

Hi, Neighbor!

A Quarterly Newsletter for the Eastmorland Community Association

First Quarter 2014



Volunteers for the November 2013 leaf-raking event, left to right: Front row: Patrick Soukup, Mark Johnson, Kris Whitman, Blake Johnson, Jennifer Moore. Middle row: Kate Wipperman, Maggie Ordon, Tim Benninghoff, Mark Hoffmann, Ann Lynch, Dan Zimmerman, Carrie Ezzell, Candy Phelps, Nancy Higgs. Back row: Dave Hellenbrand, Steve Swarek, Jon Muzzall, Steph Wilson, Doug Wilson, Ed Woolsey, Matt Covert, David Ahrens, Tim Phelps. Not pictured: Laura Redeagle and daughters, Troy Rutter, Kathy Soukup, Tom Theisen, Matt Wipperman.

Record Number of Volunteers Make a Big Difference for Those Who Need Help Raking

The Eastmorland Community Association extends an enormous thank you to the 30 volunteers who helped make the fall leaf-raking event a success. In just a couple of hours, volunteers raked more than 12 yards for those who were unable to do so on their own. The ninth annual ECA event was held on Saturday, November 2, 2013.

Additional thanks go to Jennifer Moore, Kathy Soukup, Carrie Ezzell and Kris Whitman, who organized the event by promoting it to potential volunteers, collecting names of those who needed help, making maps and communicating among volunteers and homeowners on raking day.

The number of volunteers reached a record high. They proved how much work can be done quickly when people band together in small groups, and they got an aerobic workout at the same time. Neighbors who benefited from the rakers' efforts shared

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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Kathy's Komments



Snowy Greetings Neighbors,

Definitely winter weather out there!

First of all, there is still no date for the meeting with the city Engineering Dept. As of 1/15/14, they are saying that it will be the end of February. Evidently, some of you have been emailing the department and expressing an opinion about what you would like to be done. So, Sally Swenson emailed me that she is setting up what that choice would look like to present the end of February. She said that most wanted a concrete flue to carry the water. Remember that the land in the

greenway is quite level, so, unless there is a downpour of rain, the water in the flue flows very little. As soon as I hear of a date, I have folks to contact who will hand-deliver a flyer to each of those who are directly affected by this. A few others have expressed interest and I will email you about the meeting, if you have your email.

Girl Scouts cookies time is here again! This past month has been busy. Christmas and New Year's: we spent the New Year in Chicago with Melissa, Luis and the two rascals. Then they came up here for a bit, and we went to Penney's to get photos taken. Diego was full of energy as he had had a nap on the way up here. Ms. Katia had the Kindle to herself and would not close her eyes on the way up. They met us for the photo shoot. A very interesting project with 4 kids (in other words, all of our grandkids, even though 2 are now adults). Little Ms. Katia showed that she was very close to being a 2 year-old. She was determined to explore wherever and not be caught sitting next to her brother – even to resort to tears (elephant ones, no less). We did get photos, definitely not as many as the photographer would have liked. Diego will settle down for M & M's, but his sister is not interested in them – yet.

For our January ECA neighborhood meeting, Sue Thering came and presented about "Tiny Houses" that you are able to build on your own property, either attached to your house, or stand-alone. (They used to be called: granny flats, mother-in-law units, or garage apartments.) Now called, "Accessory Dwelling Units" (See article page 11).

IMPORTANT: I arranged for Parker Davis, who is doing a thesis on "Garver & the North Plat" to come to our ECA meeting on February 11, at 7:30 pm to present to all who come. He has been trying to gather ideas of what people want to have on the Garver property for his thesis, and the SASY neighborhood has weighed in their choices. I attended their input meeting, which was held at Lakeview Moravian Church, thanks to Alison and Matt, and requested that he come to our January meeting. There was more snow that night, if you remember, and Parker could not attend. He will be at the February 11th meeting with his program and his 3 choices boards to show possibilities for the land. Please come. Those who live near Starkweather, especially, as you will look at what happens every day on the site, and many neighbors will bike by on the bike path, headed either to or from work, or riding for pleasure. These are ideas only.

There was a Holiday Lights Contest (or Christmas Lights) (Carrie's idea, Matt designed the beautiful certificates for the winners and Adrienne arranged for 2 judges to come from outside our neighborhood to do the judging. They did, and then Carrie and I went out to see all the lights with the list from the judges. We only missed one. The "Best of Submissions" had not lights on and when Carrie went up to the house to ask that they to turn them on; they had already taken them down the day before. They did have photos though. (See the article on page 9.)

