

Hi, Neighbor!

A Quarterly Newsletter for the Eastmorland Community Association Fourth Quarter 2017

ECA Save the Park Ash Trees Fund

Eastmorland in 2015 insured that the 33 Park Ash Trees that we adopted were treated by Tree Health Management. At that time: in Olbrich Park, 22 park Ash trees were treated for eab (Emerald ash borers); in O.B. Sherry Park: six large park Ash trees were treated; in Eastmorland park; four park Ash trees were treated; and in Ontario Park, one park Ash tree was treated.

At this point, we have \$3,707.26 in our ECA Save Our Park Ash Trees Fund. I talked to Tree Health Management today and asked for an estimate for 2018 – if all of our park Ash trees are healthy, which cannot be determined until after they are all leafed out in the late spring of 2018 – will cost approximately \$6,000.00.

At this time, we would like to thank the following neighbors for their 2017 donations: Brian and Joanna Wagner, Jennifer Hammill, Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Pingry, Gail Holmes, Kathy Soukup,

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Goodby, Neighbor?

By Patrick Soukup

Now is the time for someone or some bodies to step up to the plate and take on the responsibility of producing Eastmorland's quarterly "Hi, Neighbor!" newsletter. This has been mentioned in the past but, there were no signs of interest.



As the production manager of the newsletter, I gave my official notice to the board of directors that were present at the September Eastmorland Community Association's meeting to the effect that the November 2017 "Hi, Neighbor" would be the last issue I would produce.

The production of the newsletter can be broken down into five parts which would make it easier than having one person do all the work. Five people coming forward can save the paper. So far two have indicated they would help.

I've worked on the paper since 2003 and watched it grow to 20-pages with a circulation of 2200 which will certainly increase in the years to come especially when the Royster-Clark property is developed.

It is important to remember that this newsletter serves our community. I am confident that five good people working together can keep the ball rolling and more than likely improve the paper's stature. Please, seriously consider this opportunity. If you enjoy living in Eastmorland you will enjoy working on the newsletter. (See page 3 for more)

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Community Invited to Learn about New Pinney Library

[*Madison, WI*— Members of the public are invited to learn more about the new Pinney Library at this upcoming event.

A meeting, set for **Thursday, November 9th from 6:30 -8pm, at Pinney Library, 204 Cottage Grove Road.** It will feature OPN Architects and city and library planning staff displaying preliminary floor plan concepts to share with the public for feedback.

The future Pinney Library location will be located in the Ruedebusch Development & Construction's (RDC) "Royster Corners" mixed use development located at the intersection of Cottage Grove Road and Dempsey Road in a 20,000 square foot space. Pre-design work began in summer 2017, followed by the design phase commencing in fall/winter 2017. Pinney Library construction is anticipated to commence late summer 2018, and the new library is expected to open in 2019.

Those interested in learning more about the Pinney Library project can visit the following sites, or sign up for project updates at [madisonpubliclibrary.org/pinney](https://www.madisonpubliclibrary.org/pinney)

City of Madison Engineering Project Page
<https://www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/projects/pinney-branch-library>

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<http://mplfoundation.org/pinney>

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Kathy's Komments



A light had been burned out in Eastmorland Park for the last six years. Neighbors have requested the light be replaced from proper channels; but which entity was responsible for replacing it was in question. Consequently, the light remained out.

We invited two members of the East Madison Police District to our September ECA meeting for a presentation about Safety. Captain Snyder And Crime Prevention Officer Emily Samson shared many thing with us, including the importance of a well-lit neighborhood.

One neighbor brought up the unlit overhead light in Eastmorland Park near the back entrance to Woodman's parking lot. Captain Snyder wrote down the information and said that he would handle it. Three days later, that overhead light was burning brightly. Thanks to Captain Snyder!

Officer Samson reported that heroin addiction drives other kinds of crime, such as theft from vehicles, businesses, offices and residential burglaries looking for money to get more heroin. Unlocked vehicles and houses/garages are often targeted.

Officer Samson said, "Lock it, lock it, lock it!" She also talked about a Ring Video Doorbell, and illustrated it when her smart phone rang and a pic of two girls came up who were on her front porch. (I think that they were hers.) Can be seen online at www.ring.com. There was a promo code with a special offer for Madison, WI: get \$25 off at Ring.com using: promo code: 6keepmadisonsafe

Officer Samson will be back to tell us more about safety in our neighborhood at our ECA January 9, 2018 regular meeting. Officer Samson has a safety program, reminiscent of the Neighborhood Watch program of years ago – but better. Some Madison neighborhoods have put the "Good Neighbor Project" in place. So, mark your calendar for Jan. 9th and come to the ECA meeting and join us in working toward a better safer neighborhood, improving neighbor communications and safety in ECA.

At the October ECA meeting we met two neighbors-to-be who have bought a lot and plan to build a home in Royster Corners: Deesa and Richard. Welcome!

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Kathy's Komments — *Continued from page 2*

Winter is coming and if any neighbors are able and willing to help their neighbors who are less able to shovel snow, please call me at 244-8965 and leave a message: name, address and phone.

I am also looking forward to calls from neighbors in need of raking, which is coming up on November 11. We also need rakers, armed with rake, gloves, and possibly a tarp, to help.

Be sure to read David Ahrens' article regarding the new construction coming to the building currently housing Pinney Library and the former Re-Store. Have you heard that there are 20,000 homeless in Madison, including children.

