

Hi, Neighbor!

A Quarterly Newsletter for the Eastmorland Community Association

First Quarter 2013

Terrific Turnout for ECA's Leaf Raking Party!

THANK YOU to all the rakers & volunteers who made it a success

A generous showing of rakers last November made ECA's leaf raking party a shining success for the eighth year running. Over 20 volunteers, both adults and kids, cleared leaves from 16 yards by 11:30 a.m.

The fall weather was cool and overcast, but not too windy. Volunteers warmed up quickly. Raking is a workout, but it's made so much easier – and more fun – with a team of neighbors pitching in to help.

Friends new to the neighborhood appreciated this way of getting to know their neighbors...with good exercise built in to boot.

Heartfelt thanks go out to the Whitman/Johnson family for generously hosting the event for the third year in a row. They provided delicious breakfast treats, a warm place to take a break, and also hosted the potluck lunch. Everyone enjoyed their hospitality, as well as the chance to visit and get to know each other while eating pizza and potluck goodies. The rakers brought good appetites, nearly polishing off the five pizzas ECA purchased from Glass Nickel.

Additional thanks go to Kathy Soukup, Carrie Ezzell, and Jennifer Moore for organizing the event.

Thanks also to our trusty photographer, ECA treasurer Patrick Soukup, for capturing a photo of the group that can be found on page 11.

Save the Date – 5th Annual Eastmorland Plant & Seed Swap (EPASS)

Saturday, May 18, 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Held next to Eastmorland Community Garden at the corner of Hargrove and Walter.

If you are interested in helping to coordinate the event, sponsoring the event, or would like more information, please contact Suzanne Sarah Forsberg at 244-2128. Look for more information about the swap in May's *Hi, Neighbor!* newsletter.

Your Vote Counts!

City of Madison Spring Elections 2013

Eastmorland will have two election dates to attend at Whitehorse Middle School:

CITY ELECTION SCHEDULE FOR 2013

Polls Hours: 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Primary Election: Tuesday, Feb. 19th

Spring Election: Tuesday, Apr. 2nd

After eight years of being served by Larry Palm as our alder, we will be losing him as a candidate for Common Council due to redistricting (his residence is no longer in District 15). This district now has three new candidates for Madison Common Council: David Ahrens, Daniel Guerra Jr., and Hawk Sullivan.

Each candidate spoke at the January 8th ECA meeting and answered several questions from neighbors. The three candidates also provided articles to introduce themselves and their platforms found on **page 9**.

Spring Garden Planning

Spring is right around the corner and garden planning is in the air! It comes in many forms: grand scales, personal scales and developing a love for gardening in the young for the future. Olbrich Gardens expansion meetings, preparing our own household garden plots and finding great garden books at the library for kids will expand some of our local gardens.

Olbrich Gardens seems to be on the verge of expanding. Changing economies, new directors, and the Thai Pavilion being placed on the Eastmorland side of Starkweather Creek have all added to the aura of expansion. With our neighborhood close by, Eastmorland input on the softball fields, sledding hills, shoreline of Lake Monona, ice rinks/warming house, and two very well-used playgrounds/picnic parks is vital to our amenities! Please see these websites for details:

http://www.cityofmadison.com/news/view.cfm?news_id=3633

<http://www.olbrich.org/about/expansionproject.cfm>

<http://www.olbrich.org/about/images/stakeholdermeetingflyer1-15-13mtg.jpg>

Everyone in Eastmorland should attend one of the early meet-

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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Kathy's Komments



Greetings Neighbors:

Hope your Holidays were happy! Ours were. Our daughter and her two, Diego and Katia, stayed with us for a few days. Luis had to go back to Chicago as he was on call, but he did come back just before the new year. It was fun (and tiring). You don't realize how much energy a 2 1/2 year old, nor a 9-month old have. The one smart thing we did was NOT put up a Christmas tree. I think that both little darlings would have worked on dismantling it—on a daily basis. Next year will be soon enough—with all the unbreakable ornaments too.