I attended LENA's meeting and heard George Dreckman speak. Wow! I was writing like crazy. A new 'Recyclopedia' will be sent to each house sometime in February. I am trying to arrange for George to come to an ECA meeting. He is a very engaging speaker. I asked him what happens if you buy a new home and it either has too large or too small trash and recycling containers there. He said that you could call him and they will trade you. However, if you would like to have another trash or recycling container, there is a cost for replacement. (See article on page 10)

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Kathy's Komments — from previous page

The last meeting I attended with Patrick last week, was a meeting about other “Tiny Houses” that have been in the news lately. I am talking about the ones with wheels that are a possible home for those who are homeless. Since these ‘tiny houses’ might show up in anyone’s neighborhood soon, I was interested in this process. This meeting was about property at 2046 E. Johnson St. being the site of the OM Company that will build them. And possibly construct a small village of tiny houses on the site, also. The meeting I attended was just in the beginning of the meetings with the public to gain support for the site. It was interesting to go to – some neighbors were for it and a few more were against the idea.

A meeting that I missed was put on by Alder David Ahrens. It was about a piece of land in the Carpenter-Ridgeway neighborhood, at 709 Rethke being proposed for a 60-unit of efficiency apartments for the homeless being built there. I believe that this was their first public meeting about the proposed site. (See David’s article on page 4)

In late December, I received an email from Dave Porterfield saying that the company, Movin’ Out was “seriously looking at the possibility of trying to provide housing opportunities that would include veterans.” He wanted to connect with the VFW on Cottage Grove Road “to get the word out and see if there are other ways they would be willing to help us accomplish this.” Dave contacted both LENA and ECA and both got back to him with a name. He talked to those in charge at the VFW and it looks like things may happen. Both Jacky and I wrote a letter of support for the project.

Thank you to those at the raking event who volunteered to help with newsletter distribution! — Kathy



During the potluck lunch on leaf-raking day, several neighbors visited the new chicken coop in the Whitman/Johnson backyard. Several ECA residents own chickens and are interested in connecting with other chicken owners in the region. More information will follow in the next issue of *Hi Neighbor*.

Sand Locations

The Streets Division has piles of sand available for the use of City of Madison residents. The sand piles are for the use of individuals not contractors. The sand piles can be found at the following locations:

Sycamore park in the parking lot across from the Streets Division offices at 4602 Sycamore Avenue; Monona Golf Course (Front parking lot by the waste oil site at the corner of Monona Avenue and East Dean Road; Olbrich Park (Softball parking lot off of Walter Street); Reindahl Park (Portage Avenue parking lot). Don’t forget to bring your pail and shovel!

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From Our Alder



David Ahrens
15th District

Winter in Wisconsin: As I write this, we are coming out of the record-breaking cold “Polar Vortex.” Sounds pretty serious. Not only did the minus 20 temps break records, it also broke water and sewer lines. In one night, 14 lines broke in the city, three of them were in Eastmorland. Most of the water and sewer lines in Eastmorland are “original.” So they are nearly 60 years old. Other lines in the city such as those on East Johnson street that will be replaced this year are 100 years old.

While 60 years isn’t really old (I’m over 60!) for utility lines, those lines that have unusual stress or a high level of use are being replaced. Last year, lines on Walter and Dennett were replaced and this year, Johns St. will be replaced and the street will be resurfaced. This will mean substantial costs to the homeowners as well as the city. The city pays for most of the cost of the repairs except for the replacement curb and gutter and sidewalk (when necessary), which is equally shared.

In addition, to the costs of the project there is substantial inconvenience to the homeowners. Everyone recognizes that there is going to be inconvenience, noise, dust and dirt in a major construction project. But the contractor has a responsibility to minimize the inconvenience to our residents. They have a responsibility to keep the area safe for drivers and pedestrians - especially after the work is completed each day. If you feel the contractors are not keeping their end of the bar-

gain, please contact me (see below) and I will talk to the city’s site inspector about the problem.

Finally, a word of appreciation to the city employees who worked in very difficult conditions to protect and keep us safe. Many of the workers who were replacing water lines in below zero temps through the night plowed snow the next day. (The city does limit work to 16 hours per day.) They shoveled bus stops and street corners to help us cross the street. Our part of the job is to keep our sidewalks clear of snow and ice.

In addition to the regular issues of keeping up with city activities in the district, I am concerned about the placement of a 60-unit apartment house for homeless persons on the northern edge of District 15 at East Washington and Hwy 30. I would support smaller facilities where the residents are screened according to neighborhood criteria. Also, the city must make a commitment to actually providing services both to the project residents and assistance to the people in the neighborhood. Other concerns have been raised by long-time residents.

As always, I look forward to hearing your views or any issues of concern relating to city matters. I can be reached at 334-1156 or at district15@cityofmadison.com.



SUNSHINE

If anyone hears of a death, birth, marriage, anniversary, celebration, or illness (get well wishes) of anyone who lives in the Eastmorland Community and would like to report it, call Glennis Whitish at 244-8195.

