

Hi, Neighbor!

A Quarterly Newsletter for the Eastmorland Community Association First Quarter 2018

Update on Grove Apartments proposal



View of the proposed 112-unit apartment complex at the Pinney Library/Restore site.

By Beth Godfrey

A 112-unit affordable housing development proposed for the Pinney Library/Restore site is moving closer to reality. Neighbors will have an opportunity to voice their opinions about the \$23 million complex during a meeting of the Madison City Plan Commission on Feb. 19, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in the City-County Building.

The Grove Apartments, to be developed by MSP Real Estate, would be comprised of two buildings. One of the buildings, a four-story mixed-use structure abutting Cottage Grove Road just west of Old National Bank, would include 35 apartment units and 5,125 square feet of commercial space.

The second, sited toward the rear of the lot, is an L-shaped four-story apartment building with a three-story section along 60% of the eastern facade facing Johns Street. It would include 77 apartments. A rain garden and toddler playground are planned behind this building.

Site plans indicate 92 underground vehicle parking stalls, with an additional 77 spaces in surface lots, while bicycle parking totals 142 spaces. The south building includes a community room for tenants and guests that will feature a full kitchen.

The design incorporates 54 one-bedroom, 42 two-bedroom, and 16 three-bedroom units. Seventeen apartments would be market-rate rentals while 95 apartments would be restricted to applicants whose incomes are less than 60 percent of Dane County's median income. (For

example, \$46,020 is the current annual income limit for a family of three.)

Income-restricted rental rates will be tiered and income limits are dependent on household size. To illustrate: 15 two-bedroom apartments would rent at market rate (\$1,300), while 8 three-bedroom units at a monthly rate of \$664 would be restricted to households at 30% of the county median income. (*See Fig.1 on page 14*)

In June 2017, MSP applied for monies from the city's Affordable Housing Fund (AHF). Begun in 2015, the AHF is a city initiative to create 1,000 units of affordable housing units over five years. In October the Common Council allocated \$3 million towards The Grove proposal.

The proposal is dependent on an award of \$13 million in federal Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC). The Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority (WHEDA) will announce the statewide 2018 recipients in late spring and the city's allocation improves the proposal's chances of receiving a LIHTC allotment.

According to MSP's Affordable Housing Fund application to the city:

"The Grove will be designed and built such that no population or specific demographic is precluded from applying for housing. The unit mix, amenities, and design elements will allow us to serve singles, families, seniors, veterans, persons with disabilities, prison reentry and those who may be homeless or at a risk of homelessness. Twenty

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A letter from the new newsletter editors

Hi Neighbors! Our names are Emil Hoelter and Rebecca Lin, and we will be making sure *Hi, Neighbor!* continues to come to you every season. Emil and his family moved to the neighborhood in August 2013, and Rebecca moved in 2015. We have enjoyed learning about Eastmorland through the newsletter, and would like to thank Patrick Soukup for the years of service he put into it.

Going forward, we hope to continue the sense of community our newsletter has embodied. We also want to make sure our newsletter reflects what you want to read, especially as we grow in the coming years, and that you feel represented in it.

Please feel free to write to us with suggestions for how we can improve the newsletter, or with stories you would like to see, at our new e-mail address:

hineighboreastmorland@gmail.com

From the ECA President: Kathy's Komments



Kathy Soukup

Happy New Year!

Bernie Hanson, Social and Recreation Committee chair, told me that our ECA volunteers were able to serve 52 of our special neighbors with generously heaped plates of goodies. Quite a few of us know to start our baking and gift-making early so we can share with others.

You probably saw the information that we printed in the November issue from the meeting with Captain Snyder and MPD Officer Emily Samson regarding crime prevention, residential burglary, and thefts from autos. We invited Officer Samson back to our January ECA meeting to continue a discussion about a Good Neighbor Program for our neighbor-

hood. One thing I remember from her presentation this time was that neighbors need to lock their cars and garages up even if there is nothing in their car or garage to steal. An opportunistic thief will be drawn back to an unlocked car or garage!

I was thinking that a committee of neighbors could work together to brainstorm ideas on how we can build relationships in our neighborhood to increase safety. Rolling Meadows neighborhood has already begun setting up their Good Neighbor program. We want to get to know the Madison Police Department and what they can do for us. Some ideas were exchanged during the discussion time with Officer Samson. I will be attending two workshops at the Warner Park Community Recreation Center to gather ideas for starting our own Good Neighbor program.

The minutes from our November ECA meeting show two major issues coming up. First is the Grove housing development plan for the current Pinney/Restore area by MSP Real Estate, Inc. At our November meeting, there was considerable discussion about the height of the building, the high density proposed and the available parking spaces. Nearby side streets have the potential of being impacted by increased on-street parking.