Our last ECA meeting instead of talking about the Neighborhood workshops that Jennifer and I attended, we had a meeting dedicated to the three candidates that we have running for our vacant aldermanic seat. Next month we will discuss the workshop and the ideas we got there. One idea that some other neighborhoods have adopted is to have a party-like gathering in a central place, such as Schenk Elementary cafeteria. We could decorate cookies, play games, and at a set time, Santa could attend and those who were interested in talking to him, taking photos, etc. would get in line. Small gifts would be given out from ECA. At this point these are just ideas, so if you are interested in this idea, please come to the February ECA meeting. (See Bernie's article on page 14.) I know that neighborhood signs are on the list to be discussed also. Something else that was suggested since our November meeting was to see if it is possible to have the parks dept. chalk in one or two soccer fields in our neighborhood. One could be in the greenway next to Eastmorland Park, and the other might be on the Dennett St. greenway that runs along the ditch to where the street curves over the railroad tracks. Just ideas at this point.

If you recall, our present alder, Larry Palm, was redistricted out of our 15th district. He is now running in his new 12th district, which included his neighborhood in the redistricting.

David Ahrens, Hawk Sullivan, and Daniel Guerra, Jr. all came to the January 8th ECA meeting, each told us something about themselves, and then each answered questions from the 18 neighbors who attended. **If you would like to talk to the candidates, Lake Edge Neighborhood Association is having a gathering of the candidates on February 4, Pinney Library, at 7:00 PM.** Please go if you are interested. Share your concerns about our neighborhood with the candidates. Both David Ahrens and Hawk Sullivan live in the Lake Edge neighborhood. Daniel Guerra Jr. lives in

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Eastmorland. All of them are interested in becoming informed about our needs and wants.

A series of public meetings is scheduled for Olbrich Gardens. All of the meetings will be held at Olbrich Botanical Gardens, 3330 Atwood Avenue. We announced these meetings at our January ECA, and a couple of people said that they could attend the first meeting: Tuesday, Jan. 15, 6:30—8:30 pm: this is the Pre-design: Evaluate & Refine Planning Concept. Meeting 2 will be Thursday, Feb. 21, 6:30—8:30 pm: Pre-Design: Final Planning Concept Presentation. Meeting 3 will be Monday, March 25, 5:00—7:00 pm: Schematic Design: Initial Concepts. Meeting 4 will be Monday, April 22, 6:30—8:30 pm: Final Schematic Design Presentation. If you are interested in giving input into whatever Olbrich Gardens may have in mind for these meetings, please come and share your views. I plan to go to as many of them as I can. (See the Spring Garden article beginning on Page 1 for links to check out.)

Someone asked if we were going to have more neighborhood gardens available. Unfortunately, we are at the limit of how large the gardens can get. The gardens cannot be any closer to the ditch, nor move any further along the greenway—something about pipes and underground wires, plus there is a home along there.

Our Santa visit for our special neighbors went very well this year. Forty-seven plates of “goodies” went out to them, by some of our smiling “elves”. We really enjoy spreading cheer this way. I heard that a pair of Cub Scouts caroled along with their deliveries. :) How special! Read Bernie’s article for more information. We never worry about who is an ECA member at Santa plate time. *Glennis makes an awesome batch of Divinity, and I asked her to share it with us in this issue.* Also, in this

issue, is Kris’ mom’s cookie recipe - which is also awesome!

Kathy

P.S. Our troop still has Girl Scout cookies, which we would love to sell to anyone! Stock up your freezer as the cookies will soon be just a memory, until next fall.

This winter was difficult in one way, because two of my long-time neighbors passed away. Both DeLoris Replinger and Barb Witzeling had been in Girl Scouting a long time before our Melissa came home in first grade with the news that she wanted to be a Brownie Girl Scout and I needed to become a Girl Scout leader for her. I remember both Barb and DeLoris being there with suggestions and Barb, especially telling me how to do things. :) I wasn’t sure I could become a leader and do the training that was required.

I didn’t follow Barb and DeLoris to Women’s Week at Camp Black Hawk in Elton, Wisconsin for quite a few years. The first time I walked into the CBH lodge, it seemed like ‘old home week’ because I knew so many of the women there! We just had our WW reunion this past Saturday. There was a lot of reminiscing about our two friends, Barb and DeLoris, who were missing—except in our thoughts.

New To The Neighborhood?

For those of you who are new to the Eastmorland Neighborhood and have never received a printed copy of Eastmorland’s Commemorative Issue that was published in 2007 and would like to have a copy please call 244.8965 or one of the Eastmorland Directors listed on page two of our newsletter.



