

Hi, Neighbor!

A Quarterly Newsletter for the Eastmorland Community Association

First Quarter 2016

The 2015 Fall Leaf Raking Crew as they prepare to start start raking



Left to right: Front row: Patrick Soukup, Jonathan Kuether, Mark Kuether, Darwin Weidert, Jennifer Moore, Bob Bates, Joey Houseman, Sandra Houseman; Middle row: Kathy Soukup, Jonathan Rossall, Sarah Rossall, Troy Rutter, Shayla Werner, Pam Blair, Pat Blair, Pam Stangl, Dan Zimmerman, Judy Bates, Kris Whitman; Back row: Ed Woolsey, David Ahrens, Steph Wilson, Doug Wilson, Bob Sheehan, Christine Frey, Dave Hellenbrand. Not pictured: Janet Hagen, Amanda Hammatt, Julian Arenas, Gabriel Arenas, Kate Behrens, Blake Johnson, Mark Johnson, Linda Linssen, Kira Milanich, Emma Milanich, Candy Phelps, Tim Phelps.

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Kathy's Komments



I don't know about you, but I definitely agree that winter is here right now!

Thanksgiving and Christmas were chaotic, but fun! We joined those neighbors at Lakeview Moravian Church for Thanksgiving, with some of our family. The food was great! Melissa, Luis, Diego and Katia came up for both weekends, with our oldest grand, Bobbi coming home to join us for both times. The small ones were a bit disappointed about our lack of snow (Chicago didn't have any either), but on the rainy day they went to McD's playland and were very happy!

The other days they went to the Eastmorland Park, grabbing Grandpa to come along too.

Things are moving at Royster Corners. Patrick took a picture of the Pinney Library sign – how exciting! (see page 00) The wires on Cottage Grove Road in front of the site have mostly been taken down as the underground wires are already being used.

Having kids' soccer in Eastmorland Park this year has come up. Some neighbors would like to see the activity of kids soccer there; thinking that our unwanted park residents would likely move elsewhere if it did. It would be for children from Schenk and Whitehorse – used for practicing during the week and every other weekend would be a home weekend game. Capital East Soccer Club makes the arrangements between teams and maintains the lines for the field. Parks would see that the grass is mowed. Luke Milligan is the club manager and will be at the February 9th ECA meeting (at the Lakeview Moravian Church by 7:30 p.m.).

At the January ECA meeting, the following folks were present: Adrienne Belton, Patrick and Kathy Soukup, Ed Woolsey, Bobbi Nowak, Carrie Ezzell, Kris Whitman, Dan Glassman, Jeff Pertl, and David Ahrens. Other things discussed are listed.

1. David Ahrens: Swiss Colony just signed a 15-year lease for their Milwaukee Street building (so much for the rumor we had heard that they were moving.)

The owner of the laundromat and the land and empty building adjacent to Swiss Colony recently had a stroke and would like to sell his land.

2. Jeff Pertl: talked about the Messner Building – neighbors near the building have concerns about the location; will the actual building be torn down or fixed up. Deci-

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Kathy's Komments — from previous page

sion has not been made yet.

Homelessness is growing – in 2013, there were 13 thousand homeless kids in Wisconsin. There are 1700 – 2000 homeless kids in the Madison schools this year.

3. Dan Glassman talked about bringing soccer to Eastmorland Park, which will be continued at our February meeting. (see page 13)

Our Eastmorland website, which went up in 2010 (thanks Philip); originally had a cost of \$140 for 3 years. JustHost in 2014 charged \$250 for the same amount of time. Now, Dan and Adrienne are looking into either renewing for 1 year, or changing webhosts. A motion at the meeting allows Dan (& Adrienne) to either switch our website to a different platform or Dan is authorized not to exceed \$250.00 without coming back to ECA, for whatever he needs to do.

On 1/18/2016, I received a phone call from Cole Burke in New York. Mr. Burke is working with WISDOT to set up an online survey for feedback and concerns on the I 39/90/94 highways system. When I talked to him on the phone and asked him to email me what he wants me to send out, he said that the information and the link to the website would be sent to me mid-February as all the different parts are not quite ready yet. When I do get the information, I will try to post it on the ECA website, the Eastmorlandlistserv, NextDoorAtwood, and the Eastmorland Facebook site. (And NO, I will not be doing all that posting by myself.)

Other things you might be interested in: Dane County UW-Extension will offer Spring 2016 “Green Thumb Gardening”. Classes will be held on Thursdays, 6:30 – 9:00 pm: Feb. 25 – April 14, 2016 at the Dane County UW-Extension office (5201 Fen Oak Drive, Madison, WI 53718). Register for the entire class series at a discounted price or customize your education by registering for the classes of your choice. Soils & Composting, March 3 – Vegetable Garden Planning & Techniques, March 10 = Vegetables, Families, Pests & Diseases, March 17 – Native Plants for Gardens & Pollinators, March 24 – Shrub Selection & Care, March 21 – Wildlife in the Garden, April 7 – Annuals & Perennials, April 14 – Landscape Design. For more information, call: Joe Muellenberg at (608)224-3709. To register, please visit the Dane County UW-Extension website at: <http://dane.uwex.edu/horticulture/greenthumbclasses/>

Every year at Madison Neighborhood Grant Program time, I think of the fact that our neighborhood doesn't have a neighborhood sign and I am sad. Unfortunately, we need a committee to work on this problem and the application would have to be in by February 22, 2016, at 4:30 pm. But, February 2017 is

coming also — if interested, call or email me.