Patrick and I went to the Whitehorse Middle School LLMC and with twelve interested neighbors and our alder, checked out what the replacement restroom will look like by the ball diamond. Well, it will look very much as the new building over at LENA Lake Edge Neighborhood Association has in their park of Dempsey. The folks present for our meeting decided that they liked reddish trim also. Our new park shelter will have a new picnic tables and be available for rental from Parks.

Patrick and I went to Pinney Library on October 16th to check out floor design possibilities. Look for Sarah Lawton's article on page 1 with more information.

ECA 2017 Calendar of Events

Tuesday, November 14, 2017 ECA meeting*

Tuesday, December 2017 (No Meeting)

Tuesday, January 9, 2018 ECA meeting*

Tuesday, January 10, 2018 is the deadline for:

News and Advertising to be placed in the February 2018, *Hi, Neighbor!*

Tuesday, February 13, 2018 ECA meeting*

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

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

We look forward to seeing you there.

IS THIS THE LAST *HI NEIGHBOR?*

Our Editor-in-Chief of many years, Patrick Soukup, is retiring. This is his last issue.

He has worn many hats: Managing editor, advertising manager, copy editor, proofreader, compositor.

Do we want our "Hi Neighbor" to continue?

HELP! — We need people for the following positions:

Production Manager: Responsible for the production of Eastmorland's quarterly "Hi Neighbor" newsletter by making sure the editing, advertising, composition, and distribution are being completed on time resulting in a quality product.

Editing: Receives email copy, proof reads, makes corrections, and convert text to newsletter's type face and size and send it to the compositor.

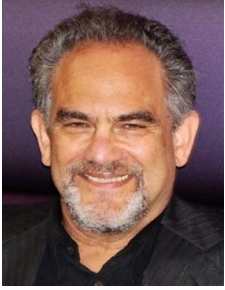
Compositor: Assemble pages combined with copy and ads. Sends completed page proofs to editing for final check and approval. Mails pages to printer.

Distribution: Responsible for maintaining delivery sheets that show which block captain receives the newsletter and the proper quantity. Receive printed copies from the printer, count out quantities for the block captains to be delivered to ECA residents, deliver block captains papers to ECA's five neighbor distributors who will see to it that each block captain receives their packet.

Advertising: Selling ads to advertisers and making contact with current advertisers for renewals. Making sure that the compositor receives the copy for new ads and for existing ad copy changes.

If you are willing to participate in defining and working to produce the next ECA newsletter, please attend the meeting at Pinney Library's Community Room 6:15 p.m., December 14, 2017 — Call 244-8965 RSVP

From Our Alder



David Ahrens
15th District

“The Grove” Apartment Complex: The recently adopted neighborhood plan for the corners of Cottage Grove Rd. and Atwood and Acewood described the need for more housing with greater density. These major intersections are ideal for multi-family housing because they are on bus lines, they are along major traffic routes that would support stores and most important, use the available land which is now vacant. Our neighborhoods which are comprised almost entirely of single-family homes would remain, as it is with all of the denser development at Cottage Grove intersections including Royster Corners.

The decrepit and soon-empty site of the ReStore and Pinney Library may be revived with the proposed building of 129 apartments. The builders hope to make the homes more affordable than most rentals in the area. Most rentals would be allocat-

ed and charged based on the applicant’s income and the number of bedrooms.

For example, a family of three (parent and two kids) who has an income of \$38,000 could rent a two-bedroom apartment for \$958/month. For two people who have an income of \$21,000 or less, they would pay \$480 for a one-bedroom unit. A number of the units will be “market-rate” and as such, the same one-bedroom unit would cost about \$1,100/month.

Most of the parking will be underground and there should be no need for on-street parking. There will also be plenty of green space between the homes and the homes on Johns St.

Many of the details of the project will be presented and discussed with the community at the meeting held on Oct. 26th and in future meetings both at the community level and in city committees such as the Plan Commission.

City Budget: The Mayor has proposed an increase of 2.7% in the tax rate. The actual budget increase however is 5% — one of the largest increases in many years. This increase is supported by the big increases in property assessments we received a few months ago.

Some of the biggest increases in spending include the continued operating subsidy of Monona Terrace, which will top \$5.4 million this year. This is in addition to the increase in the Visitor’s Bureau from \$3.2 million (2016) to \$4.2 million. These tax dollars are a subsidy for a small number of businesses that are heavily dependent on the tourism industry. No other city program has had increases anywhere close to this level.

A new addition to the city’s subsidy of private businesses is the Mayor’s proposal for a Public Market. The initial budget was for a city investment of \$4 million. The new estimate is for \$7 million. I predict that by next year the actual city expenditure will exceed \$10 million for development and construction.

In addition, the market will require on-going subsidies for years to come. These funds will compete with private businesses.

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

Our Alder — from previous page

They are also needed for vital city services such as: public safety, roads, sewer, etc. Basic services will increase 1% (such as the police) for wage increases. This is despite a city that is growing in population and size with water, sewer and roads that need replacement — not repair.

Finally, I want to recognize Patrick Soukup for his years of work in editing “Hi Neighbor”. This publication would not have been possible without his stewardship of every aspect of the newsletter — including writing most of the articles.

Thanks, Pat!

If you have any questions or concerns on city policies or services, please feel free to call me at 334-1156 or write to district15@cityofmadison.com.

Meetings Calendar

Nov. 9 (Thurs.) Pinney Library, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., (see p. 1)

Nov. 11 (Sat.) 9:00 a.m. – yard raking reminder; rakers meet at Whitman/Johnson house with your rake, gloves, and tarp (if you have one) (see p. 10 at bottom)

Nov. 14 (Tues.) ECA meeting at Lakeview Moravian Church; 7:00 p.m. (contact Pat Schneider with additions to the agenda), (see p. 2)

Dec. 9 (Sat.) Santa Cookie Plates go out from Bernie and Bruce’s house (see p. 13 for Bernie’s article)

Dec. 10 (Sun.) Santa visits – Please see p. 13, if you are interested - for Bernie’s article.