Secondly, at the November meeting, there was a report about the Atwood Avenue redevelopment plan, with construction scheduled to begin in 2021. In the present plan, there are inclusions such as the addition of on-street parking near Olbrich Gardens, a traffic signal at Oakridge and Atwood Avenues, and a proposed roundabout at Walter Street. Neighbors at our meeting and those who had attended the first meeting at Olbrich Gardens on this topic were against. It was requested that a member of the City's Traffic/Engineering Department come to an ECA meeting, and an Engineering representative is coming to our April ECA meeting. The ECA minutes are posted on our website at groups.yahoo.com/group/eastmorland

Speaking of meetings, Mike Bare of BKM will be at our February meeting to give us his report on how things went with the Olbrich Biergarten this past summer and fall. We are looking forward to neighbors coming to hear his report. At the Parks Commission meeting in December, Mr. Bare reported that there had been no problems at the Biergarten and that BKM would like to change things this year to have the opening time of the Biergarten be at noon on the following holidays: Memorial Day, Fourth of July, and Labor Day. Also, BKM would like to have one person be allowed to buy two beers at a time. BKM will be reporting to the Alcohol Licensing Review Commission right after our meeting with Mr. Bare in February. (A requirement of BKM's license.)

In closing, please, those of you who are at home and able to, consider volunteering at Schenk Elementary School. I am still working with kindergartners there. I see quite a few classrooms that could use some help. Keep warm!

Hi, Neighbor!

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Tuesday, Mar. 13, 2018
Tuesday, Apr. 10, 2018
Tuesday, May 8, 2018
Tuesday, Jun. 12, 2018
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Tuesday, Aug. 14, 2018
Tuesday Sept. 11, 2018
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ECA meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. There is no meeting in December. Meetings are held at Lakeview Moravian Community Church, 3565 Tulane Ave. Use the Hargrove Street entrance nearest Dennett Street. Please email Pat Schneider at schneide.patricia@att.net if you have an agenda item, need information, or have questions.

We look forward to seeing you there.

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Meet Your Neighbor!

Welcome to our new feature column, "Meet Your Neighbor!" where we interview a different neighbor every issue and publish their photo and Q&A. If you are interested in participating for a future issue, please contact us at hineighboreastmorland@gmail.com



Photo by Paula A. White

David Spies, Margaret St.

How long have you lived in the Eastmorland neighborhood?
I've lived here since 2004, so I'm starting my 14th year.

What's the best thing about living here?
I love the fact that people are friendly and helpful. It's just great!

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What would you like to see in the next issue of *Hi, Neighbor?*

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The Little Free Pantry on Milwaukee St.

By Kendall Werner, age 7

Hi, my name is Kendall and me and my family started a Little Free Pantry in June last year. If you don't know what a Little Free Pantry is, it's like a little free library but instead of books there is non-perishable food.

You can put toothpaste, a toothbrush, soap, cereal, canned food, noodles, etc. If you ever come to the Little Free Pantry I advise you not to put perishable food, expired items and books. We have many Little Free Libraries in our neighborhood already.

The Pantry is for anyone who needs it. And you should always "Take what you need, leave what you can." The Pantry is on the corner of Lansing and Milwaukee Street. Look for the orange cabinet in our front yard.

We would be grateful if people as great as you would help us keep it full! Thank you to everyone that has put something in the Pantry and helped the community!

Meet Your Neighbor — from page 3

Where else have you lived?

I've lived in Texas, Connecticut and North Central Wisconsin.

So how does Madison compare?

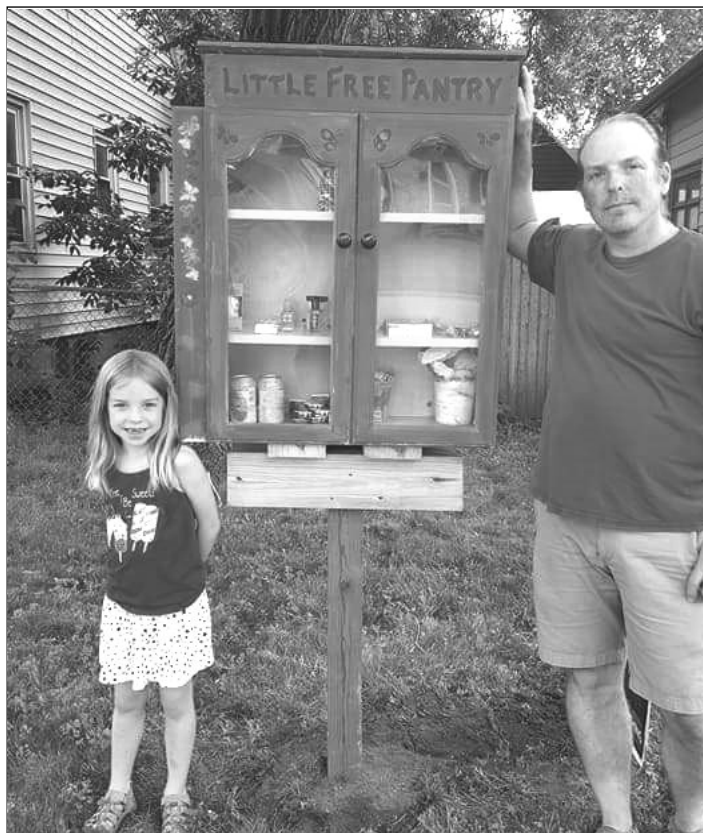
Texas and Connecticut had lots of arts and culture, but Madison is as dynamic and diverse if not more so in many respects. Connecticut had the same seasons and beautiful fall foliage; Texas had growth like Middleton/Verona amplified by 100. Madison tries to strike a healthy balance between mindful development and preservation of its beauty, history, and culture.

What is one of Madison's best-kept secrets?

