

Hi, Neighbor!

A Quarterly Newsletter for the Eastmorland Community Association Fourth Quarter 2019

Progress made on Pinney Library project



Construction on the new Royster development continues at a steady pace.

by Emily Brookyser

The new Pinney Library is opening soon - March 2020! I had the great opportunity to tour the space, which is still under construction, with Tana Elias, Digital Services & Marketing Manager for Madison Public Library. Here is a walk-through of the new Pinney.

When it opens, the library will have two main entrances: one on the street side facing Cottage Grove Road, and the other on the parking lot side. If you haven't visited the area recently, there is a new parking lot with plenty of space behind the building, along with a nice bike parking area. From here, you can see the courtyard which will include outdoor tables. And, there is a very handy drive-through book drop on that side of the building.

The first thing you'll notice when you walk into the library itself is the huge, open, sunny area. The new Pinney will have 20,000 square feet, compared to 12,000 at the old building. The library is all on the first floor of the building.

Many of the outer walls are glass, providing plenty of natural light. However, the space is also divided up to serve different purposes in effective ways. Near the front entrance is a large circulation desk with book drops and a printing sta-

tion. In the mid-center will be a librarians' reference desk. There will also be computer tables near the center-front of the space.

As you head back towards the south-east corner, there is a quiet reading room surrounded by glass walls. This will give people a quiet space away from the main area, but still provide sight lines throughout the building. Also on the south side of the building is a very large community room. It can actually be split using a room divider and provide two meeting spaces. For those looking for a quiet space to study, there are four smaller rooms that can be reserved.

On the other side of the building is a dedicated children's area. It will be separated from the main area by a large glass wall with an art installation. Three local artists have been chosen to create pieces for the library. The children's area will include older children's materials on one end, and then work towards younger materials on the other end. There are two neat "reading nests" for kids to curl up with a book, similar to those at the Central Library. The nests also include windows so kids can peak out into the main children's area.

Of course, there is a room dedicated to story time and other children's programs. It will be open to the main area, but able to be closed off with a room divider.

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From the ECA President: Kathy's Komments



Kathy Soukup

At our October 8, 2019 Eastmorland Community Association Monthly Meeting, there were seven directors present and two excused; also excused was an alternate. Grant Foster, our Alder, and Kristen Audet, our County Supervisor, were also present.

One thing that was discussed by those present was: a winter party. I am letting everyone know, so if any of you have ideas, you can let one of us know. The best way to reach me is by phone (608-244-8965). The date and place of the party will be February 24 (in the afternoon to early evening). This is all tentative as we have never done anything like this before, so we would love

your input! The location will be the VFW on Cottage Grove Road, across the road from Chief's Bar. We will talk about plans at our November meeting, so if you have any ideas, please let me or someone else know – come to the meeting, if you can.

A Neighbors for Climate Justice for Climate Change committee has been formed. They had their first meeting on October 12 at Eastmorland Park. I don't have any more information as I write this but I am sure that there will be other meetings, so if you are interested, let Carrie know at 244-3117, or me know.

One of the things that Alder Grant Foster talked to us about was the possibility of selling one or more of our Madison golf courses. He commented that there are a number of golfers on the committee. They haven't met yet. Alder Foster will keep us apprised and he can get us the list of people on the committee, there is golfer representation from District 15.

Mr. Foster also talked about the \$79 million grant that is possible with matching funds from Wisconsin for a Transit Authority, which relates to the fact that the population of Madison and other parts of the state are going to increase, Madison, for instance, will eventually reach 500,000 in population. Aldermanic update: Alder Foster is on the Transportation Policy & Planning Board, Transportation Commission, Madison Area Transportation Planning Advisory, Madison Metro Sewage District, Common Council Executive Committee, and he is chairing a work group on council communications. Subscribe to Alder Foster's blog for weekly updates.

Dog Park Location: Public meeting in November/December (to be announced). Two potential areas: OB Sherry and/or Eastmorland Park. Mr. Foster suggested that Parks bring options to the neighborhood for discussion. The wheel tax item will be discussed at our next meeting.