On the other hand, 2015 marked a very momentous year, thanks to many “Eastmorlanders,” their relatives and some friends, as we were able to have 33 ash trees treated in our parks! Just in time also, as EAB was discovered late in the season over on Atlas Avenue and near East Town. Those 33 ash trees were literally the best of the group and the only ones that could be treated. — *Continued on page 16*



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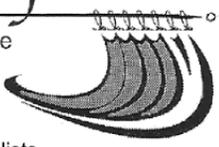
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From Our Alder



News from the City Council

Garver Feed Mill: A year ago, the city selected a Chicago developer to rebuild Garver Feed Mill into a food processing site along with 30 or so “tiny hotels.” These would be free-standing, separate small hotel rooms/lodges. The city agreed to give the developer about \$2 million towards their effort.

David Ahrens

15th District

A year has come and gone and nothing has happened. We’ve now been told by the developer that it will take (at least) another year for them to close on the deal and then begin construction. That’s two years since selection. Meanwhile, Garver continues to deteriorate, harder-if not impossible- to fix with the land around it largely unusable for the public.

I’ve consistently advocated for using what’s left of the building and the land to build a care-center for elderly and people with Alzheimer’s Disease. We had a very good proposal to build such a project and turned them down. It’s too late to start this much-needed project.

Cottage Grove Rd: In two months, the major reconstruction of Cottage Grove Rd. from Monona Dr. to Hwy 51 will get under-

way. The process will take at least six months to complete and when it is done the street will look very different. Some of the new features will be:

- A median that will have plantings and some trees. Also pedestrian islands to make crossing safer.
- Bike lanes on Cottage Grove Rd and on Dempsey from the Capitol City Trail to Cottage Grove Rd.
- The jumble of overhead wires and electrical poles will be buried giving the area a “cleaner” look.
- Limited parking in front of the new library and stores at Royster Corners.
- New sewer and water lines which replace utilities that are 60 years old.

During the construction period, there will only be one lane open in each direction so that one side of the street can be constructed at a time.

This is a multi-million dollar project that will transform the street and hopefully, spur further retail and housing construction.

Pinney Campaign: The city’s commitment to build a new Pinney library was based on the notion that about one-fourth of the \$10 million for the library would be raised locally. So we need to raise \$2.5 million. Ruedebusch Co, the developer of Royster, contributed \$1.2 million by building the entire shell for free. In the past year, we’ve raised about another \$750,000 at fundraisers and individual and corporate contributions. For example, a recent fundraiser at the Harmony Bar raised over \$30,000.

Small and large contributions help. If each person in the “user-area” of the eastside contributed \$20, we’d reach our goal. You can find more about the project and how to help by visiting this site.

<http://mplfoundation.org/pinney?support/pinney-campaign>

You can also come to the library on Feb. 11-14 for a book and “cookie sale” and make your contribution. I’ll be selling cookies in the afternoon. Hope you’ll join us.

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- When registering, you need to present one document — either on paper or electronic format — showing your current name at your address. Go to cityofmadison.com/election for a list of documents you may use.
- You may register to vote up to 20 days before an election.
- You may register at any Madison public library with proof of address. (A bonus: if you have a library card and PIN, proof of residence can be documented using your address in LINKcat, the South Central Library System's electronic catalog. After logging in click on “my personal details” to show proof of residence.)
- You may register at the Office of the City Clerk, through the Friday before an election, 210 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd #103, Madison WI 53703
- You may register at the polls on election day. Be sure to bring the necessary document with you.

ELECTION SCHEDULE FOR 2016

Spring Primary Election – Tuesday, Feb. 16.

Spring Election and Presidential Primary – Tuesday, April 5.

Fall Primary Election – Tuesday, Aug. 9.

General Election – Tuesday, Nov. 9.

The polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m.

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If you cannot get to the polls on election day you can still vote by absentee ballot.

- If you are in the military or live permanently overseas you do not need a photo ID to vote.
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From Our County Supervisor



Jeff Pertl
District 17

Along with cold weather, the New Year will bring exciting debates around the future of the Alliant Energy Center, continue the county board's work on racial equity and criminal justice reform, the end of the state legislative session, and spring elections.

Alliant Energy Center (AEC): The AEC is a strong, but aging regional event facility that has built up an operating deficit over the last few years as the types of events continue to evolve. Last year, the county board commissioned a feasibility study to investigate ways to reposition the AEC as an event destination that will grow regional market share and leverage private investment. The initial report lays out several interesting models that require more study, but it is an exciting opportunity to reimagine one of Dane County's treasures.

Jail Diversion Study: As part of the county board's ongoing racial equity and criminal justice reform work, the 2016 county budget created and funded a workgroup to review our adult and juvenile diversion programs. The workgroup will identify barriers to admission and completion of the programs and then make recommendations for improvements. Additionally, the workgroup will develop a list of non-profit and neighborhood organizations that can support program participants. We look forward to their report this summer.