There are several 'hidden gems', but some are less hidden than others. Madison has many small parks that are nice and relatively unknown (one that comes to mind in my neighborhood is Ontario Park, but there's many others). But I guess for me the best 'hidden gems' for Madison and Monona are the community based radio stations WORT-FM 89.9, WMVO-FM 98.7, and WSUM-FM 91.7. They offer a wide variety of programming different from most other radio in the Madison market.

What do you do for a living?

Currently I work at Pinney Library at the circulation desk. I'm a part-time college music instructor at Carroll University in Waukesha where I teach tuba, trombone and euphonium students. I'm also a professional musician throughout Wisconsin. I play tuba with the Racine Symphony and Yid Vicious Klezmer Ensemble, and bass trombone in The Furious Bongos (Frank Zappa tribute band) and Hirt Alpert (Al Hirt-Herb Alpert tribute band). I play both bass trombone and tuba in the Madison Jazz Orchestra (a Big Band in residence at LaFollette High School which performs monthly at The Brink Lounge.)



Kendall Werner and Dan Werner in front of the Little Free Pantry shortly after its installation in June 2017.

And in your free time?

I listen to and play music, study foreign languages, and read.

What books are on your bedside table right now?

My reading varies quite a bit, but you asked what is on my bedside table right now:

Brief Encounters by Dick Cavett; *Bloom County Episode XI: A New Hope* by Berkeley Breathed; *Read & Think Spanish*; *Electric Don Quixote: The Definitive Story of Frank Zappa* by Neil Slaven; and *Live from New York: An Uncensored History of Saturday Night Live* by Tom Shales and James Andrew Miller

Where's your favorite place in town to grab a bite to eat on a Friday night?

The thing about Madison is that there are so many great places to eat every night of the week that I don't have one "go-to" place. Every time I think I've found some favorites, someone invites me somewhere else and that place is invariably amazing!

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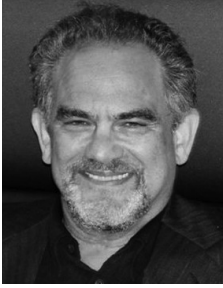

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From Our Alder



David Ahrens
15th District

First, thanks to Patrick Soukup for his years of work as editor, publisher, business manager and everything else for *Hi, Neighbor!* This publication doesn't "just appear"; it is the product of hours of work by a new group of volunteers who actually live their community spirit.

Onto the News:

In all of the reporting and analysis of the "tax reform" bill, there was no mention of its effects on affordable housing. The effect on affordable housing is indirect but may have great impact. Most affordable housing projects such as the one proposed for the current Pinney Library site (The Grove), require grants that are awarded tax credits for people and businesses that want to reduce their tax liability.

Taxes for the very wealthy, who buy these credits, have been reduced from 37% to 21%. Many other very rich people will have their taxes further reduced through "pass-through" corporations. Why would they buy tax credits when they have no taxes to pay? The bottom line is that the market for these tax credits has been badly hit by the Trump/Ron Johnson bill (Johnson being the main champion of the "pass-through").

Who will be affected? Working families that need affordable housing and that haven't saved enough to buy a house. As a result, a family with an income of \$30,000 per year will pay \$1200 for a two-bedroom apartment in the "open market" instead of \$850 that might have been available due to these tax credits.

We'll know by the end of summer, if The Grove project has been awarded some of the remaining tax credits. I supported and voted for eight additional police officers. Some colleagues opposed the appropriation because they believed that the police staff was sufficient for our city because overall, the crime rate is down.

I agree that the crime rate (other than weapons violations) is relatively low. However, I support the transition

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

The winner of the last quiz is Grant Foster, who identified Lori Circle as the street with no city sidewalks. Some folks offered Royster Avenue as the answer -- close, but there is a short bit of sidewalk on the north end.

This quarter's question is multiple choice. If all the residential lots in Eastmorland were laid end-to-end, like dominoes, the resulting land path would stretch

- A) Fewer than 18 miles.
- B) About 21 miles.
- C) About 26 miles.
- D) Over 33 miles.

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News from Schenk Elementary

The first semester has come to a close at Schenk Elementary. On behalf of the Schenk PTO and the students, teachers and staff at Schenk Elementary, thank you to the many neighbors (both those with and without children) for their support of Schenk this past fall. Our Culver's Night and Food Cart Night raised over \$400. We also love to receive your box tops in the mail so keep sending them. Please consider supporting the Schenk PTO through the following activities:

Box Tops: Schenk collects General Mills Boxtops for Education (we receive 10 cents for each one!) and Labels for Education (which are used to purchase much needed equipment). Even if you don't have a child at the school, donations of these are much appreciated. They can be dropped off at school, given to a neighbor whose child attends Schenk, we can arrange to have them picked up (please send an email to schenkpto@gmail.com), or you can mail them to Schenk at 230 Schenk St, Madison, WI 53714.

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

Culver's Night: Schenk will receive 10% of profits from sales at the Culver's on Cottage Grove Road on Tuesday, April 10. Thank you for your support.

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

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From Our Alder — from page 6

to community-oriented policing. This is more than a buzz-word or fashion of the month. It is policing where officers attempt to actually solve some of the problems they are faced with and not defer to the power to arrest. This has been successful in many communities, especially in regard to improving police-community relations.

Of course, this method of policing requires greater staffing for officers to get to know communities and to help people peacefully settle disputes. I think this is a good investment that will benefit all communities.

