data: The city has 461 sworn officers. That's a 40% increase in sworn officers since 1994 and notably, an 88% increase in civilians. Overall, the Police Department has increased (in cost) by 50% which is about twice the rate of growth of the rest of city government.

One measure that has often been used to compare police operation is to look at cities of similar size. This method has been

often used by the Mayor. The FBI and many other police experts contend that it is often misleading because some "cities" may actually be suburbs of other cities and others may be old industrial cities in decline (Buffalo?).

Police departments are usually compared based on the number of sworn officers per 1,000 residents. Our 461 officers result in 1.9 officers for each 1,000 residents. This is less than most large cities in Wisconsin. Milwaukee has 3.1 officers per 1,000 residents.

One comprehensive study of police staffing identified the most relevant comparable cities to be Des Moines, Baton Rouge, Boise, Greensboro and St. Paul. These cities had an average of 2.2 officers per 1,000.

An increase in staffing from 1.9 to 2.0 per 1,000 residents would require the addition of about 25 officers. An increase to that of the comparable cities group would require an addition of about 75 officers. As a general "rule of thumb," the addition of a new officer costs approximately \$100,000 per year for salary, supervision, additional civilian staff support and equipment (car, etc.).

An increase of 25 officers would require a 1% shift in budget. An increase to the level of other similar cities would require a 3% shift in budget or an additional \$8 million. By way of an example, the budget for our libraries is about \$15 million.

Regardless of the staffing levels, MPD continues to emphasize proactive policing, problem solving, and community engagement through a decentralized five district model with a sixth district (Midtown) in the development phase

Ultimately, a community determines the type and level of policing it receives through the political process which needs to be supported by data and evidence - not by responses to daily headlines and fear. Eastmorland has one of the lowest crime rates in the City. It is worth remembering that other communities are not so fortunate.

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2016 Dues Received Disappointing, Could Be a Lot Better

When I accepted the position as Eastmorland's treasurer in 2003 the membership dues rate at that time was \$10.00 per year per household. It is currently 2017 and the dues rate is still \$10.00 per year per household. Does anyone detect there is something wrong here?

Let back up a little in time. The Eastmorland newsletter, *Hi Neighbor!* has been around for a long, long time. As far back as 1960's according to the records I have. At that time, only the households that paid their annual \$10.00 dues were eligible to receive the newsletter. Over time that changed and everybody was eligible to receive a paper (dues paid or not).

For the past 13 years Eastmorland averaged approximately 80 dues paying contributors per year with the exception of 2016 where we reached 101 contributors out of a possible 1720. Nothing to brag about.

The newsletter, *Hi Neighbor!* is self supporting through advertising fees, but every other Eastmorland expense relies on the annual dues and donations received. Heck of a way to run a business, isn't it?

Recently, Eastmorland was fortunate enough to increase the size (number) of our Directors Staff from roughly six to fifteen, which should help us tremendously to be able to accomplish more in the future.

And that brings me back to the annual dues collection. There are approximately 1720 households in the Eastmorland area. If every household, (and I do realize there are family hardships) were able to contribute \$10.00 it would be a huge improvement. $\$10 \times 1720 = \$17,200$. Wow! ECA could put the money to good use. One example would be for community signage.

I would also like to point out that our elected officers and directors are all volunteers and put in a lot of time and effort to keep things going.

If you have never paid dues before you can simply do it by using the "Join ECA Today" form found on page 20 of this publication. Think about it. \$10.00 for the year that's just a little less than 3 cents a day. — *Patrick Soukup*

Singles Club

By *Carrie Ezzell*

This club has been a learning experience and is discontinued until the next paper. It will become a social night for anyone looking for some fun and conversation and will be meeting in a home.

Its purpose will be to offer an evening social experience within the Eastmorland Community Association with all welcome. There are card clubs, daytime activities, and community centers have meals available to those interested. If you are interested in further information on activities available please call me at 244-3117 and I will give you some contact names. — *Carrie*



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- *Fought for a new Pinney Library which will be double the size.*
- *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.*
- *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

It's a new year, and lots of important policy and public health issues are being worked on in Dane County. Here are a few:

County Board Addresses Life and Safety Concerns in Dane County Jail

Last year, Dane County moved forward with short-term repairs to address the immediate life and safety issues in our jail facilities. These included fire safety measures, lock improvements, and electrical system repairs. The County recently received the latest in a series of reports analyzing options to address the long-term safety and viability issues. These reports laid out important but costly options.

As a reminder, the Dane County Jail currently includes the downtown Public Safety Building, the 6-7th floors of the City-County Building, as well as the Huber work release facility near the Alliant Energy Center. The top two floors of City-County Building, which date back to 1954, face significant safety issues and house both maximum security inmates and those struggling with mental health issues.