Dec. 12 (Tues.) Lakeview Moravian Church.

Dec. 14 (Thurs.) Pinney Library, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. If you are interested in the *Hi Neighbor* continuing and want to help (see p. 1 for Patrick’s note and p. 3 for an ad.)

Quarterly Quiz

Win \$25

Anyone who lives in the Eastmorland area is eligible to enter this contest.

Will Chapman won the last quiz, by accurately counting -- we don’t think it was merely an estimate -- all 32 playground swings in our neighborhood (4 swings at Sherry, 8 at Eastmorland, 6 at Olbrich, 4 at Ontario, and 10 at Schenk).

With winter coming, we’re starting to think about shoveling snow from our walks and driveways. But some of our neighbors will have a slightly easier time of it, bringing up this season’s question: Which residential street in Eastmorland has no city sidewalks?

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From Our County Supervisor



Jeff Pertl
District 17

2018 County Budget Proposed *Alternatives to incarceration, jail renovation among the biggest issues*

The 2018 Dane County Budget will grapple with numerous important issues, like supporting adults with disabilities in the transition to Family Care, cleaning up our lakes and streams, and funding our local transportation infrastructure.

However, the biggest debate will be around a \$75 million proposal to consol-

idate the three current jail sites into a reconstructed downtown location.

There has been significant public engagement around this issue. Some community and faith groups support this approach, while others oppose any reconstruction until there is a more significant reduction in racial disparities.

While the alternatives to incarceration work is moving forward and temporary safety measures were instituted in the jail, much more must be done on both fronts.

Expanding alternatives to incarceration: Over the last few years, Dane County leaders and community groups have found near universal agreement that addressing mental health, reducing racial disparities, and expanding alternatives to incarceration must be top priorities.

These efforts have included pre-trial assessments, a Community Restorative Court and other diversion courts (focusing on mental health, veterans, and substance abuse), decriminalizing certain offenses, bail reform, funding mental health services, as well as strategies to address homelessness (day shelter, ending veteran homelessness, and the affordable housing fund).

The proposed budget increases funding for community and school mental health teams, expands alternatives to incarceration, and includes initial planning around a crisis/restoration center to divert people with substance abuse or mental health issues from jail.

Addressing health and safety issues in the Jail: Additionally, there has been broad agreement among stakeholders that parts of the jail are dangerous, outdated, and inhumane, with signifi-

cant debate around on how and when to best address these challenges.

The proposed consolidated jail facility would be smaller, safer for inmates and staff, more cost effective to operate, and improve health care services. Key highlights include:

Fewer inmates: Expanded alternatives to incarceration mean the consolidated facility will have 91 fewer beds, even as Dane County's population grows.

Eliminates solitary confinement: New state-of-the-art special needs beds will end the inhumane practice of solitary confinement and better address mental health issues.

Separate space for youth: Reconfigured jail space would separate impressionable youth from the general population, complying with federal requirements.

Reduced suicide risk; safety enhancements: Improved lines of sight, modern layouts and eliminating the old Alcatraz-style jail bars will greatly reduce the dangers of suicide.

More recreational and programming space: More job training, educational and recreational space will help provide people the skills to succeed.

Reduced operation costs: The reconstructed facility will cost \$16.5 million less to operate than it would to make the current facilities compliant with federal law.

No impact on other services: The debt service (which is like a mortgage) for the jail reconstruction would be part of the capital budget, which cannot be used for operations or programming (i.e. diversion efforts and alternatives to incarceration).

I strongly agree we need more alternatives to incarceration and to better use the diversions currently available. However, I also have seen the dangers and inhumanities of our 1950s Alcatraz-style jail, which cannot continue.

Honestly, it is difficult to reconcile an expensive reconstruction project in the face of such staggering racial disparities, which is why this has faced so much scrutiny and revision. However, a comprehensive approach emphasizing alternatives to incarceration may be the best way to make progress and keep people safe.

Please reach out with your thoughts and perspective, especially regarding the jail proposal. You can email me at pertl.jeff@countyofdane.com



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Pat's Pointers



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While fall is the time we pull up annuals and cut back certain perennials, winter season is the best time to prune trees and shrubs that don't bloom on old wood. By old wood, we mean plants that set buds on current wood, such as Lilac and Forsythia. These are best pruned right after they flower in spring, late spring.

Winter pruning is healthier for your plants because they are dormant and no sap is flowing, so less opportunity to stress the plant and it has time to recover before budding out. Another huge advantage is the ability to see the branching clearly without the leaves. This allows for easier access with pruning tools and the chance to assess the plant structurally and less cleanup.

Whenever pruning, remember to clean your pruning tools with alcohol to avoid spreading disease. Also use the proper tool for the size of branch. Smaller index finger size branches can be cut with loppers and branches larger than that should be removed with a pruning saw. To prevent tearing the bark, make sure your tools are in good shape and you sharpen them frequently. So evaluate your trees and shrubs this fall, then pick a nice sunny day this winter and spend some time outside with your trees and shrubs making them look great. You'll be happy you did

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From Our State Representative



Melissa Sargent
48th State Assembly

I spent a large portion of September, which was National Suicide Prevention Month, working to bring awareness to suicide and finding ways we can eliminate the stigma surrounding suicide and mental health in Wisconsin. The simple fact is that each and every one of us either has been affected ourselves or knows someone who has been affected by a suicide loss or has lived-experience with a mental health condition. It's also the case that we often don't talk about suicide, and we often don't know how to get help when we need it.