Hawk Sullivan, Owner of the Jade Monkey,
with his wife Natasha, a Madison School teacher

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Pinney Branch Library Events

February 2013 - May 2013

Toddler Dance Party

Thursday, Monday, February 25; Thursday, Mar 21; Monday, April 29; Thursday, May 16 at 10:00

Shake it all about to familiar and new tunes. Ages 2 & up. Refreshments provided. Registration begins two weeks before each dance party.

R.E.A.D. to Dogs

Saturdays, February 16 at 2:00, March 16 at 10:30, April 20 at 2:00

R.E.A.D. (Reading Education Assistance Dogs) to a Dog. Bring a favorite book and read aloud with a furry friend. Sign up for a twenty minute time slot available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Pint Size Polka

Saturday, February 16 at 11:00

Enjoy a bit of culture and education and a whole lot of foot-stompin' fun with Mike Schneider, his accordian, and oom-pah polka music. Music lovers of all ages will enjoy singing along to all of Mike's catchy polka tunes.

Heirloom Gardening

Tuesday, March 5 at 7:00

This class is about unusual old time flavor varieties, their fascinating history and where you can find seeds. Registration begins February 19.

Fired Up Pottery Craft

Saturday, March 16 at 2:00

Paint a pottery piece with the staff from "Fired Up Pottery" in Madison. For ages 2 and up. Registration begins March 2.

Stuffed Animal Sleepover

Wednesday, March 20 at 6:30

Bring a stuffed animal and join us for stories, then tuck in your animal for a Library sleepover. Come collect your animal and photos of his/her overnight adventures Thursday morning. For ages 3 - 5 years, siblings welcome.

Sing-a-Long with Miss Sandy

Wednesday, March 27 at 10:00

Miss Sandy, a local musician from "Music and More" will bring her guitar and lead us in a sing-a-long for all ages. No registration required.

Technology for Your Small Business

Thursday, April 4 at 6:00

This event is offered in partnership with the Wisconsin Women's Business Initiative. Register with WWBIC by calling 257-5450 or online at www.wwbic.com

Toddler Art Class

Thursdays, April 11 through April 25 at 9:30 or 10:30

Enjoy the tactile wonders of paint, glitter, glue and more. Smocks or "messy clothes" recommended.

Grandparent's Tea Party

Saturday, April 20 at 10:00

It's tea time for Grandparents and their grandchildren. Join Miss Shelly to learn tea time etiquette and enjoy tea and juice, cookies, stories and a craft. For children in grades K-3 and their grandparent(s). Registration begins April 6.

Researching Your Business Idea

Thursday, May 30 at 6:00

This event is offered in partnership with the Wisconsin Women's Business Initiative. Register with WWBIC by calling 257-5450 or online at www.wwbic.com

Music Together

Wednesdays in May at 11:00

Music Together is an interactive music experience for children ages 5 & under and their families. No registration required.

Preschool Storytime

Wednesdays, January 16 through April 24 at 9:30 and 10:30 am.

Stories, songs, finger plays and more for children ages 3 to 5. Younger siblings welcome.

Toddler Time

Tuesdays, January 22 - March 19 at 9:30 or 10:30

Enjoy stories, songs and rhymes. One adult per child is recom-



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Book Baby

Tuesdays, January 22 - March 19 at 11:30

Enjoy stories, songs and activities. One adult per baby is required. Class length is 15 minutes with time after for play and conversation. Register for Book Baby at one Madison Public Library location only.

LEGO Club

First Mondays at 3:30

We'll provide a different theme each month, along with some stories and pictures to inspire the imagination. Join other LEGO fans and build your own unique creation! Children under 7 must have an adult helper. No registration required.

Reader's Theater

Second Mondays from 3:00 to 4:30

Children can practice their literacy skills while dramatically reading and performing a variety of children's books. Children must be able to read. No registration required.

Chess Club

First and third Thursday, 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.

Friday Flicks

Friday, February 1 at 6:30 - *Groundhog Day*

Friday, March 1 - time and title TBA

Job & Computer Help

Wednesdays, 3:30 - 6:30

Call 224-7100 for an appointment. Free one-on-one coaching sessions for writing projects of any kind.

Teen Book Group

Third Mondays at 3:00. No registration.