In 2015, the County Board rejected expensive proposals to build a new jail, instead opting to implement short-term repairs and explore renovation/expansion of the Public Safety Building downtown. The reports have examined several issues, including:

- Operational and space recommendations, including schematic drawings
- Inmate disaggregation and location
- Staffing deployments and redeployments
- Operating cost impacts and recommendations
- Improving medical and mental health care for inmates
- Policy around reducing incarcerations, including the impact of:

Racial equity analysis
Pre-trial length of stay
Probation holds
Demographic differences in bail amounts

A central component of the County's long-term corrections reform strategy includes reducing racial disparities, providing alternatives to incarceration (including restorative justice programs as well as veterans and mental health courts), reforming bail, and expedited booking. These efforts are bearing some fruit, resulting in a slightly lower projection of number of inmates over time, which is especially promising since the Dane County population will grow substantially over the next decade.

However, black inmates are still very disproportionately represented in the jail (38% of the jail population), and black inmates are held for significantly longer (over 30% longer). So there is a lot more work to do.

The December report offers two long-term recommendations for replacing the outdated, unsafe space on the 6th and 7th floors of the City-County Building by expanding the existing downtown Public Safety Building either by (1) vertically adding four floors or (2) horizontally expanding the footprint. Both strategies are outlined in two phases and would cost between \$120-135 million.

This continues to be a costly and challenging issue. Take a moment to review the report and let me know what you think. I will be seeking your feedback at neighborhood meetings or you can contact me directly at pertl.jeff@countyofdane.com

Include Dane County Regional Airport (MSN) in Your Spring Travel Plans!

This segment incorporate news from Dane County Regional Airport

It is winter in Wisconsin, so that means it is time to plan spring travel! There are lots of great direct destinations from MSN, one of the most accessible airports in the country with great,

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Pat's Pointers Let It Snow!

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Snow cover actually provides a blanket of insulation and protects plants, especially perennials, from fluctuating temperatures that can damage roots and may cause a tender perennial or young tree or shrub to perish. Without snow cover for protection, evergreens are especially subject to strong northwest winds which can suck the moisture out of the plants. The plant will appear dry and brown in the spring.

Fall is the best time to offer protection by deep watering evergreens, applying extra mulch, and installing burlap or wind shields around rhododendrons and tender plants.

If you didn't get a chance in the fall, you can still gently lay some pine boughs from a Christmas tree on your perennial beds and then hope Mother Nature brings us more significant snow the rest of the season.

And while you're clearing snow and maybe ice from your walks and driveway, make sure you don't shovel excess salt and de-icing materials onto your plants. De-icing materials can burn plants if applied in excess. The salt content can leach into the soil and potentially dry out the root zone.

So relish our snowy seasons. Your plants do.

Patricia Blair is President of Blair Landscape, Inc. and can be reached at pat@blairlandscape.com



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A Progressive Future for Wisconsin

by Rep. Melissa Sargent

Democrats received more votes in the 2016 election than Republicans. Nationwide, Hillary Clinton was supported by 2.8 million more people than Donald Trump – the largest margin of victory ever by a candidate who did not win the Electoral College. In fact, Trump only received 46% of the popular vote.

So how do we process the fact that, as Democrats and progressives, we won – but still lost?

The message I deliver to my friends and neighbors is this: people support strong progressive values and legislation. Now is not the time to cut and run, or abandon what we believe in our core – that a government works best when it is working for the betterment of its people.

A progressive agenda is an agenda that amplifies our shared Wisconsin values. If we authentically listen to people all across our great state, I believe progressives must support a bold, forward thinking agenda. The following must be cornerstones of this movement now and into the future:

- Progressives support public education and want to fully fund it at all levels.

- Progressives support the legalization of marijuana in Wisconsin.
- Progressives don't want to take anybody's gun. They want them to be safe, secure, and in the hands of law abiding citizens.
- Progressives want strong environmental protections for clean air and water.
- Progressives believe in an honest day's pay for an honest day's work.

There are so many other examples where the people of Wisconsin are responding to the building blocks of a positive, progressive agenda whether it be health care, immigration, or college affordability – The public supports a progressive future.

I do not pursue this agenda because I am a Democrat, but because I am a Wisconsinite and the mother of four sons. I take these actions for them. I want to leave the world a better place for the next generation and beyond.

We cannot and must not, in the post mortem of a tough election, choose to stake out a half-hearted agenda. The facts show that we have all the pieces in place to take back our state and nation. Now is not the time to shy away from our convictions. The majority of voters side with us, it's time we act like it.

Don't Fall for Impostors' Scams

Madison Gas and Electric customers are reporting fraudulent calls from imposters claiming to work for MGE. These imposters attempt to collect money for past-due accounts and/or upgrades or repairs to utility meters. The scammers give instructions to pay with a prepaid debit card or with a wire transfer, and often threaten immediate disconnection. **That is not MGE.**

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3. When customers are behind in their payment, MGE provides past-due notification in writing before service is shut off for nonpayment.

4. When customers call MGE for billing inquiries, employees will always be able to provide account information and the exact balance due.

Do not provide your Social Security number, credit card numbers or bank account information to anyone who requests the information during an unsolicited phone call.