To this end, I introduced a brand new piece of legislation to create the Firearm Self-Exclusion

Program in Wisconsin. The program, which is modeled after decades-old self-exclusion programs targeting gambling, would require the De-

partment of Justice to create and maintain a list of persons who want to voluntarily exclude themselves from being able to purchase a handgun in Wisconsin. Firearm-involved suicides comprise nearly half of the suicides that occur in Wisconsin annually, and make up nearly two-thirds of all gun deaths nationally. But what's most important about this legislation is that this legislation doesn't take away anyone's guns, and it doesn't put on the self-exclusion list involuntarily—it's all about self-selection and giving people the opportunity to take proactive steps to ensure their own safety. It's a simple solution that will save lives.

Suicide is such a highly stigmatized subject in our society, and the Firearm Self-Exclusion Program is a proactive, preventative measure intended to not just raise awareness, but to make it socially acceptable for people to take action to be safe when they're in crisis. So, this National Suicide Prevention Month, I hope you will join me in reducing mental health and suicide stigma by normalizing conversations about suicide, and by raising awareness for suicide prevention in Wisconsin.

The Grove Apartments Meeting October 26, 2017

By Kathy

Around sixty of us were at the meeting. Many were from ECA, some from LENA, and a few from Heritage Heights. David Ahrens introduced the presentation - MSP is the name of their company and they have been around since 1989. They have had quite a bit of experience in developing similar projects to what they propose to do at The Grove, according to the slides of places they have done in Waukesha and Middleton, to name a couple.

Overview: there will be two buildings able to house 126 folks in affordable housing—some at 30%, or 50%, or market rate: the building closest to Cottage Grove Rd. will be 5-stories high and will have commercial on the first floor, possibly consisting of: a coffee shop, a day care center, a salon. (These were a few examples of what we might find in the commercial spaces.) The second building will be filling the whole space that Pinney is in now, including the former Re-Store part and the area that was used for storage near Johns St. This second building is 4-stories high on the front side facing Cottage Grove Rd. and the back of that building would have come down to 3-stories high and face the homes on Johns Street. We saw the rendered drawings of the finished project-to-be. There would be underground parking that stretches from the back end of the building (toward the outer edge of the cul-de-sac of Busse Street) and goes under the parking lot and under both buildings. The parking was said to have 102 underground. There would be on-site parking also. Based on our neighborhood income levels, 36% of our neighbors would qualify to live in the Grove apartments. (See page 4 for more info)

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News from Our Schools Schenk Elementary



Viewed above is the newly designed drainage ditch on the north side of Milwaukee Street, after all of the weeds, scrubs, mud and sludge was cleaned (after years of accumulation from the big pipe that runs under Milwaukee Street) so the water from the Eastmorland Park area could drain better.

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

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

When you sign up, you have several options:

1. Individual emails sent to your inbox,
2. A daily digest of emails, or
3. Simply access the Eastmorland Yahoo groups website:
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/eastmorland/>

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Or send an email to

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You will receive an email response with instructions on how to subscribe.

Schenk Elementary School is under new leadership this year. Sue Abplanalp is the new principal at Schenk, coming to Schenk from Allis. Also new for Schenk this year is technology. Students will have one-to-one or one-to-two Chromebooks to use at school.

The Schenk PTO is continuing its activities this year. All families are automatically members of the PTO and there is no membership fee. Money raised by the PTO supports free activities for Schenk children and families. Please consider supporting Schenk PTO through the following activities:

1. Bucky Books The Schenk PTO is selling Bucky Books this year. Each book costs \$35 with \$15 going to Schenk Elementary. Coupons include restaurants, grocery stores and lots of other stores and activities. If you would like to buy a Bucky Book to support Schenk, please email schenkpto@gmail.com and we will deliver one to you.

2. Box Tops Schenk collects General Mills Boxtops for Education. (We receive 10 cents for each one!) Even if you don't have a child at the school, please send us your box tops. They can be dropped off at school, sent to the Schenk PTO at Schenk Elementary, or send an email to schenkpto@gmail.com and we can arrange to have them picked up.

3. Coffee We are proud to continue our partnership with Just Coffee. Orders are due every other month. If you are interested in ordering coffee, email the PTO at schenkpto@gmail.com.

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— Heather Daniels, Schenk PTO

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From Our County Executive



Joe Parisi

Dane County Executive

As we kick off the start to a new school year, Dane County is stepping up and increasing our commitment to address mental health challenges and get help to those in need.

The Mental Health Crisis Teams program was created in my 2014 budget as my most significant policy initiative. The school-based teams help if a mental health crisis occurs and identify students struggling with mental illness before it becomes a crisis. Our teams were able to

serve 75 kids from 52 different Dane County schools during the second quarter of 2017.

After hearing from school districts, teachers, and parents on the success of the program, I increased this year's County investment in Mental Health Crisis Teams. This has allowed us to provide a team for all four Madison high school attendance areas, along with four new teams for Waunakee, Oregon, Mount Horeb, and Stoughton.

Due to these expansions, our teams will now work with 10 Dane County school districts and have established slots to serve at least 260 four-year-old kindergarten through eighth grade students and their families.

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

City of Madison Police Department Crime Prevention

www.madisonpolice.com

What can you do in your Neighborhood?

You and those that live in your neighborhood are the best people to know what goes on in your neighborhood! While police can show a presence, we are not familiar with which people, cars, and activities are common for your area. The more you are aware of the surroundings in your neighborhood, the more you can speak to what is out of place and why.