Pinney Book Group

Fourth Tuesdays at 7:00. No registration.

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From Our County Supervisor



Jeff Pertl
District 17

I hope everyone had a wonderful time over the holiday and dug themselves out of the snow-apocalypse without too much trouble. County staff has been busy plowing roads, opening up the new recycling center, expanding flights at the airport and welcoming new directors to the Alliant Energy Center and Henry Vilas Zoo.

Auxiliary enterprises like the Alliance Energy Center, Henry Vilas Zoo, Dane County Landfill and Dane County Regional Airport are self-sufficient, county-run operations that do not receive any taxpayer support. However, they play a tremendously important role in our quality of life and economic development.

I've written before about how the landfill is converting garbage into natural gas, saving taxpayers millions of dollars each year, while robust flight service at the regional airport helps area businesses like Epic continue to thrive. Below is a quick update on what is going on at these great facilities.

New directors hired at the Alliant Energy Center and Henry Vilas Zoo

In December, the County Board approved Mark Clarke as the new director of the Alliant Energy Center. Mark spent the last five year managing the World Dairy Expo, one of the largest industry trade shows in the world. At the Alliant Energy Center, Mark will oversee the upcoming barn facility renovation and construction as well as work with the County Board and Greater Madison Convention & Visitors Bureau to develop a strategy vision for the center that will bring a broader array of shows and events to the facility.

Additionally, the County Board approved Jeff Halter as the new director for the Henry Vilas Zoo. Jeff has over 17 years of accredited zoo administration experience, including 14 years at Disney's Animal Kingdom. Jeff will focus on expanding the

amazing free programming offered by the zoo, while maintaining our traditional of high quality animal care.

New recycling center opened at the Dane County Landfill

Construction has been completed on the county's new recycling center – a \$4 million dollar facility with 'green' features that will extend the life of the landfill and expand the popular Clean Sweep program year-round beginning this spring. Clean Sweep helps area residents safely dispose of hazardous materials like paint and cleaners that would otherwise sit in a home, or if not properly disposed of, make their way into area waterways.

County upgrades snow removal equipment

The Dane County Highway Department is fully staffed with 57 snow plows that clear over 2,500 miles of state and county highways across Dane County. This year, the department is putting more trucks with "double-wing" plow blades on the road. These trucks clear busier thoroughfares like the Interstate and Beltline quicker and plow highway ramps in just one pass. The county will use 17 of these "double wing" trucks and eight brand new, heavy duty plow trucks this winter season.

American Eagle to expand service to Dallas/Fort Worth and Chicago

Beginning this April, American Eagle is expanding the number of daily flights, adding new evening flights to Dallas/Fort Worth and Chicago. Dallas/Fort Worth is American's largest hub and a central gateway to over 170 domestic and international destinations.

Don't forget the Spring primary is February 19!

The spring primary election date is set for February 19, 2013. There will be a primary for:

Madison Common Council, District 15 between: David Ahrens, Daniel G. Guerra Jr., and Hawk Sullivan; and

Madison School Board, Seat 5 between: Srah Manski, TJ Mertz, and Ananda Mirilli

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DANIEL GUERRA

Madison Common Council
District 15

Dear Neighbor,

I am running to be your Alder to make certain your voice is heard in City Hall. My priorities are (1) ensuring the delivery of **high quality City services**, (2) guiding a **housing and economic development strategy** that will provide **opportunities for our community's most vulnerable**, and (3) **establishing parity for Madison's working families**. It will be a privilege to represent my neighbors with values of honor, appreciation, and respect.

I am asking for your support and vote on February 19th.

Contact me anytime.

Daniel G. Guerra Jr.
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- Guide the Royster-Clark development.
- Start Cottage Road redevelopment.
- Develop a housing plan to allow homeowners to take advantage City tools to improve their property such as Small Cap TIF.
- Champion Public Safety.
- Improve Madison Metro & Public Transportation.
- Bring parity to the East side of Madison.

About Dan:

- Eagle Scout (St. Dennis Church)
- Co-Founder of Nuestro Mundo Community School.
- Board Member for NARAL Pro-Choice Wisconsin Foundation.
- Vice Chair, City of Madison Community Development Authority.
- A Small Business Owner for 12 years.