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From Our County Supervisor



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District 17

Dane County to build largest veterans family housing development in country

Dane County is proposing to build the largest housing development for veterans and their families in the country at the old Messner property on East Washington Ave.

Gorman & Co. and Dryhooch were selected for the development, which will be called Valor on

Washington. The two- and three-bedroom apartments will be a mix of affordable and market price apartments. The rent will range anywhere from \$900 to \$1,300 a month. Dryhooch is currently in an 1,800-square-foot space on University Avenue. The new space in the first floor of Valor on Washington will increase the programming space. Additionally, the first floor will include a coffee shop open to the public, workout facilities, group areas for writing, art and support groups, a mechanic shop, training spaces and a video game area.

The proposal goes to the County Board for review and public comment. While generally well-received, some community advocates have inquired whether there are enough veteran families to fill the full space and whether units could be opened to other low-income or homeless families.

Dane County Parks Division to seek public comment on 5-year guidance plan

The 2018-2023 Parks and Open Space Plan will set priorities for the county Parks Division relating to preservation efforts of natural land or historical sites as well as funding for recreation and trail needs.

The draft plan is available at <https://parks-lwr.dane.countyofdane.com/Information/Planning-Development/Parks-Open-Space-Plan> for review.

Public presentations and listening sessions were held in January. More information can be found at go.madison.com/countyparks. Questions relating to the

draft plan can be directed toward senior landscape architect Chris James by calling 608-224-3763 or emailing james@countyofdane.com.

Dane County Regional Airport announces new non-stop flight to San Francisco

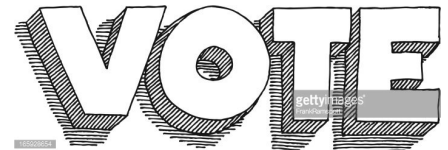
Starting Jun. 7, 2018 the Dane County Regional Airport will offer a daily 3pm non-stop United Airlines flight from Madison to San Francisco. Increased Bay Area travel reflects Madison's growing tech and business community as well as recreation travel interest.

Spring Primary Election Feb. 20th

Spring election season is here, with the primary scheduled for Feb. 20, 2018 and the general election on Apr. 3, 2018. There is a statewide primary for the State Supreme Court Race. Learn more about the candidates here:

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Pat's Pointers



Example of evergreen boughs laid out to protect perennials

Why snow cover is important to our plants

By Patricia Blair

At the time of this writing we had received only 4.7" of snow for the entire season, which should be around 22 inches by now. Some snow is predicted tonight, but 2-4 more inches will still put us well below average. While I know many people are just fine without the white stuff, our plants really do need it to make it through the winter and thrive in spring.

Imagine going out on a cold winter day without a coat. That is what it's like for a plant to not have the snow to insulate it and keep it from bitter cold winds, which can dry out plants.

Plants need snow to protect them from cold drying winter winds, deep frost and fluctuating ground temperatures, as well as for moisture when it melts. As of Jan. 14, 2018, we had 3 feet of frost on some areas, due to the very cold temperatures and lack of snow on the ground. Tender perennials and young plants, those that have not developed a strong root system may not survive such extensive cold, or may be slow to bud out in the spring.

One way to help protect plants is to provide a covering of evergreen branches or providing an extra layer of mulch in late fall. That will provide some insulation until snow does arrive and you will be happy when you don't have to replace plants in the spring. Think Snow!

Patricia Blair is owner of Blair Lawn & Landscape and can be reached at pat@blairlandscape.com

Stay informed on neighborhood issues

By Rebecca Lin

—Become a paid member of ECA to receive the quarterly neighborhood newsletter. Membership information on page 20.

—Join NextDoor as an Eastmorland resident. NextDoor is a private social network for your neighborhood community. To sign up, go to nextdoor.com, enter your email address and residential street address, and click "Find your neighborhood". Follow instructions given. NextDoor requires address verification for membership.

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The case for preventing teen dating violence

“Teen dating violence? What’s that?” That’s the puzzled response I often receive when I mention “teen dating violence” in conversation. I usually start by explaining that teen dating violence is exactly as it sounds: teenagers using or threatening to use physical, sexual, emotional abuse or abusive behavior to dominate, control, or punish a dating partner.

The sad truth is that even after explaining teen dating violence, many express disbelief that such a thing exists or that it is a problem, and even fewer are unaware of how alarmingly prevalent it has become, affecting 1 in 5 teens in Wisconsin, and 1 in 3 adolescent girls across the United States. Likewise, many are unaware that teen dating violence and domestic violence are both preventable.

Relationship behaviors develop when people first start engaging in relationships as teenagers, so intervening early with healthy relationship habits, communication skills, and tools for identifying unhealthy relationship behaviors can have a direct impact on rates of domestic and teen dating violence. It can also minimize long-term consequences for dating violence survivors who are at increased risk for substance abuse, attempting or considering suicide, and engaging in risky sexual behaviors.

As lawmakers, we cannot ignore the harrowing statistics about teen dating violence in our state; we must take concrete, tangible steps to help stop dating violence before it starts. This session I introduced a bill that presents an important first step in addressing this public health crisis by requiring teen dating violence curricula in schools and to require students to learn about teen dating violence both in middle school and high school. This is a small step toward ensuring our kids have the lifelong tools and information they need to make healthy relationship decisions.