BELATED GET WELL

Betty Milligan on recovering from surgery

CONGRATULATIONS

Bonnie and Kurt Moreland on the birth of their new daughter as one of the first Madison New Year’s babies.

SYMPATHY

Sandy Turner and Joe Schwartz, and families, on the death of their sister, Marlene

BELATED SYMPATHY

Don Hanson and family on the death of his wife Lorraine

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Record Number of Volunteers — *from page 1*

many grateful comments, and some greeted the volunteers with snacks and coffee.

“The strong camaraderie among rakers and homeowners is a highlight of the event,” says Kris Whitman.

To kick-off the morning, ECA provided breakfast treats and warm beverages at the Whitman/Johnson home. After raking, the volunteers and some additional homeowners returned there for a potluck lunch, which included Glass Nickel pizza purchased by ECA.

Whitman notes that conversations abounded as new friendships were made and old friendships renewed. “It’s heart-warming to see community members connect as they learn about each others’ interests and homes,” she says.

One such connection happened as neighbors gathered around the newly constructed and occupied chicken coop in the host family’s backyard. Mark and Blake Johnson gave tours of the coop they had built, (see picture on page 3) and many neighbors shared stories about their own coops and feathered pets. Several neighbors are interested in creating a network with other chicken owners in the Eastmorland region. More on this will follow in a future issue of *Hi Neighbor!*.

“The volunteers’ enthusiasm and energy are contagious. They seem eager to keep this event going from year to year to help other neighbors, and we’re dedicated to doing the same,” notes Whitman.



Pictured above are some of the volunteer rakers who did participate in the 2013 Fall Raking Event. The two eager ones with rakes in their hands are left to right, Dan Zimmerman and David Ahrens.

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From Our County Supervisor



**Supervisor Jeff Pertl
District 17
January 2014 Update**

I sincerely hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and have embarked on an exciting new year.

As some of you may know, Bethany and I recently adopted a newborn baby boy. Our son, Marcus Oliver, was born on December

14, 2013, weighing 7 lbs 4.5 oz.

Bringing him home has been wonderful, and we look forward to all the new challenges that parenthood has to offer.

While life will be busy, please still feel free to contact me with questions or suggestions at Pertl.jeff@countyofdane.com or on my cell phone at (608) 772-2907.

Building a Better Dane County

Over the last two years, we've talked at length about "Building a better Dane County," with many projects at the Henry Vilas Zoo and Alliant Energy Center coming to fruition.

Unfortunately, efforts to establish a permanent Day Shelter for the homeless continue to struggle due to funding and location issues. Interim steps have been taken to expand access to shelter services, especially during the recent "Polar Vortex," but a permanent solution is necessary. Last year, Madison school reported 1,263 homeless students – a number that has grown over 250 percent in under 10 years.

I remain cautiously optimistic that city-county efforts will bear fruit this spring, but we will keep you posted as progress is made.

Below are some highlights I pulled together from other Dane County communications.

New Alliant Energy Center pavilions to be completed for the 2014 World Dairy Expo

Dane County will begin construction of two new pavilions at the Alliant Energy Center that will create 290,000 square feet of premiere multi-use space. The pavilions are named for the New Holland agriculture and construction company, which made a \$1.5 million donation to the construction project.

According to County Executive Parisi's office, the project will have an estimated economic impact of more than \$88 million dollars. Moreover, replacing the aging barn facilities with these state-of-the-art pavilions has helped secure long-term agreements with top shows, including World Dairy Expo and the Midwest Horse Fair.

Henry Vilas Zoo to add lemurs, aardvarks, and birds this winter

The Henry Vilas Zoo is welcoming a number of new species including lemurs, aardvarks, and birds that families can visit indoors during Wisconsin's colder months, Dane County Executive Joe Parisi recently announced.

According to the press release, "The zoo's new group of ring-tailed lemurs can be found in the Primate Building. Lemurs hail from Madagascar and are threatened in the wild due primarily to the loss of their forest home. By providing a home for the primates, Henry Vilas Zoo is helping the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) Ring-Tailed Lemur Species Survival Plan (SSP) populate animals and contribute to the preservation of the species in North American zoos.

"The aardvark can be seen in the zoo's new Animal Health Center in its temporary quarantine housing until it is ready to move into its permanent zoo home. Aardvarks are solitary, nocturnal animals from Africa that are great at digging. They eat ants and termites that they dig up with their long tongues. Aardvarks are known to burrow underground for safety and shelter.

"Several beautiful new bird species can also be seen in the zoo's Aviary Building, or on camera in their quarantine housing in the Animal Health Center. A red-crested cardinal, red and yellow barbets, a yellow-rumped cacique, and a red vented bulbul are all new to the zoo."