At your home or business

1. Ask for identification.
2. All MGE employees and contractors working for MGE are required to carry a **company ID card** with their name and photo prominently displayed. Ask for it. Don't let anyone enter your home if he or she cannot show you proof of identification.
3. If someone comes to your door claiming to be from MGE and you aren't sure, call MGE at 608-252-7222 to verify that the person works for MGE.
4. Look for the MGE uniform. While not all MGE employees wear uniforms, our field service people who are most likely to request access to your home wear uniforms with an MGE logo sewn on.
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1. Call your local police department. In Dane County, call 245-3662.
2. File a complaint with the Department of Agriculture, Trade and consumer Protection.
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From Our County Executive



Joe Parisi

Dane County Executive

The effects of mental illness are far reaching, affecting classrooms, families, and workplaces. Dane County is stepping up and increasing our commitment to get help to those in need and address mental health challenges.

Launched in 2013, our school based mental health teams are now making a difference for hundreds of students and families across Dane County. These teams of mental health professionals are available to help if a mental health crisis occurs, but also to work with students and teachers to identify students struggling with mental illness before it becomes a crisis.

After hearing from school districts, teachers and parents of the success of the teams, we have been working to locate more funding to help more school districts. In my 2017 budget every

school district that wants a team in their district will have one.

We must continue to work with our schools and families to get kids the help they need and allow teachers to focus on teaching. Our schools cannot do it all; the county, the non-profit sector and families must all help make sure our next generation of young minds is being given the opportunity to succeed. I am proud to help further Dane County's commitment to the next generation.

Garage Sale

A thank you was omitted from the last newsletter for all who took part in the garage sale in August. I think it was successful for all who participated. We appreciate your involvement. If you're interested in a special time this year, please let us know. We have been trying to stay away from spring when other neighborhoods are active but stay in a time before school begins in the fall. We would appreciate your input. If one time frame gets more interest, that's the one we'll use. Information will be in the next *Hi, Neighbor*. Thank you.

Stay Informed on Neighborhood Issues – Sign up for the Eastmorland Listserv

The Eastmorland listserv is a great way to learn about what's happening in the neighborhood. Our alder and others use the listserv to send important notices about neighborhood meetings and other matters affecting our community.

When you sign up, you have several options:

- Individual emails sent to your inbox,
- A daily digest of emails, or
- Simply access the Eastmorland Yahoo groups web site:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/eastmorland/>

To sign up, do one of the following:

On the web, go to:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/eastmorland/>

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2018-2022 Park and Open Space Plan Update

What do you love about Madison's parks and open spaces? What would you like to change? What would improve them for future generations?

The City of Madison Parks Division is looking for input from the community to guide the 2018-2022 Park and Open Space Plan Update! Madison Parks is hosting five visioning sessions to help define community values that will guide this plan update.

PLEASE REGISTER WITH EVENTBRITE FOR THE COMMUNITY VISIONING SESSIONS.

Community Visioning Session #2

Monday, February 6, 2017

5:30 - 8:30 PM

Whitehorse Middle School - Library Media Center

218 Schenk St.

Madison, WI 53714

Community Visioning Session #3

Monday, February 13, 2017

5:30 - 8:00 PM

The Village on Park - The Atrium Community Room

2300 S. Park St.

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Community Visioning Session #4

Wednesday, March 1, 2017

5:30 - 8:00 PM

Alicia Ashman Library

733 N. High Point Rd.

Madison, WI 53717

Community Visioning Session #5

Thursday, March 23, 2017

5:30 - 8:00 PM

Central Library - Meeting Rooms 301 & 302

201 W. Mifflin St.

Madison, WI 53703

Attending any of the above meetings? Please register with Eventbrite for the community visioning sessions.

Find out more information. Fill out an online comment card and sign up for project updates here:

<https://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/projects/2018-2022-park-open-space-plan>

Newsletter Contest

Bridget Hennessy wins the last puzzle and the \$10 prize, by walking from Woodman's to the East Side Club and crossing only six streets (the fewest of all entries). She walked west on Milwaukee, crossing Schenk (1) and Walter (2), then turned south on Walter and crossed Dawes (3), Richard (4) Hargrove (5) and Atwood (6), and then sauntered along the park to the club.

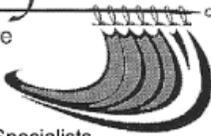
However... Six street crossings is not the minimum, so this question may well be repeated later this year — keep walking.

This issue's quiz question asks you to name the three shortest streets in Eastmorland. Send your answer to EastmorlandPuzzle@outlook.com — the winner will be randomly selected from all correct responses received before March 1st.

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Pinney Branch Library Events

Pinney Adult Book Group

Tuesday, Feb. 28 at 7:00 pm: *Being Mortal* by Atul Gawande

Tuesday, Mar. 28 at 7:00 pm: *Best Boy* by Eli Gottlieb

Tuesday, Apr. 25 at 7:00 pm: *Everything I Never Told You* by Celeste Ng

Stop by the library for a copy of next month's book.