Domestic violence should transcend partisanship. We simply cannot continue letting our kids become statistics; we must do more to address alarming trends in teen dating violence in Wisconsin.

Pet Vignette

Pet Vignette is a new column featuring a different neighborhood pet each month. To have your pet featured in an upcoming issue, please email hineighboreastmorland@gmail.com



Name: Crouton
Age: 1 Year Old
Breed: Border Collie mix
Eastmorland Resident For: 10 months

Story: Hi! I’m Crouton, a very high energy puppy who lives on Margaret! Originally from Oklahoma, my people rescued me when I was 8 weeks old and I’ve been living in the neighborhood ever since! I love it here! My favorite activities are playing tug-o-war and wrestling with other dogs at the park! I also love playing in the hose and the snow and hiking! My favorite foods are cheese and lil’ smokies, which I only get when I am being an extra good girl! I have two sisters who are chickens, who I only sort of like and a human sister on the way.

Neighborhood input sought on Atwood Avenue reconstruction

By Dan Zimmerman

A public meeting was held on October 4, 2017 to present ideas and solicit public comments related to the Atwood Avenue reconstruction project, which will occur in 2021. A description of the project may be found at cityofmadison.com/engineering/projects/atwood-avenue; as well as the presentation provided at the Oct. 4th meeting and preliminary plans for signal and roundabout alternatives. Andy Zwieg, the project manager for this reconstruction, will attend the ECA meeting on Tuesday, April 10th to provide information about the project and public comments received so far, as well as to solicit further input from the neighborhood.



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Winter whimsy in Eastmorland

By Emil Hoelter

My children are six and four years old, and they love the winter, in theory. Large snowflakes drifting lazily to the ground while they laugh and build snowmen, toss snowballs, or scoop up mittensful of snow to devour. All the while the weather will be cool but not cold, and when they do start to feel a little chilly, they can come inside for hot chocolate and marshmallows.

It sounds lovely, but as we know, not every winter lives up to the ideal. We had a wonderful snowfall one January weekend, but otherwise the snow has been too little to build, and the temperatures are sometimes too low for them to enjoy more than a short break outside. Fortunately, our neighborhood offers great opportunities for activities young children can enjoy even on the bleakest of winter days.

When my children lament the lack of color outside, our favorite place to go is the Bolz Conservatory at Olbrich Gardens, 3330 Atwood Avenue. The Conservatory is a multi-level indoor garden with tropical plants, a waterfall, koi swimming under a bridge, birds chirping from the trees, and carnivorous plants. (Every child is fascinated by carnivorous plants.) On the coldest days it makes a perfect place to spend some indoor time. The Conservatory is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. every day, although it will be closed March 12-23 for maintenance. The admission fee is \$2 for the general public, but free for children 5 and under. On Wednesdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to noon the Conservatory is free to all, except during the annual Blooming Butterflies event.

My children are bookworms, so one popular destination is the Pinney Branch Library. Besides finding books to read, the library is a good indoor place to play with other children. We often find others to create puppet shows with, color the coloring pages on hand, or play with the rotating toy exhibits. The library also hosts family movie nights, storytimes and clubs for different age groups, and special events. We recently made our own “Libraries are for Everyone” t-shirts at the drop-in screenprinting event, which filled the library with enthusiastic children. We are very excited to see what the new Pinney Branch will have to offer in children’s activities.

Of course, sometimes the weather does cooperate, and when we have that glorious snowy-and-not-too-cold day, Olbrich Park (across Atwood Avenue from Olbrich Gardens) is the perfect place to go sledding. The sledding hill is on the northwest side of the park, along Oakridge Avenue. It begins with a gentle slope near Atwood Avenue and becomes steeper as one heads toward Lake Monona. This is helpful for young children, as they can start out with a hill that won’t overwhelm them. Older children and adults, meanwhile, love the steepest point of the hill. Hopefully we get another perfect weekend for everyone to enjoy it!

Best of all: each of these options still lends itself to hot chocolate and marshmallows afterward.

From Our County Executive



Joe Parisi

Dane County Executive

There are 28,000 veterans in Dane County. Veterans and their families have given so much to our country, we owe to them to help them when they come home. We are proud to announce that Dane County will soon be home to the largest veterans affordable housing and services development in the country.

In 2015 Dane County purchased the Messner building on the 1300 block of East Washington Avenue as the possible future site of a Homeless Day Resource Center. With neighborhood input we decided not to move forward with that site but to develop it for affordable housing focused on families. A number of proposals were submitted. A neighborhood representative and county experts picked the “Valor on Washington” development.

Valor on Washington will include a mix of 64 units of affordable and market rate rents with 2 and 3 bedrooms targeting families. There will be a preference for veterans for all units. The project is unique in its partnership with Dryhooch, a Madison based non-profit that works to help veterans reconnect to their community. There will be services available onsite for veterans from Dryhooch

and other agencies.

Dryhooch is currently in an 1800sq foot space on University Avenue. This new space in the first floor of Valor on Washington will increase their programming space five fold. The new programming space will include a coffee shop open to the public, workout facilities, group areas for writing, art and support groups, and training spaces.

In the coming months, there will be neighborhood input meetings and the development will need to be approved by the Madison Common Council, Plan Commission and Urban Design Commission. In Dane County we respect our veterans. This development will help us honor the sacrifices they have made for our country.