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From Our State Representative



Melissa Sargent
48th State Assembly

You have given me a great honor and a serious responsibility by electing me, as the State Representative to the 48th Assembly District comprised of the north and East sides of Madison and Maple Bluff.

I am committed to helping move our state forward, and I will work hard to ensure that our values are not overshadowed by the polarizing politics we saw last session that so divided Wisconsin. I know that when we come to the table to work together we find that the things that unite us are far greater than the things that divide us.

I am proud to announce that I have been appointed to serve on 5 legislative committees: Aging / Long Term Care, Financial Institutions, Small Business Development, International Trade and Commerce, and Joint Legislative Audit. I believe that we must safeguard the services and programs that enhance the quality of life of all residents and businesses.

The 48th Assembly District has potential to be an emerging economic area. We need to focus on encouraging growth so that businesses can better compete, thrive, and serve our growing community and its surrounding areas. Strengthening our position as a place for local business improves economic opportunity for all our neighbors. As a small business owner, I have insights into what government can do to foster growth and bolster job creation.

I look forward to working with you, my neighbors, and representing the voices, values and concerns of the 48th District. Please never hesitate to contact me with issues of importance to you. You are always welcome to stop and say hello at my office in the State Capitol. Below is my contact information:

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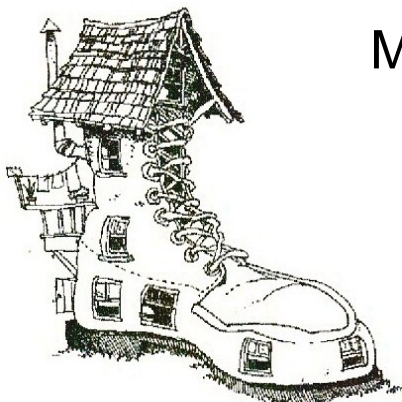
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FROM OUR ALDER CANDIDATES

Statement from David Ahrens



My priority is to be a strong voice for our community. We must protect essential services such as police and fire protection, well-maintained roads, and clean parks that make Madison a great place to live. While major downtown developments often dominate the council's agenda, I will be a champion for the improvements and investments on the Eastside. I am a recent retiree engaged in my neighborhood association and many other civic activities and can devote myself to serving this community. I am retired, but I am far from tired. I have visited over 3,000 households in our district and asked residents about their priorities. If you elect me to the Common Council I will bring 30 years of experience in public finance, public health and labor negotiations to finding solutions to our problems. For more information or to comment, call me at 334-1156.

Statement from Hawk Sullivan



From my childhood attending Lowell Elementary and Marquette Middle School, to owning successful businesses in this community, Madison and the east side have shaped who I am. I am running to be your Alder because I want to give back to the neighborhood where I grew up and where my wife, a Madison teacher, and I plan to raise our family. We live in a community with great schools, quality city services, abundant natural resources, active neighbors, and a commitment to health and safety. We have seen the things we value about our community under attack during the past two years. I am running because the community that shaped me needs representation with vision, a strong progressive voice, and a track record of success. Over the next couple of months, I hope to earn your trust and support to represent District 15, on Madison's east side.

Statement from Daniel G. Guerra Jr.



I'm running to be your Alder to make sure your voice is heard in City Hall, to ensure the delivery of high quality City services, and to guide a housing and economic development strategy that will provide opportunities for our communities most vulnerable and establish parity for Madison's working families. Representing the neighbors I grew up with the values of honor, appreciation and respect is a privilege I look forward to. I'm asking for your support and vote on February 19th.

ECA 2013 Calendar of Events

Tuesday, 02/12/13 ECA meeting*
Tuesday, 02/19/13 **Primary Election**
Tuesday, 03/12/13 ECA meeting*
Tuesday, 04/02/13 **Spring Election**
Tuesday, 04/09/13 ECA meeting*
Tuesday, 04/10/13 Deadline for submissions for May 2013, "Hi, Neighbor!"
May 1, 2013, "Hi, Neighbor!" delivered to Block Captains

*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 St. nearest Dennett St. Call an ECA director if you have a topic to discuss, need information, or have questions.

We look forward to seeing you there.

From Our County Executive



We Accomplish More When We Work Together

I've always believed that by working together we can accomplish more than any unit of government, private entity, or community can by going it alone – it's resulted in a number of new and innovative partnerships that help address pressing needs in our community.