First Friday Flicks

Sully (PG-13) Fri, Feb. 3 at 6:30 pm

Many other film programs planned for March and April, including our popular 'Nominee Nights' series during Hollywood's awards season and the 5th annual Pinney Mini Film Festival in March. Please check our online calendar at madisonpubliclibrary.org or in-library flyers for titles and dates.

WorkSmart/Job Help – Ayuda de Trabajo

Fridays, Feb. 10 and 24, Mar. 10 and 24. 4:00-7:00 pm

Drop in for a 30-60 minute session with a job coach to assess your career goals, find out if you qualify for additional programs and services through the WorkSmart Network and get help with job searches, resumes, and interviewing.

Sesiones de 30-60 minutos con un asesor de trabajo para evaluar sus metas profesionales, comple los requisitos para programa y servicios adicionales a traves de la WorkSmart Network y obtenga ayuda para la busqueda de empleo, redaccion de curriculum y preparacion para entrevistas.

Midwest Writing Assistance: General and Job-Related Writing Help

Wednesdays. Call 224-7100 to set up your one-on-one hour long appointment.

Free one-on-one coaching sessions for writing projects of any kind, including resumes and cover letters, school assignments, personal letters, applications, forms, newsletters, articles, memoirs, poems or any other kind of writing. Basic computer help, such as setting up email accounts, searching for jobs online, or filling out online job applications, is also available. Please note: MWA will no longer be able to provide help with general Windows or iOS navigation, including mobile devices.

Madison Writing Assistance is a free service provided by the UW-Madison Writing Center and is made possible through the generous support of The Evjue Foundation, the UW Anony-

mous Fund, Altrusa International of Madison, and the UW-Madison Writing Center.

Friends of Pinney Library Book & Bake Sale

Thursday, Feb. 9 from 12:00-8:30 pm - Members only presale. Non-members can join at the door.

Friday, Feb. 10 from 9:00 am - 8:30 pm

Saturday, Feb. 11 from 9:00 am - 4:30 pm

Sunday, Feb. 12 from 1:00 - 4:00 pm - Bag sale

Drop-in Preschool Storytime

Wednesday at 9:30 am

No programs on Mar. 1 or Apr. 19 and 26

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. No registration. For ages 3-5.

Spanish Storytime

Saturdays, Feb. 18, Mar. 25 and Apr. 15 at 10:30 am.

Thursdays, Feb. 23, Mar. 23 and Apr. 13 at 6:30 pm.

¡Acompáñenos para escuchar cuentos en español!

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Please join us for stories, songs and rhymes in Spanish, focused on building early literacy skills. For ages 3-6.

Toddler Time and Book Baby

Tuesdays. No programs on Feb. 28 or Apr. 18.

Toddler Time at 10:15 am: For children ages 16-35 months.

Enjoy stories, songs, and activities. One adult per child is recommended. Registration is on a first come, first served basis. Please pick up a nametag from Miss Holly before storytime.

Book Baby at 11:15 am: Enjoy short stories and songs, then stay for play and conversations. For babies ages 0-15 months, with a caregiver.

Music + Movement

Thursdays through April. 9:15 and 10:15 am

Little ones stay active with music, movement, play, and bubbles! Especially for toddlers, all siblings welcome.

Minecraft Club

Saturdays, Feb. 18, Mar. 25, and Apr. 15 at 1:30 pm

Grab your friends for multiplayer Minecraft fun at the library! No account necessary. Bring your own computer, or use one of ours. Ages 17 and under.

Little Yoga

Wednesday, Apr. 19 and 26 at 10:00 am *go to next page >>*

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Family Game Night

Thursday, Feb. 2 from 6:00-8:00 pm
Bring the whole family for tabletop games! Play our wide variety of games, or bring your own. Come when you can, stay as long as you like, and (optional) bring a picnic dinner to enjoy while playing. Games and/or toys available for all ages!

Gaming Club

Monday, Feb. 27 at 2:30 pm
Bring some friends or join other kids for chess, checkers, and other tabletop games. Play our games, or bring your favorite one to share.

LEGO Club

First Mondays at 2:30 pm
Join other LEGO fans and build your own unique creation! Children under 7 must have an adult helper.

Humanitarian Knitting

First Thursdays at 6:30 pm
Knitting for charity. Assistance is available for those wishing to learn to knit or to improve skills. Yarn is provided.

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

Please check the Pinney events calendar online for all programming updates <http://www.madisonpubliclibrary.org/calendar/pinney-branch>

ECA 2017 Calendar of Events

Tuesday, February 14, 2017 ECA meeting*

Tuesday, March 14, 2017 ECA meeting*

Tuesday, April 11, 2017 ECA meeting*

Tuesday, April 10, 2017 is the deadline for:

News and Advertising to be placed in the
May 2017, *Hi, Neighbor!*

The May 2017 *Hi, Neighbor!* is scheduled to be delivered to Block Captains by Distributors Monday, May 1, 2017.