Renovation is underway at Garver Feed Mill!

Garver Feed Mill update

By Romelle Witkins

Activity is humming at the site of the former Garver Feed Mill these days as developers have begun construction of an artisan food production facility and retail destination. It will also feature a showcase of micro-lodging units on four acres adjacent to the site.

Baum Revision of Chicago said the project will be occupied by “second stage” food producers who have established themselves locally but are looking for room to grow - both spatially and economically,” according to the Dec. 8, 2017 *Cap Times*.

So far, Nessalla Kombucha, Ayurvedic Wellness, Sitka Salmon, Ian’s Pizza, Calliope Ice Cream and Underground Catering have signed leases for space in the building and additional agreements are in development, the *Cap Times* reported.

In addition to renovating the Mill, the plan will also call for the preservation and management of natural areas surrounding the building, according to the Baum Revision website.

The Garver Feed Mill Site will feature 'micro-lodging' designed by leading designers and builders of tiny homes

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Garver Feed Mill update — from page 12

ranging from 200-600 square feet. Considered a first-of-its-kind “international showroom,” the micro-lodging will be run as a hospitality operation where guests will have the chance to stay overnight “and have an authentic experience of ‘tiny living,’” according to Baum’s website. The *Cap Times* report said up to 50 micro lodging units will be available for short-term rental.

Begin the New Year by making sure you’re ready to vote in 2018

Adapted from a Jan. 4, 2018 Common Cause press release

The next opportunity to vote in Wisconsin is approaching very soon. Wisconsin’s Spring Primary is on Feb. 20, 2018 followed by the Spring Election on Apr. 3, 2018. In less than two months, we will determine which two candidates will run for the critical State Supreme Court seat being vacated by retiring Justice Michael Gableman. In addition, voters will choose two Court of Appeals judges and Circuit Court judges in counties across the state. The integrity of our state’s judicial system is at stake. Mark your calendar with these two important dates. Now is the time to prepare to vote so you’re not scrambling later.

Start by confirming that you’re registered to vote at your current address.

Visit the “My voter info” page at myvote.wi.gov and enter your name and date of birth to check your voter registration status. You need to have lived at your current address for at least 10 days prior to Election Day in order to register to vote in that election district or ward.

If you’re not already registered, there are several ways you can register to vote:

Online: Eligible voters in Wisconsin who have a valid Wisconsin driver license or a Wisconsin DMV-issued ID can now register online at myvote.wi.gov up to 20 days before the election in which they are planning to vote.

Mail: You can start your voter registration form online at myvote.wi.gov. Then print, sign and mail it to the Mad-

ison City Clerk along with a Proof Of Residence (POR) document. Your form and POR must be received no later than 20 days before the election in which you are planning to vote.

Madison City Clerk’s Office: You can register in person in the Madison City Clerk’s office up until 5pm (or close of business) on the Friday before the election in which you are planning to vote. You’ll need to bring a Proof Of Residence document to complete your registration (this document can be shown electronically).

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At the Polls on Election Day: If you’re unable to register by any of the methods above, you can still register at your polling place on Election Day. You will need to present a Proof Of Residence document when registering (again, this document can be shown electronically). If your driver’s license or state ID card has your current address, that’s all you need.


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Grove Apartments Proposal — *from front page*

percent of the units will have rents affordable to households earning below 30% of the county median income that we anticipate receiving additional supportive services from the supportive service care agencies targeted to provide services at The Grove. In addition, half of our 3-bedroom affordable units will be rented to families with income at or below 30% CMI per the preference of the city.”

The MSP application for city housing funds included letters of support from the Community Action Coalition, Madison-Area Urban Ministry (MUM) and Porchlight, each of which plans to liaison with MSP, providing tenant referrals and supportive services.

The 2.2 acre parcel is zoned Commercial Corridor — Transitional (CCT) requiring (in addition to a demolition permit) approval of a conditional use permit to construct multi-family apartment buildings on the site. Both the city’s 2006 Comprehensive Plan and the latest draft of the 2017 Comprehensive Plan designate the generalized future land use for the site as a Neighborhood Mixed-Use (NMU) District. Current residential density standards recommend generally no more than 40 units per acre in an NMU district while the draft 2017 Comprehensive Plan increases density up to 70 units per acre in these districts.

The site is situated in the Atwood/Cottage Grove Road commercial area that was recently a focus of a nine-month public planning effort. The resulting Cottage Grove Road Activity Centers Plan, adopted by the Common Council in October, encourages dense, compact development as appropriate but states that new development should remain compatible with the existing form of the neighborhood. It outlines urban design guidelines expected to foster architectural designs that embody the character of the neighborhood:

cityofmadison.com/dpced/planning/documents/Cottage_Grove_Road_Activity_Centers_Plan100517.pdf

The Plan Commission will review this proposal on February 19th at its regular bimonthly meeting, scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m. in Room 201 at the City-County Building, 210 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Commissioners will listen to residents’ input during the public hearing portion of the meeting.

Through Feb. 9, 2018, city departments, including Zoning, Engineering, Fire, Traffic Engineering and other agencies, will conduct an internal review of the plans and submit any concerns and requirements to the Planning Department staff.

The Commission will review the staff analysis and recommendations regarding how the proposal adheres to zoning requirements, the 2006 Comprehensive Plan, the CGR Activity Centers Plan, and the Standards for Approval required for the granting of a conditional use permit.