Homeless Day Center: Work continues on the homeless day shelter, which will open next fall in the old Messner building (1326 E Washington Ave, Madison, WI 53703). We are working with neighborhood leaders and alders to develop a good implementation plan and a strong conditional use permit application. Meanwhile, despite some initial hiccups, services at Bethel Lutheran Church downtown will continue through April.

Legislative Update: The state legislature continues to have a "special" interest in Dane County issues, particularly zoning and land development. In addition to pre-empting our spill insurance requirement for the Enbridge pipeline, the legislature is currently debating a bill that would pre-empt county zoning authority – but only in Dane County.

Despite the fact that 98 percent of zoning petitions are approved, several legislators think that the development environment in Dane County is too restrictive. I would contend the county has been very supportive of smart, well-thought out development and that is reflected in the fact that 57 percent of Wisconsin's private sector job growth was in Dane County. We will continue to fight this out in the state capitol, and I remain hopeful the legislative session will end before this bill advances.

Spring Elections Update: While the presidential primaries dominate the headlines, it is shaping up to be a quiet spring election season. None of the circuit court justices or school board members are contested and only four county board seats have contested races. While I am unopposed on the ballot (which I hope means I am doing a good job), as always I would still like to hear from folks about their concerns.

Stay well and contact me with any questions!

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Tryouts begin in March at the Goodman Center.

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Pictured above are ECA volunteers that helped prepare some Christmas goodies for the elderly and shut ins. They are from left to right: Bruce Hanson, Kathy Soukup, Carrie Ezzell, Ashley Nanning, Bernie Hanson, Tom Theisen, Amanda Beckler holding daughter Amelia, and Ann Roundy.

“Strive for Five”

Each year most people make new year’s resolutions, but we challenge you to strive for 5. Strive to focus on completing five new challenges a week.

1. Learn 5: Do five new brain games per week. If you need some assistance, ask a Pinney librarian. Pick up a trivia book.
2. Think 5: Sit quietly and think positive thoughts for 5 minutes each day. Make it a part of your routine of waking up, brushing your teeth or before you go to bed.
3. Meet 5: meet 5 new people and write their names down. Give them a compliment!
4. Move 5: Exercise 5 times by doing strength training, yoga, marching in place or join a group for chair chi.
5. Laugh 5: Laugh or make someone laugh 5 times per week. Start with saying out loud – “ho ho ho, he he he, ha ha ha,” and then pretend that someone just told you something funny and have a good belly laugh. Watch old reruns of “I Love Lucy,” especially the candy factory episode.
6. This may all sound silly, but if it gets you engaged, it is healthy activities.

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5. Curb your dog, do not allow it to urinate on flowers or shrubs in your neighbor’s yards

(We keep printing this, as folks keep complaining!)

From Our State Representative



Let's Make 2016 A Year of Opportunity

2016 is here. As many of us do personally when a new year rolls around, it's good to take stock of where we have been and where we are going.

2015 was not an easy year for our state. We recently learned that Wisconsin had over 10,000 layoffs in the past twelve months while at the same time WEDC, which is tasked with creating jobs for the state, has been under a cloud of corruption and mismanagement. People are working

harder and longer hours but are not able to get ahead. This is not a path towards prosperity and an economy that works for everyone.

Rather than making our communities safer, the Republicans stood in the way of common sense protections to address the public health crisis of gun violence that has spread across our country. This kind of radical agenda spreads fear and intolerance: it does not make us safer or more secure.

Despite these challenges, the turning of a New Year is a perfect time for us to remember and celebrate that our diversity and unity is strength, that all across our great state we are more similar than different, and that we define ourselves by what we love and what we do.

2016 brings an opportunity for us to renew our commitment to

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being and doing better together. I'm committed to working with you in turning our state around, to get us headed in the right direction again, and to make sure that those steering our state are accountable. I am committed to taking time to learn about what I don't know - and I ask you to join me.

I am passionate about this because I know that unity is the strength that has built our great state and our great country and that when we are united we are stronger, safer, freer and more prosperous.

We should take pride in our state, our resolve, and our resilience. We are a hard-working, extraordinary people that do extraordinary things. I know that together we can and will build a better future for our kids. Clearly, we have a lot of work to do, but our shared values and our vision of what can be are building the foundation for a state that works for all of us.

Together, we can make 2016 the year that we prioritize what is best for the people.

Dues Reminder

By Carrie Ezzell, Membership

Happy Valentine's Day 2016! As I write this, it is with a grateful heart to those who have been such wonderful neighbors this past year. Those who volunteered to rake leaves included our address, the extra cookies came in so handy and the mysterious snow shovelers have eased a heavy burden. And these are just a few of the kindnesses that have come our way since Don's passing.

Many of these kindnesses are the result of the dues you pay to the Eastmorland Community Association. The events ECA funds have helped many besides our family. Saving ash trees, this neighborhood newspaper, Santa visits, cookies to shut-ins, the fall pizza party following raking, our web site, and supplies for meetings are just a very few of the many things funded by your yearly dues. When we each put our \$10, together, a lot gets done. So we thank you for remembering to pay your dues and for being the great neighborhood volunteers that get so much done in a year. You are appreciated. God Bless You All.