*Eastmorland Community Association meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month (no meeting in December) at Lakeview Moravian Church, 3565 Tulane, across the street from Schenk Elementary School. Use the entrance on Hargrove Street nearest Dennett. Call or email an ECA director if you have a topic to discuss, need information, or have questions.

We look forward to seeing you there.

The 2016 Fall Leaf Raking Crew anxiously waiting to start work



Front row, left to right: Eric Schafer, Emily Laird (and their daughter), Kris Whitman, Jennifer Moore, Blake Johnson, Alison Ahlgrim, Matt Covert, Pam Blair, Pam Stangl, Pat Blair, Dave Hellenbrand, Dan Zimmerman, Joey Houseman, Sandra Houseman. Back row, left to right: Dennis Krautkramer, Mark Johnson, Chris Villanueva, Steve Skwarek, Zak Michiels, Ed Woolsey, Steph Wilson, Doug Wilson, Dustin Sisson, Dave Soukup, Dustin Soukup. Not pictured: Kathy Soukup, Patrick Soukup.

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affordable parking. If you're there, check out several of the great new restaurants, including Vinoteca Wine & Tapas. If you're planning a trip, check out a few newsworthy notes from the Airport Director:

- Delta has expanded the number of direct flights to Atlanta
- Frontier has resumed seasonal direct service to Orlando
- Travel deals from MSN... check out these recent rates:

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New York (LGA) on Delta \$200
Orlando (MCO) on Frontier \$106
San Francisco (SFO) on Frontier \$227
Sarasota (SRQ) on Delta \$234
Tampa (TPA) on American \$230

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Now Is a Great Time To Make Sure That Your House Is Radon Free

From our friends at Public Health Madison and Dane County (PHMDC)

In recognition of National Radon Action Month, Public Health Madison and Dane County (PHMDC) urges all residents to test their homes for radon. Radon is a naturally occurring, invisible, odorless, radioactive gas that can ultimately be fatal.

Radon is normally harmlessly dispersed in outdoor air, but can reach harmful levels when it enters buildings through cracks in

foundations, particularly in the winter months when homes and other buildings are closed up and heated.

Radon is the leading cause of lung cancer among non-smokers. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Surgeon General's office estimate radon is responsible for more than 20,000 lung cancer deaths each year in the U.S. About 2,900 of these deaths occur among people who have never smoked. If you do smoke and your home has elevated radon levels, your risk of lung cancer goes up **seven times**.

Testing homes for radon is simple and inexpensive. Test kits can be purchased at local hardware or home product stores usually for under \$25. PHMDC also has test kits for sale at \$10 per kit. See below for detailed information.

The EPA and the Surgeon General of the United States recommend that the test be done in the lowest lived in level of your home. After leaving the opened kit in the room for the recommended amount of monitoring time, all you need to do is to send it to the laboratory for analysis. The lab will send you easy to understand results within two or three weeks.

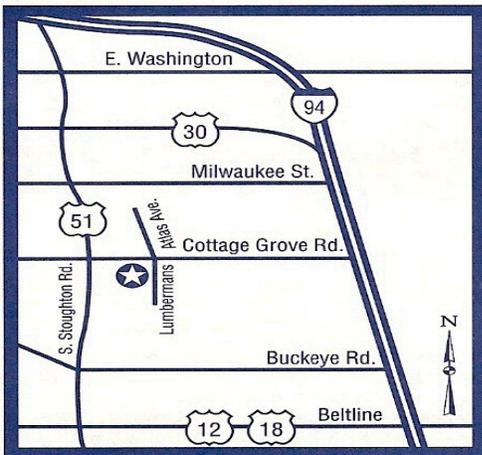
If testing shows that you do have a radon problem, you will need to install a system that will prevent the radon from accumulating in your home. Such systems should be installed by a certified mitigation contractor. According to Clint Marshall, Public Health Radon Specialist, "The cost of a radon mitigation system can vary, but typically runs around \$1,200."

This is why PHMDC joins the EPA during National Radon Action Month to remind the public that ignoring this hazard can have terrible consequences, and that it pays to take action against this invisible and preventable threat to the health of your family.

For more information regarding radon, including a list of qualified radon remediation contractors, visit the Wisconsin Radon Information Web site at: www.lowradon.org.

For more detailed background on radon see the following link: http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/radiation/brochure/profile_radon.htm

To purchase a test kit or to speak with the Public Health Radon Specialist, call the South Central Wisconsin Radon Information Center at (608) 243-0392.



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The Origins of Some Madison, Wisconsin, Street Names

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Part I - The Origins of Some Northside Madison, Wisconsin, Street Names: Street Naming Practices From Early Days to the Present

A landowner or developer in the Madison area including the Northside has always been able to choose almost any name for a street and its type – street, avenue, lane, way, etc.

The Post Office and other agencies try to prevent duplication and other problems but the basic policy has always been “You own it, you name it.”

For this article, the southern boundary of the Northside is the Yahara River at Tenney Park. The eastern border is about a half mile east of Pennsylvania Avenue and Packers Avenue. The northern border is the Cherokee Marsh. The western border is the shore of Lake Mendota and then north along the Yahara River.