Joe Parisi

Dane County Executive

A new collaboration I included in my budget for this year to help kids and parents succeed is beginning soon in a Madison school. Together with the United Way and the Madison Metropolitan School District, this first of its kind 'birth to four year old kindergarten' program will help address the achievement gap in our public schools.

The pilot program will provide hands-on resources for parents to help them prepare their children for success in school with at-home education and an emphasis on enrollment in 4-year-old kindergarten. The project builds on the county's successful Early Childhood Initiative, which has helped hundreds of moms and dads find employment, and helped their young children get a great start in life.

On the environmental front, our work to clean up our lakes continues through unprecedented partnerships I've helped develop

between farm families, the Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District, dozens of municipalities across the county, businesses, and private groups like Clean Wisconsin and the Clean Lakes Alliance.

Thanks to this work, we're making progress on lake clean up and innovating. Public/private funding will enable us to install new technology on our second Cow Power manure digester that will remove 100% of the algae causing phosphorus that makes its way into our lakes.

Economic development is benefitting as well. Together, the county, state Department of Agriculture, and World Dairy Expo are working to fund major upgrades at our Alliant Energy Center, ensuring important events that contribute to our local economy remain at the facility for years to come.

Together, we are getting great things done in 2013.

News from Our Schools

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. All families are automatically members of the PTO and there is no membership fee!

Ways to support Schenk:

Whether or not you have a child at Schenk, there are ways you can support your community school that don't cost you money! Schenk collects General Mills Boxtops for Education (these funds will be used to develop a school garden) and Campbell's Labels for Education (these funds 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. If you cannot drop them off, please give them to a neighbor whose child attends Schenk or send an email to schenkpto@gmail.com so someone can arrange to pick them up.

We are also proud to partner again 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 have added tea (both loose and bagged) and hot cocoa mix. Coffee orders are due on the last Thursday of each month, through May 2013. Please feel free to email the PTO at schenkpto@gmail.com if you would like to receive an order form or if you have any questions.

We are looking forward to another great year. Thank you for supporting Schenk!

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A BIG THANKS! To all of the Rakers that gathered for the Event



Pictured above are most of the rakers who participated in the annual 2012 Fall Leaf Raking Event, that has been held for the past eight years. There were others who raked but did not arrive in time to get their picture taken with the group. From left to right in the first row: Mark Johnson, Magie Dabe, Tom Theisen, Arden Rice. (Boys behind Tom Theisen) Josh and Blake. Middle row: Dave Hellenbrand, Ann Lynch, Mark Hoffman, Jennifer Moore, Candy Phelps, Tim Phelps. Back row: Ed Woolsey, Kris Whitman, John Mauzzall and Steve Skwarek. (Photo by Patrick Soukup)

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2 1/2 cups w. sugar 3/4 cup corn syrup
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1/2 teaspoon vanilla

Cook sugar, syrup and water to 238 degrees or until syrup forms a thread. While cooking syrup, beat 2 egg whites in a large bowl (beat until stiff and dry. Forms peaks.) Pour slowly 2/3 of the syrup over the egg whites. Return 1/3 of the syrup to heat until boiling.

Pour slowly over the egg whites. Add vanilla and nuts if desired. Stir until cool. Drop by spoonfuls on greased platter. Batter should be slightly stiff and hold its shape when dropped onto the greased platter.

Great Memories of My Mom's Cookies

by *Kris Whitman*

I was lucky to grow up with a mom who made our meals and most of our baked goods from scratch. I remember walking home from school in the fall and winter, and seeing the warm light coming from the kitchen windows. Upon opening the back door, I was often greeted by the scent of cookies, fresh from the oven, along with a hug from my mom.

This is one of her "famous" recipes, which I have adapted. She made it with chocolate chips; years ago, I switched to butter-scotch chips. Our family has recently started using a combination of white chocolate chips and butterscotch chips.

This is a quick recipe to make. The cookies aren't fancy, but they are delicious. Many of our relatives request these cookies, rather than more traditional Christmas cookies, at the holidays.

I hope you enjoy these cookies as much as our family does!

Kris' Oatmeal Scotchies

1 stick margarine
1 stick butter
1 cup white sugar
1 cup brown sugar
2 eggs
(cream all of these together)
2 cups sifted flour
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon baking soda
(mix well)
2 cups oatmeal (quick or whole)
1 package butterscotch chips (or mix of flavors)
(mix well)

Form into balls larger than a walnut, and drop onto ungreased cookie sheet.