Kristen Audet, Dane County Supervisor: The County Budget is on a different timeline, information on Kristen's website. The budget in review with standing committees and departments—week of 10/21 is when amendments will be due. Then further time for consideration. Final vote at county level is the end of November. Also has 3% cost of living increase for employees. Tax levy increase as put forward by executive (not final) is about 2.58% (about \$21.00 per household. Public hearing: 10/16/2019 at 7:00 pm. Ms. Audet will ask about where county wheel tax is going and get back to us. Kathy Soukup, with help from Emily Dixon.

-Kathy

2019 ECA Meetings

November 12, 2019

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 Emily Mixon at emilyemixon@gmail.com if you have an agenda item, need information, or have questions.

We look forward to seeing you there.

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In Memoriam



Bobbi Nowak

The Eastmorland Neighborhood lost two advocates for our community recently with the passing of former ECA board members Bobbi Nowak and Pat Schneider. Bobbi, who moved to the neighborhood in 2011, passed away August 6 at University of Wisconsin Hospital after a brief illness. Bobbi moved to Madison from Massachusetts, where she had careers in Urban Affairs and Library Science.

She soon became actively involved in the community: volunteering at the library, helping with voter registration, gardening, and joining the Eastmorland Community Association, where she became a member of the board of directors.

ECA Board President Kathy Soukup said Bobbi loved the Hi, Neighbor! newsletter. When she asked how she could help the ECA, Kathy mentioned that a block captain was needed on Atwood Avenue, “and she did the route, without a complaint.” Eventually she volunteered to accept the delivery of 2,200 papers at her home for block captains to pick up. “She called me wanting everything delivered to her - the block captain maps, the distributors and their lists,” Kathy said. She continued to oversee newsletter distribution — even hauling newsletters by wheelbarrow to a block captain’s house at one point.

Emil Hoelter, the current managing editor for the newsletter, remembers Bobbi’s strong advocacy for keeping Hi Neighbor! in print. “When Patrick Soukup announced his retirement from the newsletter, several people gathered in the meeting room at the old Pinney

Library to discuss who would take over,” he recalled. “Many people were willing to proofread the articles, but Bobbi kept us mindful of all the tasks that went into the newsletter, insisting that we step up and take over all the roles that needed filling. I would not have joined the newsletter were it not for her.” A remembrance was held for Bobbi on September 21 at the James Reeb Unitarian Universalist Church.

Another member of the ECA board, Pat Schneider passed away on September 29 at Agrace Hospice Care after a long battle with cancer. Pat served on the ECA board most recently as secretary, where she “did a great job” and “wasn’t afraid to voice her concerns” about issues in the neighborhood, according to Kathy Soukup. As secretary, Pat played a vital role in organizing all ECA monthly meetings; she was the person neighborhood members contacted to ensure their concerns were addressed in a timely fashion.

Pat grew up in the Chicago area. A reporter for the Cap Times since 1989, Pat covered a range of issues, winning numerous awards for her work including stories about the city’s homeless, funding for nonprofit groups, affirmative action, and environmental and education-related issues.

A celebration of Pat’s life will take place on Nov. 16 at 11 a.m. at James Reeb Unitarian Universalist Church, 2146 E. Johnson St.



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Pinney Library — *from front page*

If you’re wondering how you can get a sneak peak at our amazing new library, and contribute to the Pinney development, the library is hosting a fundraiser called “Love the Library: A Grand Opening Gala for Pinney Library” on February 29th 6-10PM. More information and tickets can be found at mpl-foundation.org.

Sympathy to the family and friends of:

Ruth Strand
Bobbi Nowak
Ralph Pfeiffer
Patricia Schneider
Edward Knapstein



US Census Coming in March 2020

by Ben Zellers, Planner, City of Madison

The 2020 Census is approaching. The Census is a once-per-decade count of all people living in the United States that is mandated by the Constitution. The count will begin in mid-March of 2020 when most households will receive a mailed invitation to respond online or by phone. Federal law requires the Census Bureau to keep personally identifiable census information confidential – it cannot be shared with any other governmental agencies, law enforcement, landlords, credit agencies, or anywhere else outside the Census Bureau.