Geographically the Northside is a peninsula of higher ground surrounded by a lake, two sections of a river, several marshes, and Truax Field, which was built on a marsh.

The relatively small area of dry land has precluded the development of large tracts. Growth has been sporadic and in small parcels. This has resulted in many street names, some for streets that are only a block or two long.

From the 1840s until the 1940s, most street names were the last names of local farmers or businessmen. These include Roth, Mayer, Messerschmidt, Sachtjen, Vahlen, Schlimgen, Woodward, Harbort, Toban, Kennedy, Farwell, Steensland, Fuller, Burrows, Wilder, Veith, McBride, and others.

The Roth family owned a farm and several businesses including a coal yard; in 1961 they built Northgate Shopping Center on some of their land. The Oscar Mayer family bought a failed meat packing company and made it successful. Packers Avenue is named for “Oscar’s.”

The Sachtjens owned several farms; two family members became Dane County judges. An 1852 Sachtjen farm house is still standing at 2215 North Sherman. The Schlimgens had many interests including a monument (grave marker) company. The Woodward brothers, William and J.P., owned land along the north shore of Lake Mendota including “Woodward’s Grove,” east of Governor’s Island. Lawrence Toban was a farmer who died in 1986 at age 91. Edward M. Fuller owned a manufacturing plant; some Fuller and Johnson agricultural implements and engines are still in service. George Burrows was a lawyer.

Amos Wilder was editor of the Wisconsin State Journal; his son Thornton became a popular writer.

James McBride, an Irishman, arrived in the Madison area in the 1840s and bought several hundred acres of land. A house that he and his wife Mary built in 1849 was later owned by Halle Steensland, Samuel H. Marshall, Robert M. LaFollette, and several other LaFollettes. It is at 733 Lakewood in Maple Bluff. Lakewood is named for a land company.

Leonard J. Farwell was Wisconsin’s governor from 1852 to 1854. He was important in the early development of Madison both downtown and north and east of the Yahara. The Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association named Farwell Drive in his memory in 1897.

Halle Steensland arrived a few years after Farwell and was active for more than 50 years – mostly in banking, insurance, and land promotion. His properties included much of the land in the northern third of Maple Bluff. — *To be continued*

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Benefits of Early Bilingual Education

by Marie Everett

Early Bilingual Education has some amazing benefits for children. Fluency is easier to master when a second language is introduced during the preschool years, which is the period of the greatest overall language acquisition growth for children. When young children learn a second language their creativity, critical thinking skills and mental flexibility are increased.

As children move through their academic careers, studies have shown that bilingual students have an easier time focusing and filtering out distractions in their environment. Knowing which language is spoken and responding in the same language strengthens the brain's executive function. Early bilingual education also leads to higher reading scores regardless of the strength of the second language. It is not the vocabulary that is

increasing reading performance but the decoding skills children master in a bilingual environment.

These benefits carry through to adulthood as well. In an increasingly global economy bilingualism is not only a valuable skill but an experience that increases a person's comfort and familiarity working with people of other cultures. The experience of learning in a multi-cultural environment aids children in developing empathy and the ability to notice cultural cues in social situations. Adults who are bilingual have increased rates of employment.

The Eastmorland neighborhood offers some wonderful opportunities for bilingual learning. In addition to the Dual Language Immersion program at Schenk Elementary, El Jardín Infantil is a new bilingual preschool program located across the street from Schenk in the Lakeview Moravian Church. The wonderful librarians at Pinney Library offer bilingual story times as well.

Thank You, Elves

We extend a very special thank you to everyone that made Christmas just a little more special for children and adults of all ages. Children were visited by Santa, and many elves took part in preparing cookie plates by baking, making small crafts, and delivering to many appreciative neighbors. With many doing a part, the project was a fun experience for all involved. Those elves were: Ed Woolsey, Jenny Markwiess, Pam Showers, Bobbi Nowak, Sue Estorf, Carrie Ezzell, Kelli Ezzell, Chandra Bakken, Karen Dellinger, Tim and Candy Phelps, Kathy Soukup, Bernice Slau-son, Marla Shoop, Seth Shoop, Darla Steinborn, Sandra, Ben, and Joey Houseman, Tom Theisen, Wayne Niebuhr, Bruce and Bernie Hanson. Thank you to all.