NOTE: The 2015 Eastmorland records show that out of approximately 1,650 households in the Eastmorland Community only 54 individuals contributed to paying their dues. Not great at all. We can do better.

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Schenk Elementary

Have you heard that Schenk will become a Dual Language Instruction (DLI) school starting with the 2016-17 academic year? MMSD uses a 90/10 Spanish/English model for its dual language programs and beginning in kindergarten, 90% of classroom time is conducted in Spanish and 10% is taught in English. With each grade, English instructional time increases by 10% until fourth grade when an equal amount of time is spent learning in both languages. DLI programs enhance academic and linguistic abilities in two languages, as well as cross-cultural competence. We are excited to support this new initiative. Please continue to watch this newsletter for more information on this topic.

Any family interested in receiving news about Schenk Elementary and PTO events is encouraged to send an email to schenkpto@gmail.com. The PTO sponsors activities throughout the year and we are always looking for new energy and ideas.

Ways to support Schenk:

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

1. Schenk collects General Mills Boxtops for Education (we receive 10 cents for each one!) and Labels for Education (which are used to purchase much needed equipment). Even if you don't have a child at the school, donations of these items are much appreciated. They can be dropped off at school, or 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.

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

3. Schenk is participating for the third 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:

- Capri Sun & Honest Kids drink pouches
- GoGo Squeeze, Ella's Kitchen, Earth's Best or other baby food pouches/plastic tops
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From Our County Executive



Recently, I signed my 2016 Budget for Dane County. My budget focuses on providing our critical core services while expanding partnerships to better our community.

My budget includes the strongest efforts yet by Dane County to address mental illness. I am expanding our mental health teams to more schools across Dane County in partnership with local schools. Early intervention is key to both preventing and knocking down the barriers that come with

Joe Parisi
Dane County Executive

mental illness. I am also creating Community Crisis Teams to help law enforcement respond to mental health crisis situations available 24/7.

My budget continues our commitment to cleaning up our lakes through partnerships and conservation.

Homelessness is a complex problem that no one entity can solve. We are continuing our work with the Homelessness Consortium and investing millions in direct services to our homeless population. I am also doubling our Eviction Prevention Fund which successfully kept 266 kids in their homes last year.

This budget furthers our work of criminal justice reform by creating a "Re-entry Team" in our Dane County Jail. We will assess inmates and make an individualized plan for each inmate. A successful re-entry reduces their risk of returning.



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We are a thriving, growing community, with unlimited potential. While we are certainly not without our growing pains, I am proud of the manner in which our community faces its challenges head on. We will get there, and we will get there together - with respect; with spirited debate, and through partnering, together - the Dane County Way.

Indigo Wings

Indigo Wings Incorporated, Gallery, Gift Shop and Studio, located at 4601 Monona Drive, Suite 102, provides space for artists with disabilities to work on and sell their creations. While this is a relatively new venture it has been twenty years in the making, beginning with the realization that services for individuals with disabilities are often fragmented and leave many falling through the cracks.

Indigo Wings is a 501(c)(3) organization founded to help people with disabilities become more financially and vocationally independent through the expression of their creative abilities. There is studio space for artists to create in an environment that includes mentoring and classes. There are sixteen artists already signed up but there is always room for more. They are also looking for individuals who are willing to share their talents by mentoring or teaching classes as well. Check out the website at: www.indigowingsinc.com

The gallery is open from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Tuesday through Sunday. Working in the gallery are the founder, a 33-year resident of the Quaker Heights subdivision (bordering the Monona Golf Course) and four of her adult children. They were some of the first artists - a photographer, painter, sketch artist, and jewelry creator - to make use of this opportunity. There are also a dozen more artists who create jewelry, chain maille, clay figures, woodblock prints and more.

Many individuals with disabilities live at or below the poverty level and the launch of Indigo Wings coincided with the 25th anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act for that very reason. Progress has been made, but employment is still far behind the national average. According to U.S. Department of Labor statistics, 80% of people with disabilities want to work, but less than 18% are employed. At Indigo Wings, they hope to begin to change that.



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The Adopt Ice Partnership was created when the Madison Parks Department felt it no longer had the resources to maintain the neighborhood ice rinks. So several ice rinks, including the rink at Olbrich Park (west of Olbrich Gradens), would no longer exist unless neighborhood volunteers stepped up to participate in the program.

The first Adopt Ice volunteer rink was the Westmorland rink and the Olbrich rink followed shortly after. That was approximately six years ago. Currently, the Olbrich ice rink group consists of approximately 12 volunteers and an “ice captain”, Patricia Blair, who coordinates a weekly schedule through email. This involves three nights per week of shoveling and spraying fresh layers of water on the rink at 9 pm in the evening.

Initial start-up of the rink takes over 100 layers of water and at the start of the season the group is out 5-10 days straight in 2 hour shifts working to get a base down.