Citizen participation is a critical piece of the solution. Consider starting or revitalizing a Neighborhood Watch Program. Contact the Madison Police Department Crime Prevention Unit for more information.

Get to know your neighbors using the Nine House Model. Picture a tic-tac-toe board and your home is the free space in the middle.

Numbers 1, 2, 3 are homes behind yours, numbers 4 and 6 are your side yard neighbors, and numbers 7, 8, 9 are your neighbors across the street. By sharing and obtaining information within the Nine House Model, you have expanded the number of eyes and ears around your home by 8!

Consider sharing the following information:

- Names of adult residents (children or others if desired)
- Address
- Home Phone
- Cell Phone
- Work Phone
- Vehicle Description

Emergency Contact Information

By sharing this information, your neighbors have a better idea

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A Raking Reminder November 11

Please join us as we go around our neighborhood to rake yards for those of our neighbors who would like to rake, but are physically unable to because of health reasons. Come on over to the Whitman/Johnson house at 3701 Dennett Drive (the corner of Dennett and Ring Streets); 9:00 a.m., please, on 11/11.

Eastmorland Community Association (ECA) will provide beverages and light snacks at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday (or 1:00 p.m. on the rain date on Sunday at 1:00 p.m.) After raking, volunteer rakers and members of the households whose yards were raked are invited to a potluck at the Whitman/Johnson residence. The potluck will begin at approximately 11:30 a.m. on Saturday (or 3:30 p.m. on the rain date). Pizza and beverages will be provided. Please bring something to share, such as a salad, dessert, or other munchies. Kids are welcome to attend. Questions, please call: 244-8965 —Kathy.

of who belongs which will help them decide if there is someone at or around your home that doesn't belong.

Please remember, should you observe suspicious persons or behavior, call 9-1-1.

Residential Burglary and Theft from Autos

Residential burglary and theft from auto trends ebb and flow and can be attributed to different factors.

The following information is offered to help residents of the City of Madison prevent burglaries and thefts from autos and assist the Madison Police Department in apprehending those who commit these crimes.

If you have any questions referencing Crime Prevention or would like additional information concerning prevention strategies, contact Crime Prevention Coordinator Officer Rodney Wilson, by email at rwilson@cityofmadison.com or by phone at (608) 266-4238.

Types of Burglars

Most residential burglaries occur during the day. It would appear burglars are checking to see if people are home by ringing the doorbell and determining their next course of action based on that outcome. If no one answers, they may make entry into the residence on the side or rear of the home by breaking out a window or forcing the door. If someone does answer, they may ask for "Mary" and when told that no "Mary" lives there, they may say that they must have the wrong house.

Other burglars look for signs indicating that no one may be home; mail or newspapers stacked up, trash cans on the curb days after trash collection, or a dark house.

Some burglars aren't picky and may not care if you are home. We have seen some break-ins that occur in the middle of the night. Some people wake to the burglars who typically flee. Some people never know they have been burglarized until the next morning when they find property missing.

Other burglaries occur as a result of open garage doors. Burglars quickly rifle through a car for loose change, iPods, cell phones, purses, GPS's, CD's or laptops. They may even steal a car in some circumstances.

Please remember, should you observe suspicious persons or behavior, call 9-1-1.



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This Is What Happens When The Bees Disappear

Chances are, you've heard about bees disappearing. But you might not know just how bad things have gotten. More than half of the bee population is gone worldwide, and bees are now an endangered species in the US.

Why should you care about these stinging insects? Because unlike wasps or hornets, bees actually do a lot for you and your family — and it's not just about honey. Read below to learn how bees help put food on your table and keep the economy buzzing. Then you'll know why you should take action now to save bees.

Why You Need Bees: You know that disappearing bees is a problem, but why exactly? How do some missing bees affect you and your family?

Bees are one of the best pollinators in nature. This is how plants reproduce. About one-third of your food supply is pollinated by bees. When there aren't bees to do their job, these plants don't reproduce and can die out. Here are some of the plants that depend on bees to grow a new generation

Apples, Coffee, Watermelons, Peppers, Grapes, Almonds

If too many bees disappear, your family might not be able to eat these foods because they aren't available anymore.

But the problem is bigger than what's in our grocery stores. When these drops start to disappear, the cost of food goes up

thanks to its scarcity. Plus, bees pollinate around \$15 billion dollars worth of crops each year. Jobs will disappear along with the food.

Backyard Gardens For Bees & Your Family

Thankfully, there is an easy way your family can help protect bees: Build a garden. If there are more flowers for bees, they'll have more food to stay healthy and multiply. And by getting your kids involved, you can teach them about nature — and have some fun as a family.

USA Today recommends starting with a sunny area. Most flowering plants love sunlight, so this will help your garden (and the bees) thrive. If you don't have much space in your yard, you can always take your kids to the store and pick out a planter or window box.

What kind of flowers are best? National Geographic explains you want plants that are native to your area. Since this is what bees nearby will be used to, it increases the chances of them finding your family's garden. You also want to pick different colors, shapes, and ones that bloom at different times of the year.

Help Beyond A Garden

Your family garden will help bees begin to recover, but there are other ways your family can help. Here are a few:

Avoid pesticides: These poisons are a major reason why bees are dying off, so don't use them around your yard and home.

Buy organic: Since organic farmers don't use pesticides, you are making it financially viable to farm in a way that protects bees.

Buy local honey: Along the same lines, buying honey locally helps beekeepers in your area expand their bee population

Leave bees alone: Bees ignore you when you ignore them. Teach your kids to give bees plenty of space when they run into them outside.