The Census usually takes less than 10 minutes to complete, but brings 10 years of benefits. The Census informs how \$675 billion of federal funds – an average of over \$2,000 per person – will be allocated for things like affordable housing, childcare, healthcare, education, transit, roads, and more.

The Census count is also important to ensure equal representation when drawing electoral districts - from aldermanic districts all the way to U.S. House of Representatives districts. District boundaries are based on the total

population count – not the number of voters or citizens. Lack of a complete and accurate Census count can lead to underrepresentation in certain areas and a lack of funding for important community programs and infrastructure.

The City is actively publicizing the importance of the 2020 Census through a variety of channels, including working with the UW and MMSD, publicizing the census at community events, working with nonprofit community partners to spread the word, talking with local TV stations and newspapers, and more. One effective avenue is also working through neighborhoods to inform people about the census and encourage people to fill out their census forms. The City encourages residents to reach out to their neighbors to make sure everyone is aware of the 2020 Census and its importance.

Visit www.cityofmadison.com/2020Census to find out more about what the City is doing and learn about 2020 Census events and updates, or visit www.2020census.gov for more from the Census Bureau. The City of Madison wants to ensure all residents are counted - help shape our future by completing the Census next year!

Join the Madison Fire Department

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Cookie Plates and Santa Visit

by *Bernie Hanson*

Mark your calendars! The Eastmorland Community Association, ECA, is again having its longstanding tradition of bringing specially arranged plates to those who "need a little TLC."



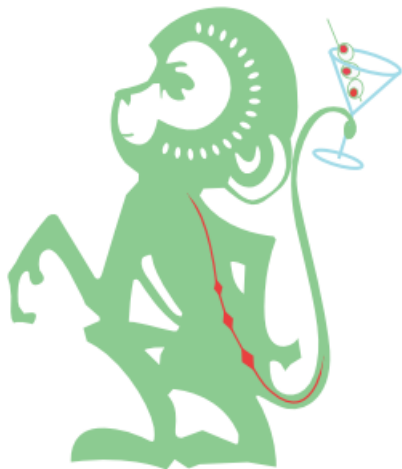
If you know of someone in our neighborhood who could use a little treat please call Bernie at 608-469-5745 to arrange a drop off. All of our volunteers have been so generous over the years and we appreciate every one of you.

We will need donations of cookies, candy, or small crafts by Saturday, Dec. 7, by 9 a.m. to 3633 Richard St. or during the week prior to the event. We deliver approximately 55 plates, so anyone interested in baking, assembling or delivering, please call Bernie at 608-469-5745. Don't be afraid to leave a message with the clear name & I will return your call. When there is a lot of involvement, it becomes a good time by all.

On Sunday, Dec. 8, Santa will stop for a visit to children and grandchildren of Eastmorland neighbors who have current membership. Santa will arrive after 5 p.m. A membership form is in this newsletter. Please have your drapes closed & porch light on so Santa can find his way. Register your child by Friday, Dec. 6.

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Get notified of Declared Snow Emergencies (<https://www.cityofmadison.com/residents/winter/parking/declaredSnowEmergency.cfm>), or check the radio, television, or City website to get updates about weather conditions.

Stay Safe

Stay inside. When possible, stay indoors.

Dress in layers. If you have to go outside, dress in several loose-fitting layers. Wear a hat, mittens, and snow boots. Use a scarf to cover your mouth and face.

Check on your friends, family, and neighbors. Cold is more likely to harm the elderly, babies, people who spend a lot of time outside (the homeless, hunters), and people who drink alcohol or use drugs.

Limit outdoor time for pets. Extreme cold is dangerous for animals too.

Know the signs of hypothermia. Warning signs include shivering, exhaustion, confusion, and slurred speech. Symptoms may look like intoxication. Call 911 if you see someone experiencing these symptoms. Learn about preventing and treating hypothermia (<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/climate/weather/cold.htm>).