Guests can visit the Henry Vilas Zoo animal family 365 days a

An advertisement for SURCO Peruvian Cuisine. The background is a light-colored wall with a circular pattern. The text is centered and reads: "SURCO PERUVIAN CUISINE", "Experience the flavors of authentic Peruvian cuisine!", "We have ceviches, great sandwiches and authentic specialty dishes.", "Lunch hours: 11AM - 3PM", "Dinner hours: 5-10 PM", "515 Cottage Grove Rd, Madison WI 53716 (next to the East YMCA)", and "Reservations at (608)-467-6814". There is a small image of a plate of food in the bottom right corner.

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year from 9:30am to 5pm, with modified hours for the holidays. The public can also keep up to date on everything new at www.vilaszoo.org or the on the zoo's Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/HenryVilasZoo>.

County to Break Ground on Arctic Passage in 2014, "Bring the Bears Back to Madison"

Construction of the much anticipated Arctic Passage exhibit at the county's Henry Vilas Zoo is set to begin in the spring of 2014. The project is the result of a historic public/private partnership between the county and private partners "The Friends of the Henry Vilas Zoo."

The Arctic Passage's improved design will "bring the bears back to Madison" with a new and more expansive habitat for polar bears with an underwater viewing area and a grizzly habitat with a fishing creek. Additionally, the design incorporates a new indoor dining restaurant attached to Arctic Passage that will seat dozens of patrons and overlook the polar bear exhibit.

Sustainability and awareness of global climate change are other key features of the exhibit. An interactive, educational experience will help Arctic Passage visitors learn about polar bear behavior and evaluate the impacts of climate change. Additionally, the new exhibit includes solar panels and large rainwater collection tanks in the exhibit to build on existing sustainability efforts.

The Henry Vilas Zoo is one of only ten free zoos in the entire country, with attendance at the zoo reaching nearly 750,000 guests each year.

Donations to help "Bring the Bears Back to Madison" can be made online at <http://www.razoo.com/story/Vilas-Zoo-Bears> or by calling the Friends of the Henry Vilas Zoo at (608) 258-9490.

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From Our State Representative



Melissa Sargent
48th State Assembly

As 2013 comes to a close I'm reflecting on my own personal values and priorities as well as those of the hard working people of the 48th Assembly District.

I have worked hard during my first year in the Wisconsin State Assembly, however I know that we can and must do better.

In the state that I call home, we value:

1. A living wage for a hard day's work

I have been active in fighting to raise the minimum wage. One in five families with a member holding a low-wage job has an income below the poverty line. We must do better and

tackle this pressing issue in 2014.

2. Affordable and quality healthcare for all

Last month, I introduced a bill that would allow counties to access the federal Medicaid funds allotted to Wisconsin under the Affordable Care Act. Republicans unwisely voted to turn away 2.4 billion dollars in federal funds to expand our BadgerCare program, leaving 85,000 Wisconsinites with no health insurance. I believe we should let local government's decide what is best for their citizens by giving them a chance to receive these federal dollars.

3. Top notch education at all levels without a lifetime of debt

I proudly co-sponsored The "Higher Ed, Lower Debt" Bill this session which would allow Wisconsin's student loan borrowers to deduct their student loan payments from their income tax. It also will enable Wisconsin's student loan borrowers to refinance their student loans at lower interest rates. According to recent studies, there are 753,000 Wisconsin residents with an average student loan debt of \$22,400. Money spent on student loans is money which could instead be spent on cars, new homes or in our communities. This is a crisis that cannot be pushed down the road any further.

4. A clean and healthy environment for generations

Along with my colleagues in the Assembly and Senate, we worked to defeat the iron ore mining bill. While we were ultimately unsuccessful in defeating the bill, we are now seeing the drastic complications and negative effects this legislation will have on Wisconsin's environment. In addition to the disastrous consequences to our air and water, there are also governmental hurdles. The Army Corps of Engineers have recently stated they cannot work with the Wisconsin due to the impossible time-lines and standards included in this law.

5. A community that honors that Love=Love with marriage equality

I remain committed to seeing gay marriage become legal in Wisconsin. Nearly half of the states in the country have now ensured marriage equality for their citizens. While many local communities have extended benefits to same sex partners, the state government has lagged behind. As we move further away from the 2006 gay marriage ban, and as public opinion moves in the direction of equality for all, I believe that Wisconsin can achieve what so many other states have. We simply need the political will and motivation to accomplish it.

6. Women's rights to make their own personal choices

For decades, women all over the country fought hard for the rights to make their own choices concerning personal, medical decisions.

Tragically, there has been a front-on attack in Wisconsin attempting to limit women's access to everything from insurance coverage for birth control to access to abortion. Wisconsin has become one of the most restrictive states in the nation in regards to women's health. Many of these bills are tied up in court, and it is my hope that they are deemed unconstitutional in the near future.