Your Family Needs Bees *(See photo on website)*

Bees help your family by pollinating plants and providing jobs. As the bee population drops, you need to do something. Involve your whole family in building a bee-friendly garden. Not only will this be fun, you can help protect the foods you love by helping bees. — by Christy Erickson



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Shown above is an Eastmorland yard scene that is not only colorful (when viewed in color on our website), but also has a variety of items displayed that make it great!

Santa visits and cookie plates

Is it that time of the year already? Santa visits and cookie plates are being planned. We will be building plates on Saturday, December 9. If you're interested in this project, please have your cookies, candy, or small craft to the Hansons 244-8958 by 9 AM on Saturday, December 9. Delivery during the week is also fine. This is a great time to get involved if you haven't yet. You don't have to do it all — just what time you want to share. What we need are bakers, assemblers, and deliverers. When there is a lot of involvement, it becomes a good time by all. If you also know someone in the neighborhood that needs a little TLC, please contact us. Last year we fixed 55 plates and always seems to grow each year. Give a call and let us know if you want to be part of this activity. Santa will also be visiting children and grandchildren under the age of 10 on Sunday, December 10 after 5 PM. Please have your drapes closed and your porch light on so Santa can find you. All we ask of you is to register your child by Friday, December 8, at 244-8958 and have your membership current. Please do not submit children's name with the ECA renewal. You must call the number above to register them. If you don't remember if your membership is due, you most likely need to renew. This is also a good way to support your neighborhood. Membership forms are in this newsletter.

— Bernie Hanson

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Ash Trees — from front page

The Lynch family, Marcia Frye, Megan Costello, Dan Glassman, Cynthia Higgins, Jane and Matt Rains, Anonymous, Joan Frost, Lucy Moore, Doris Lehman, James Trumpy, Kathy Colwill and John Vertz, *Parthy Schachter and Aviv Kammy and Noah, *Randy Coloni and Ellie Rogers. (The asterisk indicates families who have donated enough to pay for re-treating a specific tree for the second time. These two big park ash trees are in O.B. Sherry Park.)

Many thanks also to the volunteers who gave 10 to 50 hours working for the plant sale or donated plants – or both. Parthy Schachter, Linda Hagland-Lynch, Rita Benesch, Madelon Wise, Bobbie Nowak, Carrie Ezzell, Isabel.

More thanks to people who handed out flyers – some did their newsletter route, others did certain streets when asked. Rita Benesch, Linda Hagland-Lynch, Randy Coloni, and Amanda Hammett.

If I have missed someone, I will let you all know with the next newsletter, plus about any new donors — Kathy & Linda



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(Hi! Neighbor article from our archives, First Quarter, 2005)

“The Good Neighbor: Be a Snow Shovel Hero!”

By Ann Clark

A cleared sidewalk with consistent traction is a critical lifeline to neighborhood walkers. The frail elderly who need safe sidewalks to get to the drugstore, the wheelchair-bound disabled person, the young mother pushing a stroller, the neighbor who takes the bus to work and our stalwart exercisers, all need your shoveling help! If just one person on their route doesn't shovel, the most vulnerable among us will be stuck at home – or in the hospital. Even the stronger walkers must worry constantly about falls, especially on an unshoveled walk, where you can't see the icy patches under the snow.

And walking is emerging as a crucial component to maintaining your health, along with playing a major role in maintaining a sense of community in our neighborhood. Walkers meet their neighbors (okay so maybe not so much in December!), provide “eyes on the street” for problems, and encounter others to swap rich life stories and discuss the issues of the day. They are also the life-blood of small neighborhood businesses. Worth encouraging? Have a heart! This year, please be a hero and clear that sidewalk promptly and carefully. Remember that carefully. Remember that careful shoveling down to the pavement after those first storms is necessary. And you can remove accumulated ice with salt substitute of an ice scrapers in plentiful supply at the hardware store. The city requires you to keep applying sand (Ideally) or salt to any sidewalk ice you cannot remove – there must be an abrasive surface. A single application after won't do it. Any remaining untreated patch of ice can cause a pedestrian to topple.

Need another nudge? Remember that the city requires that snow and ice be removed from your sidewalk before noon of the day following a storm. If you have a corner lot, you are also responsible for a broad path (remember those strollers and wheelchairs) down the ramp or curb.

And yes, Virginia, there IS a fine and steeper penalties and an expensive clearing by the city if you still don't shovel. Walkers needing to report unsafe sidewalks should call City Building Inspection at 266-4551 to protect fellow walkers.”

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Pinney Adult Book Group

Tuesday, Nov. 28th @ 7:00pm: *Hillbilly Elegy* by J.D. Vance
Tuesday, Dec. 19th @ 7:00pm: *Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk
Tuesday, Jan. 23rd @ 7:00pm: *The Mothers* by Brit Bennett
Stop by the library for a copy of next month's book.

Movie Screenings

Wonder Woman – Friday, Nov 6th at 6:30 pm
Cars 3 – Saturday, Nov 11th at 2:30 pm
Kedi - Friday, Dec 1st at 6:30 pm

How-to-Fest

Monday, Nov. 6th @ 7:00pm: Become (or Support) a New Citizen

Learn more about the process of naturalization and becoming a U.S. citizen, and how citizens can support others on this journey. Presenter Laurie S.Z. Greenberg works with Madison Path to Citizenship, a community organization created to help remove the barriers to U.S. citizenship.