Know the signs of frostbite. Warning signs include white or grayish-yellow skin, skin that feels firm or waxy, or numbness. Call 911 if you see someone experiencing these symptoms. Learn about preventing and treating frostbite



Prepare Your Car

Fuel your car. Keep your gas tank at least half-full.

Stock a winter kit for your car (<https://readywisconsin.wi.gov/make-a-kit/kits-for-your-car/>). Your car kit should include: Blankets, snacks and water, cell phone car charger, first aid kit, a shovel, jumper cables, sand or cat litter (to provide traction)

Prepare Your Home

Stock a home emergency kit (<https://readywisconsin.wi.gov/make-a-kit/>). Your home kit should include:

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Edible landscape project

By Emily Steinwehe

My name is Emily Steinwehe and I would like to plant an edible landscape in the Eastmorland neighborhood. It would be located on the city-owned land by Starkweather Drive and Richard Street. I would like to know what plants we should include and what else you want to see on the site so I have developed a survey that I hope you will fill out. Here is the link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WPWJ3YK>

My background is in environmental education and gardening. I have been growing fruit in Wisconsin for the last 15 years at multiple locations. Planting fruit trees and shrubs is my main hobby, which I have turned into a small business (emilyplants.com). In addition, I work at a local apple orchard.

I planted an edible landscape on city property before on land owned by the water utility on Moorland Road in South Madison. The city has a formal application process that I completed. We planted two pears, three cornelian cherries, and three apple trees in spring 2017. The plants are all doing great. It takes about 2 to 3 hours of work per year to maintain them. Another person helps manage the apple trees as they are a lot of work.

The Eastmorland edible landscape would provide food for wildlife and people, wildlife habitat, sequester carbon, and look beautiful. It would consist of 8 to 10 fruit-bearing shrubs with 2 to 4 trees and a few other plants. I have selected low maintenance plants that are hardy in Wisconsin and will still produce edible food.

I have held two meetings on site and met with the City Engineer and the Eastmorland Community Association. The site is currently underutilized, and neighbors and the city are supportive of an edible landscape. Some of the people who came to the meetings would like to see other features on the site, including a seating area, natural playground, shade tree, fire pit, and rain garden. These would all require more work, money, time, and maintenance but they are possibilities if the neighborhood wants them.

Even though I live in the Glendale neighborhood, I picked Eastmorland for a couple reasons. I drive by the neighborhood often and love going to Olbrich Botanical Gardens. I also have several friends in the area who are interested in helping with maintenance and harvesting.

Thank you for reading and remember to fill out the survey!



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Ash tree fundraiser at Biergarten a success

by Parthy Schachter

On September 5, we had our second annual park ash tree fundraiser at the Biergarten at Olbrich Park. Volunteers and neighbors came together to share drinks and food and celebrate the beautiful park ash trees that we are continuing to treat against emerald ash borer.

In total, the event raised over \$500 for our ash tree retreatment fund: \$260 in donations and t-shirt sales, and \$250 from the Biergarten (they generously donated 15% of drink sales from the evening, plus an extra contribution).

Many thanks to Rita Benesch, Linda Haglund-Lynch, Shahla Werner, Kurt Reinhold, Lissa McLaughlin, Miranda Weidert, and Noam Schachter for volunteering. We even had two exchange students, Wattan from Israel and Ibrahim from the West Bank, helping to staff the t-shirt table!

If you missed this opportunity to support our park ash trees, don't worry - you can still purchase a "Save the Park Ash Trees" t-shirt by emailing Parthy at civilhands@yahoo.com. We have lots left. Adult sizes are \$20 and children's sizes are \$15, with 100% of proceeds going to the treatment fund. You can also make a donation to our ash tree treatment fund on the Eastmorland Community Association website (eastmorland.org).



Ayusa exchange students Ibrahim from the West Bank and Wattan from Israel volunteered at our September 5 fundraiser for the park ash trees.