7. The power and value of the collective voice in the work place

We must continue to fight to protect worker rights in our state. I commend my colleagues in the Assembly and Senate who have recently introduced a bill to repeal Act 10 and restore public workers right to collectively bargain. This is a fundamental right that we need to work hard and fight to restore.

8. Common sense gun control

It has been frustrating seeing the lack of movement on any sort of common sense gun control. One aspect in particular, is the need to take steps towards full background checks for all gun purchases. Currently, 40% of all gun sales are 'private sales' and are conducted with no background check at all. I believe this must change. Allowing the purchase of guns without background checks can too easily result in people with criminal history's or mental health issues, possessing fire arms.

9. A strong economy that is creating new and long term family sustaining jobs

For more than three years, Republicans have stood by while Wisconsin keeps falling farther behind on jobs. We are currently 37th in job creation with a fear of falling even further behind. Too often, the majority party has pursued tax breaks for the wealthiest among us as well as a radical social agenda. We need to invest in our work force and business growth here in Wisconsin to turn around this negative trend that has befallen our state these past three years. My Democratic colleagues and I have brought bills to the floor to give a spark to our economy but the GOP have rejected these items at every turn. We need to put aside the politics and focus on creating more jobs in 2014.

10. Transparent and just government that involves and listens to its people

One of my guiding principles as a legislator is to ensure that the public has full access to all the information possible from their state government. As Justice Louis Brandeis once stated "sunlight is the best disinfectant".

We as public officials must take this advice, open the door and let the sunshine in rather than inviting the suspicion and doubt that goes along with doing business behind closed doors.

My New Year's Resolution for 2014 is a pledge to continue to listen to and work with the people of Wisconsin to rebuild a government that is reflective of the values of the state that we love. I know that 2014 in Wisconsin must focus on the middle class and I pledge to work tirelessly, with each of you at my side, to rebuild Wisconsin's economy, to advocate for our hard-working families, and to bring decorum back to our statehouse.

It is my extreme honor to be a representative of the people, for the people in the Wisconsin State Assembly.

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ECA Christmas Light Contest

Carrie had a bright idea and it was noted in the previous *Hi Neighbor!*. Matt designed a beautiful certificate. Adrienne volunteered to find out-of-area judges for the contest and she did. Judges Betty Thompson and Jim Metzger travelled around our neighborhood checking out houses that had their lights on, and they came up with the following:

Best of Submissions – 3905 Anchor Drive; **Traditional** – 3601 Milwaukee Street; **Most Surprising** – 837 Royster Avenue;

Best north Pole – 3617 Johns Street; **Most Colorful** – 13 Walter Street; **Best Traditional** – 237 Walter Street; **Spirit of Christmas** – 14 Walter Street; **Best Visual Display** – 209 Dempsey Road; **Humorous** – 3937 Margaret.

Neighborhood Spirit: 3625 Sussex; 3822 Anchor; 4009 Lori Circle; 3837 Johns; 154 Harding; 3860 Clover Lane; 3625 Tulane; 117 Cumberland; 234 Harding; 221 Harding; 138 Bradford; 706 Bergen; 709 Bergen; 713 Bergen; 4037 Steines; 3902 Margaret; 3927 Margaret; 3638 Tulane; 133 Lynnhaven; 3649 Sussex.

I will admit, when Carrie and I went out looking for houses with lights, we doubled the number on the list of those with Neighborhood Spirit (honorable mention), which was a new category that the judges added. Some of you might not have had your lights on the nights either the judges came out, or when Carrie and I went. What do you think of having a contest again next year? Because of the holidays and my schedule the past few weeks also, I may not have delivered your certificate yet – but I will soon! Congratulations to all!

— Kathy



“BEST OF SUBMISSIONS” — 3905 Anchor Drive, in our First “Christmas Lights” Contest, sponsored by the Eastmorland Community Association. (There were more decorations that do not show in this photo.) CONGRATULATIONS!

ECA looking for active members

Currently Eastmorland Community Association is looking to fill two Directorship vacancies — Vice President and EINPC Liaison. If interested please contact anyone of the directors listed on page two.

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From Our County Executive



Joe Parisi

Dane County Executive

Helping Our Neighbors in Need

Dane County's residents have a history of coming together to help their neighbors in need during difficult times. I've always felt that the Dane County budget is a reflection of this trait, and our residents' values.

The 2014 county budget that passed in November is no different, containing more than \$1.6 million in initiatives aimed at helping individuals who are homeless or who are in danger of being homeless – in addition to more than \$31 million for mental health services and \$8.6 million for alcohol and other drug abuse treatment, two root causes of some homelessness.

The 2014 budget helps provide stability for children and their families with a new \$25,000 "Youth Eviction Prevention Fund," to be administered through the county's Joining Forces for Families program. The fund is targeted to families who do not qualify for, or cannot access, other forms of emergency assistance.