Tuesday, Nov. 7th @ 7:00pm: Maximize Your Home's Energy Efficiency

Jonathan Beers, residential services manager at Madison Gas and Electric Company, will discuss common mistakes that can increase your utility bill; smart thermostats and appliances, and real-time home electricity monitors; incentives available from Focus on Energy; and

your questions about your home's energy use. First 25 attendees receive a FREE LED light bulb!

Sunday, Nov. 12th @ 1:30pm: Origami for All

Origami boxes and projects make great gifts for the holiday season

Beginner and intermediate crafters are welcome. Individual guidance will be provided while you choose from many origami designs and beautiful papers. All materials provided. Please bring a sharp scissors.

New Pinney Community Update

Thursday, Nov. 9th @ 6:30pm

Members of the public are invited to learn more about the new Pinney Library at a community meeting, set for Thursday, November 9th from 6:30-8pm, which will feature OPN Architects and city and library planning staff displaying preliminary floor plan concepts to share with the public for feedback.

The future Pinney Library location will be located in the Ruedebusch Development & Construction's (RDC) "Royster Corners" mixed use development located at the intersection of Cottage Grove Road and Dempsey Road in a 20,000 square foot space. Pre-design work began in summer 2017, followed by the design phase commencing in fall/winter 2017. Pinney Library construction is anticipated to begin late summer 2018, and the new library is expected to open in 2019.

Please find updates and information at:

<https://www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/projects/pinney-branch-library>

Drop-in Screenprinting

Wednesday, Nov. 15 @ 6:00pm

Makerpalooza: Drop-in screenprinting (A Bubbler Jr. Program)

Saturday, Nov. 18 @ 10:30am

Stop by for these drop-in workshops and create your own screenprint of an inclusive Libraries are for Everyone image, with text available in English, Spanish, or Arabic. Bring your own t-shirt/tote/material to print on, or create a print on paper. One print per person. All ages welcome, kids under 7 will need help from a grownup.

De-stress with Yoga

Thursday, Nov. 16th and Thursday, Dec 7th

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adults. Learn de-stress techniques to use throughout the upcoming busy season. Each participant should bring a yoga mat or towel. Wearing socks and comfortable clothing that allows for freedom of movement is recommended. Teens 13 and older are also welcome to register. No experience necessary. Please register starting on 11/2 for 11/16 or 11/22 for 12/7 for only one class (either November 16 or December 7).

Minecraft Club

Tuesday, Nov. 14th and Tuesday, December 5th @ 3:30pm

Grab your friends for multiplayer Minecraft fun at the library and connect to the library's private servers for a customized gameplay experience using MinecraftEDU. No account necessary. Bring your own computer or use one of ours. Ages 17 and under. Sign up for 30 minute turns based on attendance. Minecraft programming funded by a gift from the Irwin A. & Robert D. Goodman Foundation.

Spanish Storytime/Cuentos y Canciones en Español

Saturday, November 18th and Saturday, December 16th @ 10:30am

¡Acompáñenos para escuchar cuentos en español! Para niños de 3 a 6 años de edad.

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

Little Yoga

Wednesdays in December (6th, 13th, 20th and 27th) and Wed., January 3rd and 10th @ 10:00am

Please register for each class individually to ensure a spot. Drop-in spots available on a first come first served basis. Attendee must be between the ages of 2 Years and 6 Years old. Registration opens 12/3.

Preschool Art with Jovita

Mondays (4th, 11th, 18th) in December @10:00am

Join local artist Jovita Hogan to create art with projects exploring different media and techniques! Each week will feature a different project. Please register for each class individually. Registration opens 2 weeks before each class.

Chapters Teen Writing Group

Every Thursday at 6:00pm

Meets most Thursday evenings! Middle and high school stu-

dents can meet other aspiring authors, bounce ideas off one another, share your stories, and feel the creativity flow! Writing club will be led by local author Carole Madrzak and aspiring teen author Corey Pope.

Humanitarian Knitting

First Thursdays at 6:30 pm

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

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



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Eastmorland Community Association Narrative of presentation by Madison Police Minutes of Sept. 12, 2017 meeting

Madison Police Department East District Capt. Tom Snyder and Crime Prevention Officer Emily Samson reported on recent crime trends and prevention programs. Snyder reported that because of a rising number – ultimately a 75 percent increase Jan-Aug. -- of “shots fired” incidents in Madison overall, police instituted special operations. “We had to stop the bleeding,” Snyder said.

Some of the people involved had gang ties, but the incidents were not a “turf war,” he said. Many of those involved are from Madison, not other cities, he said. In the East District, there were 20 such operations in August, where Madison Police officers were joined by ATF agents, the U.S. Attorney, Probation and Parole agents, and officers from gang units and drug units. The operation contacted people hanging out at locations identified as at risk for gun incidents. “A lot” of arrests were made, some of people with outstanding warrants. Snyder called the effort successful, but said it is not sustainable because of the commitment of money and personnel required, he said.

Snyder does not believe the rise in gun violence is an “aberration.” “I’m worried this is the new reality,” he said. The police representatives said the department is doing community outreach to try to build as many positive connections as possible to encourage cooperation in criminal investigations.

Snyder said that that some people involved in the spike in shooting incidents are also trafficking in drugs, but drug traf-

ficking is not necessarily the cause of the shooting.

Police are receiving an “astronomical” number of tips on drug trafficking, Snyder said.

The police officers said they see many instances of heroin overdose and they try to get users without significant criminal histories into treatment.

Samson said many users report that they started taking prescription opioids after an injury and then became hooked and turned to heroin. They come from Madison and surrounding Dane County communities.

Because the district doesn’t have enough officers to pick up used hypodermic needles from parks or other areas before someone might accidentally stick themselves, Snyder recommended picking them up using great care and putting them into an empty laundry detergent jug and bringing them to Walgreens, where they will be disposed of properly.