Sketch of an ash tree at Duffryn by Lucy Bacon, 19th century



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Thank you from Wilshire Lane

by Deb Jenson

On Saturday, September 21, 2019, Wilshire Lane celebrated their 3rd Annual Block Party. Due to clouds and threatening rain we had fewer people than the previous two years, but that did not in any way hamper the celebration of fun and laughter, meeting new neighbors and getting to know others who have been around awhile.

As in past years, hot dogs, and brats were grilled to perfection and everyone who came brought a dish to pass, which made for a delicious meal. As darkness emerged, the fire pit in the middle of the road was lit up and children and adults made s'mores. We had music piped in and one could even request "your song".

As seen in the photo, some of the children were very creative and took the glow sticks we had and designed a dance floor. What fun! And the rain held off...

As in the past, this Block Party is not restricted to Wilshire Lane but is open to the greater neighborhood that surrounds us. We want to meet you! Plan to join us again next year, always around the same time in September. We'll be touch. In the meantime, thank you to the Eastmorland Neighborhood Association for the one-time \$50 permit reimbursement to help defray the costs. This is such a great neighborhood to live in!



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From Our State Representative



Melissa Sargent
48th State Assembly

Practical Solutions to Senseless Gun Violence

Everyone in our nation deserves to live without the fear of gun violence and without losing someone they love to suicide by firearm. Even so, gun violence continues to be a pervasive issue that touches every corner of our communities.

In my own personal life, I have held in my arms the crying parents of a young woman who was murdered here in Madison due to a senseless act of gun violence, while witnessing first hand my youngest children in constant fear of violence at school, the park, the grocery store, and much more. But my story here is not unique, this is Wisconsin's story— we all have been impacted by gun violence in some way.

Sadly, what we as a state are doing now to address the public health crisis that we are facing due to gun violence is not extraordinary, and does not honor our Wisconsin values nor our heritage. By ignoring common sense policy reform on the basis of partisan ideologies, the Republican

controlled legislature is allowing more Wisconsinites to fall victim to this preventable health crisis.

To defeat this public health crisis, we must put our partisan ideologies aside and pursue common-sense firearm reform. That is why over 80% of our state's citizens and 78% of Wisconsin's firearm owners support background checks on all firearm sales, while 77% of Americans support family-initiated ERPOs. As state legislators, we have a responsibility to listen to the voice of the people, and the voice of Wisconsinites is clear: we need comprehensive firearm legislation.

People in our state are dying. Yet, partisan antics here in the state Capitol continue to work to keep us divided and prevent us from enacting the will of the people of our state. Over the past couple of months, alongside Governor Evers and Attorney General Kaul, I proudly introduced legislation to close Wisconsin's egregious background check loophole, and a bill to enact extreme risk protection orders to protect our communities. These policies are absolutely crucial in limiting senseless violence in our state, I am dedicated to pursuing sensible measures to reduce and prevent gun violence in our state and look forward to having my colleagues across the aisle join me in this commitment.

Holiday Tree Collection

The Streets Division will collect holiday trees for recycling. Each neighborhood will receive two collection opportunities. You may also bring your trees to our drop off sites. Note: Collection could be delayed due to winter weather. Snow and ice operations have priority over tree collection.

Round One begins after New Year's Day. Trees placed to the curb on or before January 2 will likely be collected prior to mid-January, depending on weather conditions. Placing a tree to the curb after January 2 means the tree may not be collected until the second collection round. Round Two of tree collection will begin in late January.

Trees placed to the curb by late January will likely be collected in early February, depending on weather conditions. Placing a tree to the curb for collection after late January means your tree may not be picked up until regular

brush collection begins in the spring.

Holiday Tree Collection Rules

To avoid damage to our equipment, we ask that you follow these guidelines:

Place trees at the street edge only.

Remove and discard tree bags.

Remove all tree stands, ornaments, lights and other metal objects.

Trees that are not properly prepared will NOT be collected.

Holiday Tree Drop Off Sites

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Leaves are a major source of phosphorous that feed the algae in our lakes.