Pat reports, “Although it’s cold and sometimes hard work, it’s very rewarding when you see the rink being used by skaters of

all ages and hear how much people appreciate the work we do.” The group is always looking for more volunteers. If you’re interested in helping to keep the Olbrich Ice rink available for the neighborhood, sign up by contacting Pat at Blair Landscape Inc., 608-255-1920, or call the Madison Parks Dept.



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ECA 2015-16 Calendar of Events

Tuesday, February 9, 2016 ECA meeting*

Tuesday, March 8, 2016 ECA meeting*

Tuesday, April 12, 2016 ECA meeting*

Monday, April 11, 2016 Deadline for:

Submissions for the May 2016, "*Hi, Neighbor!*"

Monday, May 2, 2016, the May "*Hi, Neighbor!*" scheduled to be delivered to Block Captains by Distributors

*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 Drive. 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.

Eastmorland by the Numbers

The Eastmorland community is considered the 719 acres between Hwy 51 and Atwood Ave. and Cottage Grove Rd. to Highway 30. Within those borders live roughly 3,200 people - of which about 750 are age 17 and under.

The residents are overwhelmingly white (90%) and live in 1,650 households - almost exactly two persons per household. The average value of a house in the community in 2014 was \$190,000, somewhat less than the city average of \$240,000.

It is interesting to note that although average house prices are 20% lower than the city average, household income is almost 50% higher with a median income of \$77,682. While most households have a decent income, about 10% of the families in our community are in poverty, that is, an income for a family of two of less than \$16,000 or \$20,100 for a family of three.

Crime in Eastmorland is well below city averages. In 2014, there were only two crimes against persons (such as an assault, rape, etc.) in our area, while in the city as a whole, there were 1,767 such crimes. Similarly, there were only 12 reported crimes against property (primarily burglary) while in the entire city there were 9,583 such crimes. There were six reported car crashes as opposed to 10,900 in the city.

This data indicates a community that is safe and affordable for individuals and families and one that will likely grow in the years to come.

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Kids' Soccer at Eastmorland Park

At ECA's November meeting, Ed brought up kids' soccer in Eastmorland Park again. Ed said that he and Mike (neighbors across the street at park entrance on Buckingham) think that having soccer practice and soccer games played on the field of the park will probably send our unwanted 'squatters' away from the park. Ed had talked to families who bring their children to that park and they are very nervous of the homeless who inhabit that park.

Both Ed and Mike have said that not many families use the great park because of the alcohol drinking (in spite of the ban) and some of the homeless being 'very territorial'. Also, a coyote has been seen quite a few times hunting there. (And there is one at OB Sherry Park also.) People coming in for soccer will bring other children and enjoy the park. Those present at the November meeting moved to have soccer in 2016 on a year trial. Then we tabled this until we found out more about it.

Dan Glassman came to the January meeting and had invited Luke Milligan, who is the manager of the Capital Eastside Soccer Club, to come to that meeting also. He did show up a bit late, but said that he would come back to the February ECA meeting to answer questions and concerns some folks may have. He did say that the home teams would be kids from this neighborhood and that the team would have a home game every other Saturday, with practice sometime during the week. So, please come to the next ECA meeting and find out about this possibility. We will be voting.

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Pinney Branch Library Events

Pinney Library Events, February – March 2016
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Pinney Adult Book Group

Tuesday, February 23 at 7:00pm: And the Mountains Echoed by Khaled Hosseini

Tuesday, March 22 at 7:00pm: Half Broke Horses by Jeanette Wells

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

First Friday Flicks

Sicario (R) Fri, February 5 at 6:15pm

The Martian (PG-13) Fri, March 4 at 6:15pm

Friends of Pinney Library Spring Book Sale *(more info page 15)*

Thursday, February 11 5:00pm – Members only presale (You may sign up for membership at the door)

Friday, February 12 from 9:00am to 8:30pm

Saturday, February 13 from 9:00am to 4:30pm

Sunday, February 14 from 1:00pm to 4:00pm (Bag sale)

AARP Tax Assistance

Tuesdays at 1:00pm starting February 2 and running through April 12.

By appointment only. Free assistance from AARP volunteers to help you fill out and file your Wisconsin and Federal personal income taxes. Call 224-7100 to reserve a half-hour appointment. Reservations open on Jan. 2, 2016. Availability is limited. Please note that preparers cannot assist with preparing

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Family Fitness with Venus Washington

Saturdays in January and Fridays in February 9:30am-10:15am
Join personal trainer, Venus, as she leads parents and their children in easy dance moves, strengthening work that incorporates animal movements, partner exercises, and relaxation breathing work. It is a complete family fitness workout.

Start Writing Your Family History

Wednesdays at 4:00pm from January 6 through February 3.
Registration required.

The single most important thing you can do for your family may be the simplest of all: tell the story. In this 5 week workshop for beginning writers we explore how to write and share stories that reveal your family's formative experiences, values, and life lessons. Anyone age 14 to 114 is welcome to participate. Attendees should bring paper and pen/pencils for in-class exercises. Participants should commit to attending all sessions.

Upcycled T-Shirt Workshop

Saturday, January 23 at 10:00am. Registration begins January 9.