Heroin addicts typically do not commit violent crimes, Snyder said.

Samson reported that heroin addiction drives other kinds of crime, such as theft from vehicles, businesses and offices and residential burglaries to get money to buy heroin. Unlocked vehicles and houses/garages are often targeted when surrounding locked ones are not entered.

“Lock it, lock it, lock it,” Samson said.

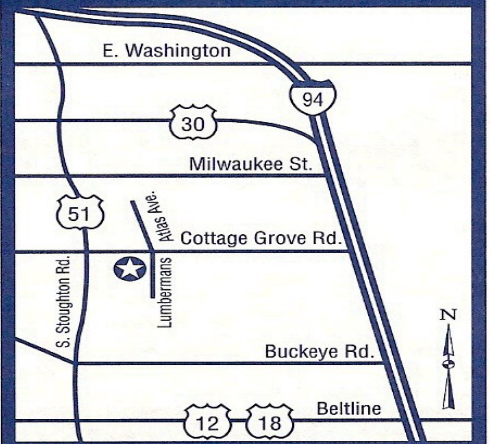
Lighting also is important and devices and apps like cameras that let users monitor who rings the doorbells from their smart phones can be helpful.

Samson recommended using common sense on when to go where. “It’s about making smart choices,” she said. Madison is a safe city, she said. “We are having growing pains, but it is a safe place.”

Samson recommended the Good Neighbor program, which is a “watch” group that relies on building relationships among neighbors. “If you build relationships, crime is much less likely,” Samson said, because residents know each other and what kind of activity is “normal” in the neighborhood.

Samson said events to build community might include planning block parties, or meetings with police officers in a variety of settings.

Samson said she will work with Eastmorland on an approach that fits the neighborhood.



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Keep your garage door closed even when you are home.

Mark desirable property with driver's license number for later identification. Also, maintain a log of your desirable property with its description and serial number.

Increase the perception of occupancy by leaving on lights, radio, or TV.

If you will be out of town, have a neighbor or friend look in on the house

Make sure someone picks up your mail and/or newspaper, or put the delivery on hold.

During the snowy season, make arrangements for someone to shovel your sidewalk and driveway. At a minimum, ask someone to drive into your driveway to leave tire tracks, thus giving the appearance, someone is home.

Use a variety of timers throughout the house to activate lights in different rooms when you will be gone at night.

Have someone put your trash can out on the curb, and return your container on trash day.

Please remember, should you observe suspicious persons or behavior, call 9-1-1.

Theft from Auto

Thefts from autos are also a concern so remember:

1. Always lock your vehicle's doors and keep the windows closed.
 2. Never leave your vehicle running if unattended.
 3. Limit the amount of personal information kept in the glove box or console to avoid identity theft.
 4. Park close to light sources, in highly visible areas.
 5. Remove, or at a minimum, conceal items in the vehicle interior. Popular items include: CD's. Briefcases or purses, cell-phones, Laptops, Radar Detectors, Portable GPS units, Loose change.
 6. Avoid parking next to large vehicles (vans and trucks or SUV's).
 7. Back into a space if possible.
 8. In secure parking garages, make sure no one enters while door is open and never prop open a door that leads into a garage.
- 9. Be aware of suspicious persons or behavior and call 9-1-1 if observed.**

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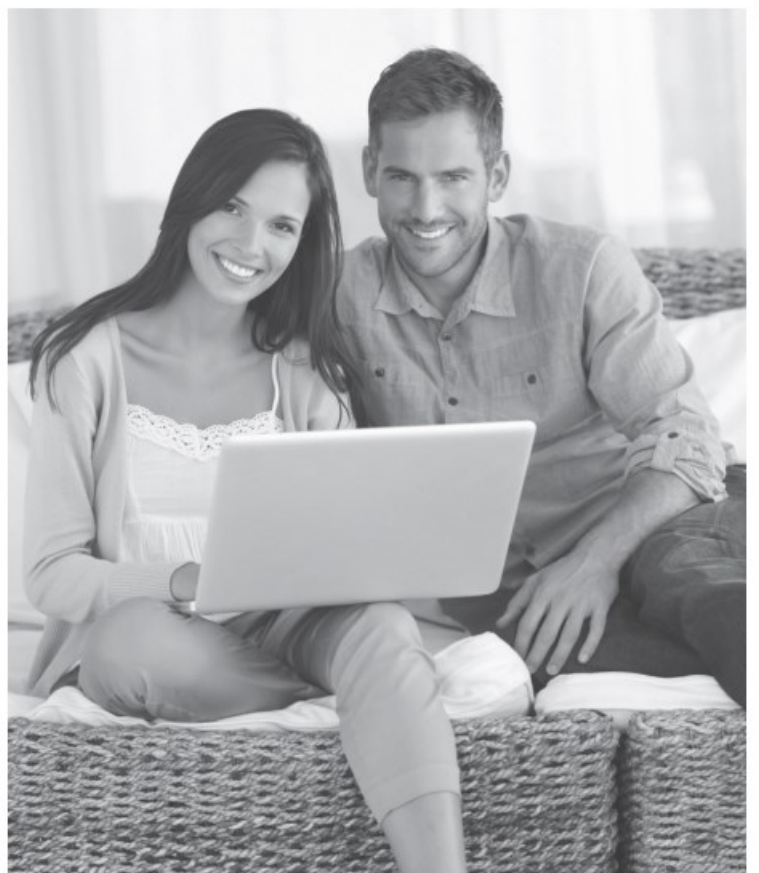
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