When rain falls on leaves in the street or piles of leaves sitting out to be collected, the water run-off from the leaves creates a "leaf tea" that is rich in phosphorus. That "tea" goes into the sewer drains and then into the lakes, which feeds the algae. Removing street leaves before it rains can greatly reduce the amount of phosphorous traveling from stormwater drains to the lakes.

You can help protect our lakes from leaf run-off. Check out Leaf-free Streets to:

- Learn about leaf collections guidelines for your community; and
- Sign up for rain alerts, where you will get an email or text 1-2 days before a significant rain event reminding you to remove leaves from the street.
- Think of leaves as an asset and use them:
- Instead of putting leaves out for collection, use them around plants and trees where they will break down into mulch.
- Mulch leaves when mowing your lawn, which will fertilize your lawn.
- Compost your leaves and use them on your garden.

Be a Good Neighbor

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

The City would like to encourage everyone to be a good neighbor. Think about neighbors and friends who do not have the ability to shovel snow from public sidewalks, their walkways and driveways. Let neighbors know ahead of time if you are willing to help. Check with these neighbors after a storm to be sure they are okay and ask if they need assistance.

Clear Your Sidewalk and Walkway

Be a good neighbor and shovel your walk. Make your sidewalk easy to navigate for the elderly, disabled, or parents with strollers. It is your responsibility as the property owner, to clear of any snow or ice that accumulates on the sidewalk that is immediately adjacent to your property. You are required to clear snow from the sidewalk by noon of the day after the snow stopped. And remember, snow plows might create a blockage even after your drive has been cleaned.

Fire Hydrants

The City of Madison Fire Department and the Madison Water Utility ask residents and businesses to help in keeping fire hydrants clear of ice and snow.

It's important to clear a minimum of three feet around the hydrant to give the Fire Department room to work and to get quick access in case of a fire. If a hydrant is lost or buried in snow, firefighters can lose valuable time trying to locate it when they first arrive at a fire.

Accessibility in Winter

Each year we receive calls from residents with disabilities who experience difficulty moving about in the community due to the snow. Large snow falls combined with Madison's number of streets, crosswalks, curb cuts and bus stops make it virtually impossible to clear snow from every site on a timely basis. The City asks residents to assist in letting the us know of problem areas by reporting issues to Report a Problem (<https://www.cityofmadison.com/reportaproblem/>).

- Report a street that needs plowing
- Report a street that needs sanding
- Report a curb ramp not cleared
- Report a crosswalk that needs clearing
- Report a bus stop that needs clearing

Sidewalk Clearing

The City of Madison requires that property owners remove all snow and ice from sidewalks, including curb cuts. Please notify Building Inspection of any sidewalk or curb cut that is impassable due to snow and/or ice accumulation. You can report it in a variety of ways:

- Report a sidewalk that needs clearing (using the website above)
- Report a curb cut that needs clearing (using the website above)
- Call Building Inspection: (608) 266-4551 or WI Relay Service if you are deaf or hard of hearing (Dial 711 to reach the Relay Service. If you are calling from outside the 608 area code, call toll free at 1-800-947-3529.)

Snow Removal for Seniors and Disabled Residents

If you are unable to clear the snow from your sidewalk or driveway because of age/disability, please call the Building Inspection Division at 266-4551 and ask to speak to a Property Maintenance Inspector. The Inspector can try to pair you up with an agency, which can provide assistance and place your address on the 72-hour extension list.

Elderly and disabled who cannot afford to hire someone should contact East Madison/Monona Coalition of the Aging at (608) 223-3100.



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From Our County Executive

Dane County's Partnership with Community Centers



Joe Parisi

Dane County Executive

Neighborhood and community centers are one of the most effective and important investments we can make toward ensuring all of our kids and families have the ability to reach their full potential. I recently introduced my budget for 2020, recognizing the great potential of community centers in advancing long standing county policy priorities – reducing poverty, improving mental health services for young people, and bringing partners together to support families.