Prior to the meeting, residents may send comments to the Commission addressed to Tim Parks, City Planner: tparks@cityofmadison.com. If approved, construction is expected to begin in March 2019 with completion projected by May 2020. Link to The Grove site plans and architectural renderings: tinyurl.com/thegroveplans

Note: The original plans for The Grove as presented at an informational meeting on October 26th included a five-story building and a total of 129 apartments.

Fig. 1

Grove Apartments Unit Mix

	Total # of Units	# of Bedrooms		
		1 BR	2 BR	3 BR
30%	23	15	0	8
40%	1	1	0	0
50%	44	28	8	8
60%	27	8	19	0
Market Rate	17	2	15	0
	112	54	42	16

% of Dane County Median Income (varies by household size)

Revised 12/17



Dimension IV - Madison Design Group South Building - View to NE Along Cottage Grove Rd. MSP 208 Cottage Grove Road



Dimension IV - Madison Design Group Aerial View to NW MSP 208 Cottage Grove Road Mixed Use



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Winter Solstice: December 21, 2017. The shortest day, the sun setting at its lowest point in the sky. At dusk at Olbrich Park there is live music, singing, dancing, drumming, hot cocoa and cider, a giant puppet of Mother Earth, and a glorious bonfire. Our thanks to the Friends of the Yahara for their 15th annual solstice celebration. Hundreds of Madisonians came to celebrate together.

— Photos by Bobbi Nowak

The shortest day

By Susan Cooper, award-winning children's book author

*And so the Shortest Day came and the year died
And everywhere down the centuries of the snow-white
world*

*Came people singing, dancing
To drive the dark away.*

*They lighted candles in the winter trees;
They hung their homes with evergreens;
They burned beseeching fires all night long
To keep the year alive.*

*And when the new year's sunshine blazed awake
They shouted, revelling.*

*Through all the frosty ages you can hear them
Echoing behind us - listen!*

*All the long echoes, sing the same delight,
This Shortest Day,*

*As promise wakens in the sleeping land:
They carol, feast, give thanks,
And dearly love their friends,
And hope for peace.*

*And now so do we, here, now,
This year and every year.*



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Pinney Branch Library Events

Pinney Adult Book Group

Tuesday, Feb 19th @ 7:00 p.m.: *Learning to Stay* by Erin Cello

Tuesday, Mar 27th @ 7:00 p.m.: *Born a Crime* by Trevor Noah

Tuesday, Apr 24th @ 7:00 p.m.: *Little Paris Bookshop* by Nina George

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

Movie Screenings

Battle of the Sexes - Friday, Feb 2nd @ 6:30 p.m.

Despicable Me 3 - Saturday, Feb 3rd @ 2:30 p.m.

The Teacher (Slovak w/English subtitles) - Wednesday, Feb 14th @ 6:30 p.m.

Dunkirk - Friday, Feb 16th @ 6:30 p.m.

Loving Vincent - Wednesday, Feb 21st @ 6:30 p.m.

Victoria and Abdul - Friday, Feb 23rd @ 6:30 p.m.

The Florida Project - Wednesday, Feb 28th @ 6:30 p.m.

Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri - Friday, March 2nd @ 6:30 p.m.

The Greatest Showman - Wednesday, March 7th @ 6:30 p.m.

The LEGO Ninjago Movie - Saturday, March 10th @ 2:30 p.m.

Hidden Voices: African-American Writers in Wisconsin

Saturday, Feb 22nd @ 2:00 p.m.

Join three Madison-area African American writers - poet Fabu, novelist Sherry Lucille, and playwright and novelist Catrina Sparkman - as they discuss their poetry and prose in relation to the work of three African American literary giants who also lived and worked in the Madison area during the 20th century: novelist Jean Toomer, playwright Lorraine Hansberry, and poet

Sarah Webster Fabio. Experience poetry, prose, and drama that will shed light on what it means to be African American in Wisconsin today, yesterday, and tomorrow through a multimedia presentation about the work and lives of these literary artists and their interpretations of race in Wisconsin.

This event is funded by Beyond the Page, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Madison Community Foundation.

Spanish Storytime/Cuentos y Canciones en Español

Saturday, February 24th @ 10:30 a.m.

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Tabletop Game Club

Monday, Feb 17th at 3:00 p.m.

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Saturdays in March (no baby Gym March 31st) @ 10:30 a.m. Help your baby gain good pre-reading and writing skills and have fun at the same time! Baby Gym incorporates large motor activities with stories to develop body and mind. For babies aged 3 months to 18 months. Registration is first come, first served. Please pick up a nametag 15 minutes before the program begins.

Gardening Workshop with Megan Cain

Tuesday, Apr 17th @ 6:30 p.m.
Call library for more information or check our calendar at madisonpubliclibrary.org/pinney

Día de los Niños Piñata Party

Saturday, Apr 21st @ 10:30 a.m.
Join us for a special family storytime in Spanish, with activities, treats, and a piñata to celebrate Día de los niños! All ages welcome.

¡Acompáñenos para cuentos y canciones en español, actividades divertidas, y una piñata para celebrar el día de los niños! Para niños de toda edad, y sus familias.

LEGO Club

First Monday of the month @ 3:00 p.m.