And with over \$68,000 in new county funding, Youth Services of Southern Wisconsin will create a temporary housing unit for runaway youth and homeless youth in Dane County, an addition to existing resources through Briarpatch.

The budget also includes \$2-million to ensure the new Domestic Abuse Intervention Services (DAIS) shelter will open on time next year. The facility will be four times bigger than DAIS' current shelter and will help protect survivors and their

children from homelessness and further violence.

The county is also working with the City of Madison to help create more affordable housing and better coordination of homeless services. A \$700,000 capital investment in the 2014 county budget will help secure property for approximately 100 new affordable housing units.

The budget also creates a new "Housing Inventory Specialist" to help the county, city, and non-profits collaborate in the smartest ways possible to identify and maximize available affordable housing options.

Together, these investments will help prevent adult and youth homelessness, and help strengthen our communities.

Recycling in Madison

The old Cub Food site over on Nakoosa where the city did put a garage for city vehicles, including city buses is going to be home to an anaerobic digester, some day. It will be built there for the food waste that will be gathered throughout the city – but not yet. The digester will create methane gas which goes to power city vehicles, and replace diesel fuel.

In the meantime, already, Styrofoam is collected at a city drop-off site, with your other things – even Styrofoam coffee cups and carryout trays, plus the packing around computers or whatever. You cannot put Styrofoam in your green recycle bin though.

Here is a head start on your Recyclopedia that will arrive to each household in February! You will be able to put pots and pans/small metal toasters/power tools and the bottom of blender – all go into your recycle bin. They will be collecting plastic bags: you do have to put them into another plastic bag; otherwise they fly away on the conveyer belt. However, water softener salt bags, potting soil bags, bread bags, newspaper bags, potting soil, grocery plastic bags, and restaurant carry out bags – all go into a large plastic bag and tie off and put into your green bin.

Next, think of the cardboard juice or milk cartons, small milk containers (like they have at schools), and soy milk cartons – all will go into the green bin. All #1 clear plastic containers (such as what cupcakes, cookies, or sometimes sandwiches come in – this is called thermo-ware and all can be recycled – even if it doesn't have a # on it somewhere. Also, STOP taking the lids

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“Granny Flats” Make a Come-Back in Madison!

Many Eastsiders are fiercely loyal to their locale, and who can blame them? We live in an area that feels like a small town, but offers big city conveniences in a lush setting replete with parks, green spaces, and large residential lots. Often when children grow up and start their own families, they buy houses close to grandpa and grandma, cashing in on the advantages of multi-generational support.

Then, over time, grandma and grandpa may no longer be comfortable or able to keep up a house and yard. They want to stay close to family and neighbors they know and love, but apartment living may not be available or attractive to them. Are there other options?

The answer is YES, and all we have to do is look back to the way people have been aging in place for generations. With a fancy name, an old concept becomes new again with “Accessory Dwelling Units” (ADUs). You may know them as Granny Flats, Mother-in-Law Suites, Multi-Generational Homes, Garage Apartments, or Back Yard Cottages.

The “Green” committee of the recent City of Madison Zoning Code Rewrite process looked to cities like Portland, Oregon for ideas on how to promote aging-in-place, diversity, walkability, appropriate higher density, and efficient use of infrastructure, while preserving neighborhood character. The result is a new zoning code with new allowances for ADUs.

To promote this idea, Design Coalition Institute, an East Side Madison-based non-profit organization dedicated to “Green Communities,” founded the “**24 Green ADU’s in 24 Months**” initiative. The goal is to work with 24 owner/occupants of single-family homes in single-family neighborhoods through the process of planning, design, obtaining permits, and construction of safe, healthy, attractive, energy efficient ADUs. These “Green ADUs” will set a standard of excellence for the hundreds of new ADUs that are anticipated over the next decade.

The Director of Design Coalition Institute is scheduling public information sessions with Neighborhood Associations and community groups over the next several months. She visited with

the Eastmorland Community Association earlier this month.

This public information and technical assistance program is a public service of Design Coalition Institute, with the support of Design Coalition Inc, the award-winning “Green” Madison-based architecture firm, in cooperation with Home Savings Bank, 1000 Friends of Wisconsin, and the City of Madison Department of Planning. If you would like more information about ADUs or the “24 in 24” initiative, see www.DesignCoalitionInstitute.org or email InstituteDirector@DesignCoalition.org

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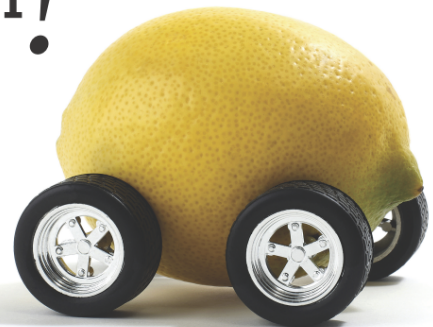
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News from Our Schools

Schenk Elementary

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

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 (we receive 10 cents for each one!) and Campbell's Labels for Education (which are used to purchase much needed equipment). Even if you don't have a child at the school, donations of these items are much appreciated. 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), hot cocoa mix and chocolate bars. Coffee orders are due monthly and you can obtain an order form (or ask any questions) by emailing the PTO at schenkpto@gmail.com.