Bake at 350 degrees F for approximately 8 minutes until light brown.

Enjoy!

— *Kris Whitman*

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Arnie Endres*

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To Russell Thompson, on the passing of his mother

*To Eldon Hoel and Family on the passing
of Eldon's wife, Audrey.*

*To the Family of Lyle & Mary Criton, who both
passed away this last year*

To the Family of DeLoris Replinger on her passing

*To Doug Witzeling and Family on the passing of
Doug's wife, Barbara*

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ings at Olbrich as it will affect our whole neighborhood.

The whole neighborhood could begin planning their own gardens for the 2013 growing season. NPR (National Public Radio) just had an article about the "hidden gardens" in Chicago. The old-timers might like the quote by crop scientist Sarah Taylor Lovell, "Urban agriculture is sometimes thought of as something new and trendy, but of course people have been growing food in backyards and on vacant land for generations." Use this link to get the story published on January 9, 2013:

<http://www.npr.org/blogs/thesalt/2013/01/08/168895084/finding-chicago-s-hidden-farms>

Finally, planting the idea of a garden in a young mind! Many of us remember pulling our first ripe veggie from its peaceful growing place and taking an impatient, unwashed bite right

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Christmas ideas for next year

New ideas may change & add events next Christmas season.

Suggestions were made to have a children's Christmas party at a nearby location where you would bring your children to see Santa, talk with him, sing carols, have a snack & receive a gift. This would cut out visitors at your front door, in the dark, when children want to get ready for bed or go home from Grandma's & Grandpa's house.

Years back, we had a Christmas decorating contest. We had some beautifully decorated homes this year & we would like to see even more of them. Begin planning. Maybe you could be a winner. Judges would probably be some local dignitaries. It would be planned for a particular evening.

Let the directors know your thoughts. Now is the time to give your opinion. Their phone numbers are listed in this newsletter.

Our Thanks To All the Elves

Thank you to all our Christmas elves who, once again, came through with all the Christmas projects that were needed. Cookie, candy & craft making, assembling & delivering of 47 brimming plates & Santa being driven to many children in the neighborhood. "His sleigh is too big for our streets so he comes by cab from the airport." That is a quote from Santa himself. A huge "thank you" to Linda Jones, Lindsey Hoel, Kay Hoel, Sara Moe, Estrella Toalino, Ashley Estorf, Wayne Niebuhr, Tom Kock, Tova Gangstad, Keelan Gangstad, Marla Shoop, Seth Shoop, Malinda Pannier, Karen Dellinger, Bernice Slauson, Kris Whitman, Suzanne Forsberg, Sandy Houseman, Evan Hall, Pam Showers, Don Ezzell, Carrie Ezzell, Mikaela Ezzell, Kelli Ezzell, Breanna Ezzell, Kathy Soukup, Bernie Hanson.

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Henry Fauerbach with Santa Claus



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then and there with our sun-soaked, bare feet still caressing the fertile soil which gave stability to the plant. New books like *Grow Your Own Pizza!* by Constance Hardesty and Jeff McClung or the old standby, *Growing Vegetable Soup* by Lois Ehlert can give some literal support to your practical efforts with children. Use our own Ed Woosley's guidelines for planting vegetables and herbs in our Madison climate.

http://eastmorland.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/03/2011-planting-calendar_vegetables.pdf

http://eastmorland.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/03/2011-planting-calendar_herbs.pdf

Take a look at them now, as both have strong suggestions for starting seeds indoors as soon as February 3rd.

The main task for gardeners now, is to get serious about planning. This starts with whom to garden with. The next decision is where we have the right to garden: containers, plots, rooftops, park land. Finally, it is time to figure out what to put in those gardens, be it tomatoes, ratatouille fixin's, or ornamental specimens. All gardeners go through the same process. This makes everyone who has planned, grew, and rested a plot of land an equal sage in our shared heritage.

A Note from a Christmas Plate Recipient

"The sweet surprises were on my porch Monday. Thank You! Thank You! I don't bake any more so they will come in so handy. I enjoy reading the "Hi Neighbor". I'm enclosing \$10 to help with your projects".

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