Give old t-shirts a new life at this Upcycled T-Shirts workshop. We'll have sewing machines and patterns for you to create a dog chew toy, a catnip cat toy, or an over the shoulder bookbag. Some t-shirts provided, bring along yours if you prefer a specific color or pattern.

Kids in the Kitchen with Kids Chef Lily Kilfoy

Thursday, January 28, 4:30-5:30 pm. Registration begins January 14.

Lily gets kids in the kitchen at a young age and introduces them to healthy foods through delectable dishes and themes, all while having a hands-on fun time. (Japanese Bento boxes, Vegetarian)

Mark Twain

Thursday, February 4th at 7:00pm

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of a personal nature, and enlightening information gleaned from his travels and his studies of the human condition.

Paper Bag Pets w/Bird Ross

Saturday, February 20th at 10:00am. Registration required. Join artist Bird Ross for this workshop and imagine, create, and take home your very own pet! You imagine it and we'll help you concoct it! We'll be using brown paper bags and various other crafting materials to create your creature. No previous pet-owning experience necessary! For all ages. A Bubbler Jr program. Registration begins Feb 6th.

Toddlers in Motion with Miss Cindy

Wednesday, March 23rd at 9:30 and 10:30
Help young children stay active with music, dance, interactive free play, parachute play and snacks. Be ready to rock 'n' roll!

Book Baby

Tuesdays starting in February at 11:15am. For babies ages 0-15 months.

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

Toddler Time

Tuesdays starting in February at 10:15am
Enjoy stories, songs and rhymes. One adult per child is recommended. Registration is on a first come first served basis. Pick up a nametag before storytime.

Preschool Storytime

Wednesdays in February at 9:30am and 10:30am

Chess Club

Third Thursdays at 4:00pm
Play against other children with varied levels of experience. For children in grades K-12. Free play in the children's area. Children under 7 must be accompanied by an adult.

Humanitarian Knitting

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

LEGO Club

First Mondays at 3:30pm
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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>

Pinney February Book Sale and BAKE SALE

What better way to lift winter doldrums and cure cabin fever than to curl up with a good book and fresh home-baked goodies!

An array of items, baked by Pinney Library Friends and including gluten-free selections as well as some dog treats, will be available for purchase Thursday, February 11, 3 – 6 pm, Friday, Feb. 12, 10 am – 6 pm, Saturday, Feb. 13, 10 am – 2 pm.

The Book Sale offers a wide and varied assortment of good books, CDs, DVDs and other specialty items at low prices. Also, a colorful array of children's books, lots and lots of good current fiction and unusual collections of medical and health books in addition. Book Sale runs Feb. 11 – Feb. 14 (with a bag sale on Sunday.)

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EMMCA Loan Closet

EMMCA operates a loan closet with items such as: walkers, raised toilet seats. Loan Closet items are available to seniors for a Donation. Call EMMCA at 223-3100 to ask if the Item you need is available. Currently they would welcome in-kind donations of these items: wheelchairs, tub transfer benches

Quick Cranberry Cake

3 eggs 2 cups sugar $\frac{3}{4}$ cup unsalted butter, slightly softened and cut in chunks 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ teas. Vanilla 1 teas. salt 2 Tablespoons whole milk 2 cups flour 12 oz. fresh whole cranberries (2 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups)

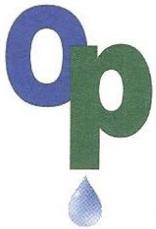
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease a 9"X13" pan.

In a large bowl, beat eggs and sugar for 5-7 minutes, until eggs have increased in volume and stream into ribbons when you lift the beaters. Add butter and vanilla and beat until incorporated, about 2 minutes. Beat in milk and salt.

Stir in flour, then fold in cranberries. Scrape batter into prepared pan.

Bake for approximately an hour, until a tester comes out clean (but there might be cranberryjuices on it).

Cool on a wire rack. If using springform, run a knife around the cake and then unmold.



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Kathy's Komments — from page 3

Also discussed at the end of our last ECA meeting – believe it or not – spring is coming and we need folks to help do a spring cleaning (after the snow) in our parks. Anyone interested, please call me and leave your phone number and when we have an April date or dates, I will let you know. Or you could email me also at:

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Also, we are still a lock captain short on Rockwell!

I hope that your new year goes well. Stay healthy!

— Kathy

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Greetings from Pinney Library!

We are excited to move forward with plans for a new Pinney Library. Thanks to strong neighborhood support, we were successful in our efforts to secure funding in 2016 to purchase and launch the design of a 20,000 square foot library space at Royster Corners. We will purchase a "grey box" from Ruedebusch Development, so our process will be focused on designing and building the interior space of the library. Over the next couple months, we will be working to hire a design firm and get started with the fun of dreaming up a new library for our neighborhood.

Sarah Lawton
Pinney Library

We're starting the design process with a lot of great information about our community. In 2015, we used a community conversation tool that we call Tell Us or Cuéntenos to learn a little more about our community. The conversations consisted of a series of five questions and the information that was captured from 27 small group meetings has helped us to get to know more about the concerns, values and needs of a diverse cross section of our service area. Our intention was to hear from many people who do not currently use the library and might not otherwise be involved in the planning process. Themes emerged from these initial conversations, and we see the values that they invoke as a starting point for the new library.