My budget creates a new \$500,000 grant program for community centers to launch new mental and behavioral health work for kids and families. As we've seen with the Building Bridges school mental health program I created a few years ago, when you take available services to where young people gather, you can directly improve living situations and outcomes.

Childhood mental health, trauma, and poverty are all barriers to the future success of young people in our community. These centers see firsthand every day the effects of mental health challenges and trauma on our young people. That's why I'm also funding training on trauma informed care for center volunteers and staff across the community.

The budget for next year also links two of our greatest assets—our community centers and our incredible Dane County parks—to get young people better engaged with the natural world around them. I'm creating "Dane County Get Outside!"—an initiative connecting young people ages 7 to 14 with the vast array of natural resources and parks that contribute so much to our quality of life. Parks staff will visit centers to work with students on the importance of natural areas, and from there the fun will head outdoors. It's important we take the time to ensure access and an appreciation for the outdoors for our next generation.

Neighborhood centers offer more than just a physical place to gather, they change lives and make memories, often by simple acts of the great human gifts of time and generosity. I'm proud to partner with them into 2020 and beyond.



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Local history

The 1930 City of Madison map shows a portion of Harding Street in the area now occupied by Walter Street south of the railroad tracks. There is a Grand View Street which later became Sargent Street, and Johns Street, Margaret Street, Busse Street, and Bernard Street. These all appear to have been the first or last names of local residents. Olbrich Street was added before 1942, probably for Michael Olbrich who had donated the land for Olbrich Park.

Margaret Street extended north across the railroad tracks. Huron Street later became Ring Street, Erie Street became Gunderson Street, and Ontario Street is still Ontario Street. Anchor Drive and Coral Court first appear on the 1950 City of Madison map.

Royster Avenue was added about 1948 to honor the F. S. Royster Guano Co. factory at the intersection of Dempsey Road and Cottage Grove Road. Royster's main office was in Norfolk, Virginia. The Madison plant formally opened on March 24, 1948 and closed in 2006. It blended many mixtures of plant food for farm use.

The neighborhood's eastern border was fixed about 1950 when the East Beltline Highway was built east of Dempsey Road and U.S. Highway 51 was rerouted from Monona Drive. The new route was called South Stoughton Road, the East Beltline Highway and just 51.

Dempsey Road is for a local farm family, although, as with many other street names in the area, it is impossible to say when the name was chosen or if it honors the family in general or just one family member. In fact, if a street in Blooming Grove has a German, Irish, or Norwegian name it was probably named for a local farm family or land owner.

Leon Park, also known as Lansing Park, was renamed O.B. Sherry Park in 1974 in honor of Orven B. Sherry, a Madison real estate dealer, who donated land for the park's expansion that eliminated Willow Street and the eastern portion of Thorp Street. Wayne Street was reduced to a remnant that is now so short there is only room for one house on one side of the street.

In 1993, the Madison School Board renamed the middle school portion of Schenk School for Annie Green-crow Whitehorse (1906-1999), a respected member of the Madison area American Indian (Ho-Chunk) community. (*History of Madison: Beginning with Part VIII of Burr Angle's writings of "The Origins of Some Eastside Madison, Wisconsin, Street Names", beginning on page 7.)*

We are looking for new volunteers to help with distribution and layout of *Hi, Neighbor!* Experience is not necessary, just a desire to help out. If you are interested please write to hineighboreastmorland@gmail.com

Quarterly Quiz Win \$25

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

There were no correct answers to the last quiz question, which asked for the regular city bus routes that serve Eastmorland that do not stop at the East Transfer Point on Milwaukee Street. Perhaps this query will be repeated sometime.

Today's challenge: List all of the street names in our neighborhood that contain only one vowel.

As always, the winner will be randomly selected from all correct responses sent to Eastmorland-Puzzle@outlook.com before December 1st.

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News from Our Schools

Schenk Elementary

We are a successful couple of months into the new school year at Schenk Elementary! Sue Abplanalp is in her third year as principal, and all of her hard work and dedication to the school—as well as the tremendous efforts of all teachers and staff—is showing tangible results.