Schenk is participating in the Terracycle program: (<http://www.terracycle.com/en-US/brigades.html>) to reduce waste and

earn money for educational programs and supplies at Schenk. Below is the list of items we are collecting:

- * **Aluminum or plastic Caprisun or Honest Kids** drink pouches (no need to remove straws)
- * **Ella's kitchen, Earth's Best** or other baby food pouches and plastic tops
- * **Cell phones:** Cell phones of all types (remove data first if you can).
- * Malt-O-Meal®, Spooners®, Three Sisters®, Bear River Valley®, and Sally's® brand cereal bags.
- * **Plastic lined paper Better Oats & I love Oats** hot cereal pouches.

Once you collect a box or bag of the above items, please either drop items off at 126 Buckingham Lane or email shahlawerner@yahoo.com or call/text 608-332-6079 with your address for them to be picked up

Thank you for supporting Schenk!

— Amanda Hammatt

Christmas ideas for next year

Ideas have been brought up that 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 & 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 could 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.

— Bernie Hansen



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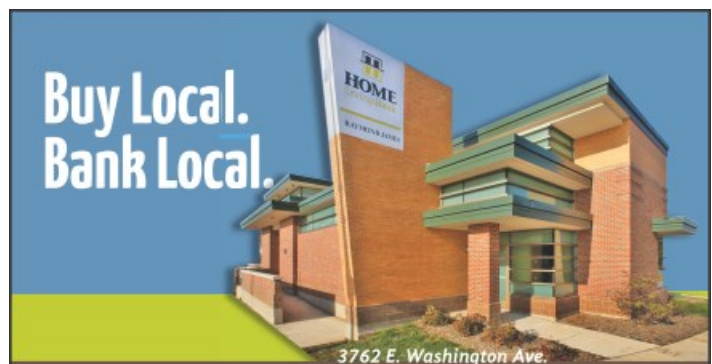
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Hello to all Eastmorland Neighbors and Welcome to all new neighbors

By Carrie Ezzell *Membership 244-3117*

As I write this reminder that it is that time again to pay dues (\$10) to the neighborhood, we have a mini-thaw going on outside. This time of year we do not see much of our neighbors as we tend to stay indoors because of the snow and the cold. We do however see the results of neighborliness as some help each other with walks, driveways and street entrances. Please remember to keep all fire hydrants free of snow also. The house you save just might be your own.

While you are indoors, your neighborhood association is still busy. This is the fact gathering and planning time of the year. "How things went last year" and "what do we want to do this coming year" are just a few of the things being decided. Dates for the spring clean-up, the neighborhood garden start up and plant swap, block parties, ice cream ECA Park social, are just a few of the things being decided. A review of the leaf raking and this past December activities, (the new Santa's Party, the Cookie distribution (over 50 plates this past Christmas), the lighting contest, etc.) are also being discussed and decided about. If anyone has new ideas for the coming seasons or comments on the past year activities, NOW is the time to tell us at a directors' meeting or contact a Director. All input is very welcome.

On behalf of Eastmorland members, we would like to give a HUGE THANK YOU to all Directors, Distributors, Block Captains and our many Volunteers who, without you and your help, we would not have the clean, decent neighborly neighborhood we have. A special THANK YOU also to all of you who walk your dogs, take walks and visit our parks and make your presence known, and also clean up after your dogs! It adds to all our safety and lets the organization know if and what needs to be done. You are our eyes. Also a big THANK YOU to those of you who watch out for your corner of our area and its people. Especially during the terrible cold, it is good to know that many are watching out for their elderly and youngest neighbors. The person who cleaned a walk, put the paper on the porch, brought cookies to check on a neighbor, or helped a child get safely past the huge piles of snow, etc., are a credit to us all. Thanks for keeping your eyes and ears open and God Bless YOU all.

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.

Look at all the Christmas Plates



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 be 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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Pinney Branch Library Events

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MadCity Makers

First Wednesdays at 6:45

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First Friday Flicks

Watch a new release on the big screen! Movies are rated PG or PG-13. Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult. Call 224-7100 two weeks ahead for movie title and start time.

Madison Herbal Institute

Monday, February 17 at 6:00 p.m.: The History of Herbalism.

Art Experiments

Saturday, February 22

Drop in to Pinney anytime between 10 a.m.-Noon and make something unique.