Once the designer is hired, we will go through a full public process, holding a series of open community meetings at Pinney, soliciting input online and organizing meetings in partnership with community groups. These meetings, planned for summer and fall of 2016, will give participants the opportunity to share their ideas and priorities for the new library. We're excited for a design process that includes a lot of community input. Please sign up online at <http://www.madisonpubliclibrarya/pinney> to receive email updates on the building project and the design process. Our hope is to complete the design process in 2016 and begin building out the library's space in 2017.

Between now and then, we have lots of exciting events and activities happening at Pinney. You may notice increased traffic in the library on Tuesday afternoons, as library patrons take advantage of our tax assistance program, a partnership with AARP to provide tax help to people of all ages. We're also gearing up for great film programming over the next few months. Get ready for the Oscars by experiencing award nominated films on the big screen at Pinney in February and March. Wisconsin Film Festival Sneak Peeks kick off

in March and this year's Pinney Mini Film Festival is scheduled for Friday, April 1st. Pinney Librarian Jaime Vache and Library Assistant Steve Winnicki are expanding on our collaboration with the Wisconsin Film Festival to bring free film programs to Pinney and other libraries around Dane County.

We are thrilled for Pinney Youth Services Librarian Lesley Kircher, who has accepted a new position at the Goodman South Madison Library. While we are sad to see her leave Pinney, we are excited to welcome a new children's librarian who will build on Lesley's wonderful work with young Pinney patrons. Our youth services programming will be a bit limited for the next few months as we go through this transitional period. Please check in at the information desk if you have any questions about youth programs or services.

If you haven't noticed our brand new Bestsellers collection, check it out! This collection of popular titles is reserved for Pinney patrons. It's an opportunity to stumble upon a book that might have a long waiting list. We are thrilled to share these popular books as well as the librarian-curated titles available in our Too Good to Miss collection.

I also wanted to take a moment to thank the Friends of Pinney Library. This independent neighborhood organization provides support to Pinney Library programs, services and staff. They have been instrumental in funding new collections from best-sellers to blu-rays, awesome programs from early literacy to feature films, and supporting important initiatives like Pinney Library's participation in the City of Madison's Wanda Fullmore Teen Internship Program. If you'd like to get involved with the Friends of Pinney Library, stop by their 2nd Annu-

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All Cooped Up

By Tim & Candy Phelps



Some of the bigger decisions for any future urban chicken farmer revolve around the coop. Do you buy one or build one? How big does it need to be? Where will you situate it in your yard? Having a properly set up chicken coop will not only help ensure happy, healthy chickens, but it will also make your life easier if you plan ahead.

The Coop

The chicken coop needs to be placed no closer than 25 feet from neighboring residences, according to www.madcitychickens.com.

A chicken coop can be as small as a dog house or as big as a pole barn, depending on how big your flock is. Of course for Madison residents, your coop only needs to be large enough to

house 4 hens (the city's legal limit). A general rule of thumb is to figure 4 square feet of space per bird for the coop.

We like to refer to our chicken coop as a luxury condo because it is about the same size as a studio apartment Candy lived in for 3 years in Chicago.

Tim built our chicken coop based on a basic plan we found on the internet. Then we added our own stylistic flair by adding a curved roof line and a few other fun embellishments. Admittedly, we spent more money than we thought we would by doing it ourselves, but we did purchase some of the windows and other used materials at the Re-Store in Madison to curb cost.

You should budget at least a few hundred dollars to buy or build a basic coop. And you could spend up to \$1000 if you really want to go crazy. It's a good idea to look on Craigslist before doing either because it's not uncommon for people to be giving away coops or selling them on the cheap just to get them out of their yards.

The inside of the coop should be large enough to accommodate the food and water and spaces to sleep and lay eggs.

Roosts

Your coop should include at least one roost inside and out. In the wild, chickens fly up into trees to sleep for the night for their safety, so the indoor roost is where the girls will sleep.

During the day, the chickens will hop up on the roosts just for something to do. A 2" dowel stick works well for the roost for easy gripping. We also have some actual tree branches in our pen that the girls like to hang out on.

Note that any platforms or wide surfaces inside the coop will get jumped on (and consequently pooped on), so it's best to eliminate as many surfaces as possible. You can also include a removable droppings tray for easy cleanup below the roost.

Nesting Boxes

Nesting boxes are where the chickens will lay their eggs. This is contrary to the popular assumption that they would sleep in the nesting boxes. They look very cozy, but that is not the case. We have four nesting boxes in our coop, but really one nesting box is fine for up to 4 chickens.

The nesting box should be at least 1 cubic foot. Nesting boxes should be off the ground at least a few inches, but lower than the lowest roosting pole. They should also be small, dark and

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out of the way as hens like to lay eggs in a safe place. Fill them with hay or woodchips for a nice soft bedding.

It's a good idea to build the nesting boxes so they stick out of the side of the coop with a latched door on the top. This will make it easier for you to collect eggs.