Salt on Sidewalks

This is just an FYI in case some people use salt out of habit and have not given it a second thought. If you use it and just don't care or don't want to change, this post is not for you. It is for people who will say "oh no, I had no idea - I can easily switch to sand." Salt causes problems with animals' paws both immediate freezing and longer term cracking issues. Dogs are banned from all parks in Eastmorland and everywhere else in our area except the sidewalks. During winter the salt on sidewalks causes pain usually for older dogs. The good news is that the alternative of using sand is effective and free. It is not only better for dogs but also for our lakes. I certainly do not want any people falling, but if at all possible, please just use sand on your driveway, steps, etc. and sand on sidewalks. Thanks. *Erin McWalter*

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News from Our Schools

The first semester is coming to a close at Schenk Elementary. On behalf of the Schenk PTO and the students, teachers and staff at Schenk Elementary, thank you to the many neighbors (both those with and without children) for their support of Schenk this past fall. The election bake sale raised more than \$1100 towards renovating the existing playground, and the Culver's night raised over \$400. We also love to receive your box tops in the mail so keep sending them. Last but not least, thanks to the many volunteers who make a difference at Schenk. Schenk celebrated the 100th birthday of a very special neighbor and volunteer, Fred Leidel, in December. Fred volunteers reading to kindergartners twice a week. Please consider supporting the Schenk PTO through the following activities:

1. Box Tops 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 are much appreciated. They can be dropped off at school, or if you cannot drop them off please give them to a neighbor whose child attends Schenk, or send an email to schenkpto@gmail.com and we can arrange to have them picked up or send them to Schenk at 230 Schenk St, Madison, WI 53714.

2. Coffee We are proud to continue our partnership with Just Coffee. Orders are due monthly. We can arrange a pickup of your order and drop off your coffee when it arrives. If you are interested in ordering coffee, email the PTO at schenkpto@gmail.com

3. Terracycle Schenk is participating for the fourth year in the Terracycle program to reduce waste and earn money for educational programs and supplies at Schenk. Below is the list of items we are collecting:

- **CapriSun or other foil drink pouches** (no need to remove straws)
- **GoGo Squeeze fruit snacks** or other squeezable healthy snacks or baby food pouches with plastic tops
- **Colgate Oral Care Products:** Toothpaste tubes and caps; NON-ELECTRIC toothbrushes; toothbrush and toothpaste tube outer packaging; and empty floss containers

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- **Brita Filters:** Brita® pitchers; Brita® bottles; all types of PUR or Brita® filters; Brita® faucet filtration systems; Brita® filter packaging; Brita® dispensers

Once you collect a box or bag of the above items, please either drop items off at 126 Buckingham Lane or contact the coordinator at shahlawerner@yahoo.com or 608-332-6079 with your address for them to be picked up. NOTE: Although Terracycle no longer accepts old cell phones or other e-waste, you can responsibly recycle those items by dropping them off at File 13 during business hours (<http://www.file13usa.com/>).

If you have any questions about the PTO, please email me at schenkpto@gmail.com. Thank you for supporting Schenk!

— Heather Daniels, Schenk PTO

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very upsetting. The other issues of concern revolved around the lack of details in the original application, such as staffing (the proposed staff mentioned in the application were cashiers, bartenders, servers, and food prep staff; security staff were not mentioned); BKM’s lack of experience in the hospitality or tavern industry; plans to address parking, which during the summer already is at capacity in the three city parking lots; and plans to address safety concerns. It should be noted that the latter two concerns are beyond the purview of BKM and must be addressed by the city. The consensus among these neighborhood residents was that the approval process for the Biergarten should be delayed until these questions and issues are reasonably addressed.

Events related to the proposed Biergarten occurred rapidly; a listing of the major events includes:

- October 11th – Representatives from BKM Group provided information about their proposal to the ECA Board and members at the October 11th meeting. BKM’s request to present information on the proposed Biergarten reportedly came only days before the meeting and few persons attended the meeting. BKM also presented information on the proposed Biergarten to the Lake Edge Neighborhood Association (LENA) and the Schenk-Atwood-Starkweather-Yahara (SASY) Neighborhood Association during the second week of October; both of these neighborhood associations voted to support the Olbrich Biergarten.
- October 27th – BKM representatives hosted a formal informational session at the Olbrich Beach House. Many ECA residents indicated that they had not heard about this meeting.
- November 16th – The first public hearing before the city’s Alcohol License Review Committee (ALRC) occurred. A motion passed to re-refer the application for the Biergarten for recessed public hearing to the ALRC. Fourteen registrants spoke in support, thirteen registrants in opposition.
- December 6th – The Common Council had an agenda item to discuss the proposed Biergarten, but a motion passed to re-refer the matter for a recessed public hearing to the Alcohol License Review Committee.