Chapters Teen Writing Group

Every Thursday @ 6:00 p.m.
Meets most Thursday evenings. Middle and high school students 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 @ 6:30 p.m.
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 madisonpubliclibrary.org/pinney

Schenk PTO needs your photos and stories

By Heather Daniels

The Schenk PTO is beginning work on a fundraising campaign to update the Schenk playground, which has structures that date back to the late 1970's. The Schenk PTO is seeking stories and photos about the Schenk playground. Please email schenkpto@gmail.com with your stories and photos. Thank you!



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LockUp Campaign deters thieves

By Romelle Witkins

Locking your car, closing your garage door, and keeping your outside lights turned on — all these habits are having a positive effect on neighborhood crime, according to Crime Prevention Officer Emily Samson of the Madison Police Department.

Officer Samson said that thieves cruise streets looking for unlocked cars. Their target is loose change, small electronics, and guns. There were more than 1,100 thefts from autos last year alone.

But a citywide campaign — #NightlyLockUp — is making a difference. Police reported 38 fewer thefts from cars during the 2017 holiday season as they did during the same time in 2016. In this frigid weather, it may be tempting to leave your car running in the driveway a few minutes to warm up. But according to Samson, “26 of 27 cars stolen in December were unlocked with keys inside. Thirteen were also running.”

“It is so important to remind your neighbors to LOCK THEIR CAR DOORS,” Samson cautioned. Madison police also urge residents to keep their garage doors closed and their house doors locked, even when they’re home, and to keep porch lights lit or to install motion lights. Samson is encouraging the formation of Good Neighbor Projects across the city to build relationships within neighborhoods, which she said is key to crime prevention.

In his blog, Chief Koval urges “citizens to get to know neighbors that live on their block, on their apartment floor, or wherever they spend a lot of time.” By simply agreeing to keep an eye on each others’ properties and reporting suspicious behavior to the police, they can “assist us in being better guardians to our community,” he said.

Funding and other support is available to help neighbor groups who wish to host gatherings to meet their neighbors and learn how to prevent crime or to address particular concerns in the Eastmorland neighborhood, Samson said. For more information, contact Officer Samson at esamson@cityofmadison.com

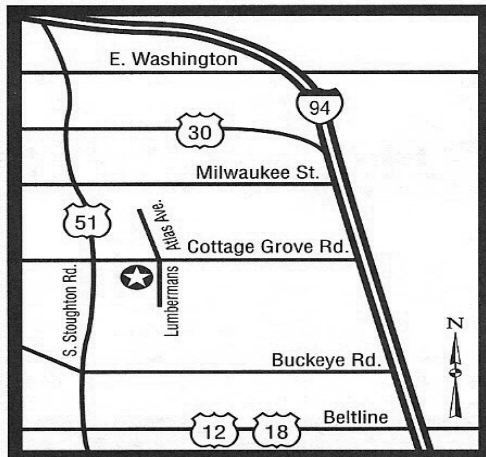
Thank you to the 2017 ECA leaf-raking volunteers!

By Kris Whitman

Eastmorland Community Association held its 13th annual Leaf-Raking Event on Saturday, Nov. 11, 2017. 39 volunteers raked 16 lawns for those who were unable to rake their own leaves. Homeowners sincerely appreciated the help, and several shared treats with rakers to show their gratitude.

After raking, volunteers gathered at the Whitman/Johnson home for a community potluck, for which the ECA provided pizza and beverages. While the weather was a bit chilly, the camaraderie warmed hearts, and the time together built a strong sense of community for all involved. Event organizers hope many volunteers will return and others will join to continue this tradition next fall.

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Leaf raking volunteers, left to right:

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Middle row: Mark Johnson, Blake Johnson, Kris Whitman, Kathy Soukup, Tommy Stanek, Russell Knudson, Raitlin Knudson, Pam Blair, Pat Blair, Tom Theisen, Chip Petzell, Kate Wipperman, Rob Varnell, Dustin Sisson.

Back row: Doug Wilson, Steph Wilson, Paul (no last name listed), Pam Stangl, Ben Thomas, Steve Swarek, Rob Carey, Ed Woolsey, Dave Hellenbrand, Matt Wipperman.

Not pictured: Jordan Brillo, Emil Hoelter, Patrick Soukup, Andrea Stanek.

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Support the ECA

By Carrie Ezzell

With the beginning of a new year, we're reminded that it's time once again to show our support for the Eastmorland Community Association. Our neighborhood is great because of caring neighbors like you, and we have so much to be grateful for here. To support our events, please join the ECA by filling out the membership form and mailing it with your annual dues of \$10.00 to Eastmorland Community Association, P.O. Box 14584, Madison WI 53708.

Your help is needed more than ever! We need to plan for our 61st Anniversary celebration, for our annual meeting, and for re-treating our park ash trees. We also need to update our membership directory, listing every address and resident in our neighborhood. Recently we held our annual Fall Leaf Raking party, distributed cookie plates, and helped Santa visit neighborhood kids. We are looking forward to starting our Good Neighbor Project and planning neighborhood block parties.

If you are interested in helping with any of these activities, please contact Carrie Ezzell at 244-3117 or Kathy Soukup at 244-8965.

Many thanks to those who have helped with fall and winter activities, and to those who participate and keep up with all the political news, redevelopment plans and updates, and the newsletter. There are many ways to get involved and we need volunteers like you!

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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