The Chicken Run or Pen

You'll definitely want to include a chicken run or chicken pen attached to the coop. This is a secure area usually covered with chicken wire or hardware cloth where the ladies will spend most of their time during the day. This area needs to be secure on the ground as well as on the sides and the top. We extended the chicken wire a foot or two underneath the pen on all sides to prevent critters from digging under the fencing. In addition, we surrounded the perimeter with large cobbles.

The pen should not contain grass or plants. Well, you can try to plant something green, but the chickens will mow it down within a week or two. So remove any sod in the building area before fencing it off or starting construction.

In general, it's important to provide enough insulation and ventilation for the coop to stay warm but also get good airflow. And of course, it's very important that the coop is cleaned regularly to make sure the chickens stay healthy (and so your neighbors don't hate you).

There's a lot more to chicken coops, so do your own research before making any big decisions.

For questions, feedback, or talking chicken, contact Tim and Candy at tim@sproutlandscape.com.

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You !

All of you volunteers did it again. What a wonderful weekend Eastmorland Community Association [ECA] had when all the cookie plates & Santa visits were another success. All of the generous volunteers baked, crafted, prepped plates or delivered 55 plates. Of course, Santa visited homes of registered children with his assistant, his driver elf. ECA would like to extend a sincere thank you to all of the following: Wayne Niebuhr, Tom Koch, Tom Theisen, Donna Schlimgen, Ruth Klumb, Karen Dillinger, Marla Shoop, Seth Shoop, Mandy Miloy, Amanda Beckler, Amelia Beckler, Matt Beckler, with Ann Roundy & Ashley Henning, Carrie Ezzell, Kathy Soukup, Pat Soukup, Sandra Houseman, Joey Houseman, Jan VanLysel, Ed Woolsey, Pam Showers, Bruce Hanson & Bernie Hanson. My husband didn't get the name of the one that made all those beautiful loaves of banana bread. If that sounds familiar to you, please call me. Someone also left a very nice cookie container without a name on for me to return. Call 244-8958 if you want it back.

— Bernie Hanson

Garage Sales????

If you're in Florida, south Texas or Phoenix, maybe you can go garage saling. Here in snow country we can only dream of them while we clean out our shelves & drawers. It is early enough to be discussing this but since this paper only comes out quarterly, we would like some input if you would be interested in taking part in a community sale sometime this summer. If you make an early call, you can have input as to a favored date. Let me know by Easter. Call 244-8958 if interested.

— Bernie Hanson

Questions and answers about Eastmorland greenway plantings

Linda Hagland-Lynch and some other neighbors were concerned about very early mowing of the new plantings before they had finished blooming in the Eastmorland greenway, so she sent the lead engineer for the project, Sally Swenson, an email on November 10th and the answer came on January 10th:

1. (Linda) in the future, will it be possible to delay the fall cutting of native planting in this area in order to promote more self-seeding of the native plants before winter?

(Sally) Yes, and the majority of the area should not have been mowed at all this year. That was an error on our part. I asked our crews to mow the ragweed right next to the concrete channel, but somewhere along the way, the message got confused and our operators thought they were to mow the entire detention basin.

2. (Linda) Is it possible for neighbor's to apply to treat the ash trees in this greenway/culvert area – if they are healthy – next May through the Adopt-a-park-tree program? Or has the Engineering Division considered having some of these trees treated?

(Sally) Yes, residents can adopt ash trees within green ways/storm water treatment areas. Carissa Wegner is the arborist on staff for the Engineering Division and she can help you through this. The tree will have to meet the specific criteria to be considered for adoption. And there is a \$50.00 evaluation fee. If Carissa determines that it meets the necessary criteria, then it can be adopted. Carissa is copied on this email. Her phone number is 261-9822.

3. (Linda) Will there be more extensive planting in this area next year, or has this part of the plans been completed?

(Sally) we do not have additional. Plans for planting. However, it's not uncommon for the city to partner with neighborhood associations on planting efforts if the neighborhood is willing to maintain the planting seeds. In scenarios such as this. The City typically supplies the plants and/or seeds.

(Sally) any further questions, feel free to contact me. Sally Swenson, City of Madison – Engineering Division, phone: 266-4862, email: sswenson@cityofmadison.com

(If any neighbors are interested in working on a further planting effort with the City in the Eastmorland greenway, please let me know. Kathy)

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Here's more information from the Friends About their upcoming Book & Bake Sale.

An array of items, baked by Pinney Library Friends and including gluten-free selections as well as some dog treats, will be available for purchase on Thursday, February 11, 3-6pm, Friday, February 12, 10am-6pm and Saturday, February 13, 10am – 2pm. Just in time to buy Valentine gifts for your special someone!

The Book Sale also offers very special treats: a wide and varied assortment of good books, CDs, DVDs and other specialty items at very low prices. This February sale has a colorful array of children's books, lots and lots of good current fiction and unusual collections of medical and health books in addition to the usual fair.

Hours for the Book Sale:

- Thursday, February 11, NOON – 8:30*
- Friday, February 12, 9am – 8:30pm□
- Saturday, February 13, 9am – 4:30pm
- Sunday, February 14, 1 – 4pm

(BAG SALE – Buy a bag of books for \$5)

**The hours on Thursday have been extended for all Pinney Friends Members to shop—join at the door!*

See you at Pinney!

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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