- December 8th – The ECA and Alderman Ahrens hosted a public informational meeting with BKM representatives at Lake Edge Lutheran Church. Notices of this meeting were distributed to 1,000 homes in the neighborhood.
- December 8th – **Based on the concerns expressed by many neighborhood residents, I made the following motion via e-mail for a vote of the ECA Board: “Therefore, I move that the president of the Eastmorland Community Association write a letter to the City Council, the City Park Commission, and the City Alcohol License Review Committee formally opposing the proposed Biergarten at Olbrich Park until such time that the Association’s questions and issues regarding parking, safety/security/staffing, and increased noise are adequately addressed.”**
- It should be noted that the ECA By-Laws allow for any member to request a “special meeting and held after approval by the directors”; the By-Laws are silent about providing a notice prior to a special meeting and are silent as to whether or not meetings must be conducted in person. Given that various city committees were scheduled soon to act on requested approvals of a lease and alcohol license, a vote was held by the ECA Board of Directors via e-mail.
- December 10th – The letter signed by Kathy Soukup, the ECA president, stated, “The Eastmorland Community Association is in opposition to the BKM Group, LLC’s Olbrich Biergarten proposal. We are taking this stance based on resident feedback of strong opposition and the significant impact it will have on our neighborhood. If the Association’s concerns are adequately addressed, we will reevaluate our stance. While we have numerous concerns about this project, in this letter I will focus on the following topics: Project Process, Inexperienced Developer, Safety, Staffing, Parking, and Noise.”
- December 14th – The Parks Commission held a public hearing on the proposed Biergarten. The Commission voted unanimously to “approve BKM’s operational concept for a Biergarten proposal at Olbrich Park, directing staff to continue negotiating the contract to address the changes suggested and concerns raised by the Park Commission, and to notify the ALRC of the approval of the concept.” Other than BKM representatives, eight persons registered/spoke in favor of the proposed Biergarten and twenty persons registered/spoke in opposition.
- December 21st – The ALRC again discussed the Biergarten license application and held a public hearing. The minutes of the ALRC meeting have not been finalized, but the committee reportedly expressed several remaining concerns.

The ECA Board will keep you posted with further decisions and actions related to Olbrich Park. If you have questions or concerns and would like to speak with a representative of BKM, please contact Mike Bare, a co-owner of BKM Group, LLC, at mike.bare83@gmail.com or 608-620-3001. If you would like to register to express your support or opposition to BKM’s alcohol license application, please see the agendas for the future ALRC, Board of Estimates, Common Council, and Board of Parks Commissioners meetings, as well as minutes of previous meetings, go to <https://madison.legistar.com/Departments.aspx>, select the appropriate committee/commission, and then select the desired month (the default should be for the current month

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“Grandpa Fred”

“Fred Leidel, fondly known as “Grandpa Fred,” has spent nearly every Tuesday and Thursday morning over the last six years reading to the kindergarten classroom at his neighborhood school. This adds up to over 400 hours that Fred has spent at Schenk Elementary. This is not factoring in the time it takes for Fred to ride his three-wheel bicycle to and from school, rain or shine, or in the case of Wisconsin winters – snow. This commitment would be commendable under any circumstances, but to Fred, it is just part of his weekly routine, and something that he enjoys tremendously. On December 3, Fred celebrated his 100th birthday, in Madison tradition, at the Nitty Gritty with his family

At RSVP, we have always preached that volunteering will keep you younger. There couldn't be a better spokesperson than Fred to vouch for this. After a career as a college professor of engineering and as the Associate Dean of Engineering at UW-Madison, Fred continued working after retirement, traveling and talking to students who would be transferring into the engineering program at UW-Madison. It wasn't until his nineties that he heard of RSVP, after seeing an article in the Eastmorland Newspaper about volunteer needs at Schenk Elementary School. He has never regretted the decision. In my conversation with Fred, he gushed about how much fun the kids are, and how smart and unique they can be.

In addition to the volunteer hours Fred puts in at Schenk Elementary, he also participates in the Madison Memorial High School History Project. Each year volunteers are invited to Memorial HS to participate in small group interviews on what their life was like during the Great Depression and WWII. The students then compile a written documentation of the oral history. Fred enjoys the opportunity to share his experience first-hand with students, and recognizes the value this can have over students learning out of a textbook.

Fred is certainly proof that volunteering knows no age limit. If you would like to learn more about tutoring or other school volunteer opportunities, or have an interest in participating in the Oral History Project at either Memorial HS or DeForest Area Middle School, please contact the Intergenerational Coordinator at 608-441-7894 or email abeaster@rsvpdane.org.”

– Thank you to Andrea Beaster and RSVP for letting us reprint this article.

Build it and they will come



The Hockey Rink is once again up and operational thanks in part to the Madison Adopt Ice volunteers who start up and maintain the rink in partnership with the Parks Department. Many of these volunteers are from the Eastmorland neighborhood.

The group heads out in early December to put down over 100 coats of water to build the base and then comes out 3-4 evenings during the week to shovel and respray the rink. It's a labor of love and many of the volunteers also enjoy time on the rink playing hockey. For more information and to volunteer contact Madison Parks at 608-266-4711 or email pat@blairlandscape.com

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After raking leaves, volunteer Blake Johnson found a comfy spot to take a break.

JOIN ECA TODAY!

To be a paid member of ECA costs \$10.00 annually. Monies collected are used for general operation expenses and for special neighborhood events, such as the spring park clean-up and fall leaf-raking parties and potlucks. Paid members have additional benefits, including participation in the annual ECA garage sale and Santa visits. As an all-volunteer organization, ECA relies on your support. Please mail this form with \$10.00 to ECA, P.O. Box 14584, Madison, Wisconsin 53708. Thanks for being an active member of the community!

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Can you volunteer to help? Call Kathy (608-244-8965) and leave a message or email her (president@eastmorland.org)



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