Saturday Movie Matinee

Fourth Saturdays at 2:00 p.m.

Call 224-7100 two weeks ahead for movie title and start time.

Valentine Crafts for Grown-ups and Teens

February 11 at 6:00 p.m.

Why let Kindergarteners have all the fun? Come to this event

and make Valentine cards and decorated love letters with Sachi from Anthology. Registration required.

Art Experiments

Fourth Saturdays at 10:00 a.m.

Call 224-7100 two weeks ahead for project.

Book Sale

Saturday, March 1 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Friends of Pinney Branch Library book sale, one day only!

Seed Starting

Thursday, March 20 at 7:00 p.m.

Learn how to successfully start seeds and raise seedlings for your garden with information from Dane County UWEX Master Gardener Volunteers. No previous experience needed. We will cover seed-starting media, planting, germination, air and media temperatures, watering, fertilizing, thinning, disease control and hardening off of seedlings. We will have some seeds, pots/packs and media on hand, so you can do some planting and take home some seeds of your own!

Pinney Mini Film Fest

Friday, March 28 at 6:00 p.m.

Get ready for the upcoming Wisconsin Film Festival with an evening of locally made films at the second annual Pinney Mini Film Fest. Hear from the filmmakers about their craft and meet from Christina Martin-Wright, Managing Director for the Wisconsin Film Festival.

Adult Book Discussion

Fourth Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.

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

Job, Computer, & Writing Assistance

Wednesdays starting January 29 from 3:30-6:30 p.m.

Sign up at the Pinney Branch Library for a one-on-one free hour long training. You can get help with online job searching, writing resumes and cover letters, setting up an email account, and much more.

Humanitarian Knitting

First and third Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

Chess Club

First and third Thursdays at 4:00 p.m.

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LEGO Club

First Mondays at 3:30 p.m.

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.

I Heart Art

Thursday, February 13 at 4:00 p.m.

Construction paper, stamps, stickers, glitter and more, all waiting for your creative mind to put them together as original and unique Valentine creations. Ages 5 & up. Children under 7 must have an adult helper.

Wii Games for Teens

Thursday, February 27 and March 27 at 3:30 p.m.

Play a variety of Wii games including Super Smash Brothers Brawl, Super Mario Bros, & Wii Sports with your friends on the big screen! Beginners welcome. Refreshments provided by the Friends of the Pinney Library. No registration required.

Reader's Theater

Mondays, February 10 and March 10 at 3:00 p.m.

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.

Toddler Time

Tuesdays beginning January 21 at 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.

No registration required. Stories, songs and rhymes for children ages 16-35 months. One adult per child is recommended.

Book Baby

Tuesdays beginning January 21 at 11:30 a.m.

No registration required. Stories, songs and activities for babies ages 0-15 months. One adult per baby is required.

Preschool Storytime

Wednesdays beginning January 15 at 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.

No registration required. Stories, songs, finger plays and more for children ages 3 to 5. Younger siblings welcome.

Read to a Dog

Saturdays, February 15 at 2:00 p.m. and March 15 at 10:30 a.m.

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

Preschool & Toddler Dance Party

Saturday, February 15 at 10:00 a.m. and Thursday, March 20 at 10:00 a.m.

Registration begins two weeks before each dance party.

Car Construction Party

Saturday, March 15 at 2:00 p.m.

Calling all car lovers! Imaginative kids of all ages are invited to

cruise over to Pinney to create their own wearable custom cars. Participants will be provided with a pre-cut cardboard box to fold and decorate.

American Girl Tea Party

Saturday, April 19 at 11:00 a.m.

Celebrate American Girls at a tea party! Learn tea time etiquette and enjoy tea and juice, cookies, a story and a craft. For children in grades K-3. You do not need an American Girl or Boy doll to attend.

Recycling — Continued from page 10

off of the plastic water containers! They can stay on now. When the plastic bottles get 'smooshed' the caps fly off and drop down. They are recycled also, but they are a lower grade of plastic. All cottage cheese and yogurt containers go into the green bin. Put large metal lids from pickle jars, peanut butter jars, etc. into the recycle bin. You will have to run a glass or plastic mayonnaise, peanut butter, or salad dressing through the dishwasher before recycling. No cereal bags can be recycled.

There is a lot more in the new Recyclopedia, so read it carefully – I will. I am planning to have George Dreckman come to one of our ECA meetings, as he will be happy to tell you where some of the recycled materials will go, as about the jobs created to manage what was just landfill.

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Name _____

Address _____

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ECA 2014 Calendar of Events

Tuesday, February 11, 2014 ECA meeting*

Tuesday, March 3, 2014 ECA meeting*

Tuesday, April 4, 2014 ECA meeting*

Saturday, April 12, Deadline for:

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*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 Street. Call or email an ECA director if you have a topic to discuss, need information, or have questions.

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