Schenk Elementary was featured in MMSD's most recent Annual Report for tremendous growth in student literacy and math achievement in the 2018-2019 school year. Working with the data about student academic and behavioral performance, a ten-point School Structure Plan was created and implemented that embraced a culturally responsive, student-centered approach to learning. Promotion of regular, meaningful communication among staff about what's best for students and best for the building helped drive the growth in academic achievement seen inside the school.

We are so proud of the great strides our students are making and look forward to seeing how wonderful they do this school year! To read more, check it out here: <https://news.madison.k12.wi.us/rise-shine>.

The Schenk PTO continues this year with focused fundraising to make improvements to our playground. This year we invite the whole neighborhood to our first Schenk Crafty Fair! Proceeds from the Crafty Fair will go directly to our playground fund. The Schenk Crafty Fair will be held at the school at 230 Schenk Street on Saturday, December 14, 2019, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. We will host over 30 local crafters who offer a tremendous variety of hand-crafted items for sale. The PTO will also have food and drinks available for purchase to support our playground fundraising efforts. Come support your local elementary school and local artists!

We also welcome any cash donations for our playground improvement campaign. Donations to the Schenk PTO are tax-deductible and can be sent to Schenk PTO at 230 Schenk St, Madison, WI 53714. If you have any questions about the PTO, please email me at schenkpto@gmail.com. Thank you for supporting Schenk Elementary!
-Kelly Welsh, Schenk PTO

Whitehorse Middle School

We are off to a great start at Whitehorse Middle School! Thanks to everyone who came out for the fall food cart night!

We have a few other easy ways to support the school this year. Take a break from cooking and come to Culvers, 4401 Cottage Grove Road, on Tuesday, November 19 between 5:00 PM and 8:00 PM when they are generously donating a portion of all sales to our PTO.

The Box Tops for Education is another way to help. The program has changed and even easier to use. Participating brands have begun to change their packaging from the traditional Box Tops clip to the new Box Tops label. Going forward, instead of clipping from packages, all Box Tops will be earned digitally by scanning your receipt.

Download the new app and select Whitehorse Middle School. If you still have traditional Box Tops, please send them to school. We will still earn rewards until they expire. Thank you!

-Sandra Houseman, Whitehorse PTO

Alternate Side Parking Rules

Don't let the snow lead to a ticket or a tow. Here are few things you need to know to avoid a ticket or a tow:

- Alternate Side Parking is in effect city-wide with the exception of the downtown Snow Emergency Zone (unless there is a Declared Snow Emergency).
- Alternate Side Parking is in effect from November 15 - March 15, seven days a week, regardless of weather conditions.
- Park on the EVEN house numbered side of the street on even numbered days from 1:00 am – 7:00 am.
- Park on the ODD house numbered side of the street on odd numbered days from 1:00 am – 7:00 am.

Fines

Violations of the Alternate Side Parking rules are subject to a fine of \$20 when a Snow Emergency has not been declared. Violations of the Alternate Side Parking rules are subject to a fine of \$60 when a Snow Emergency has been declared.

Get Reminders

Sign up for Daily Alternate Side Parking Reminders (https://entry.inspironlogistics.com/madison_winter/wens.cfm) via text messaging!

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Pat's Pointers

Gardening tips for the fall

by Patricia Blair



Pat Blair

The days are getting shorter, but finding time to fit in these five tasks before winter sets in will help you greet spring with a smile.

- Rake up or mulch leaves on the lawn and mow lawn short, two inches if possible without scalping. Having the lawn short for winter helps deter mice from burrowing and it allows for quicker green-up in the spring. A long floppy lawn will mat down and be an inviting home for rodents.

- Correct any negative drainage, have downspout extensions on hand for any mid-winter rains. Even a slightly negative pitch can bring water into a basement. Make sure soil is pitched away from the foundation and have your downspout extensions accessible in case of winter rain or heavy spring rain. Frozen ground can create puddles and push water towards the foundation. Move it away for the foundation by using extensions.

- Put your flower garden to bed. Cut back perennials such as Bearded Iris, Bee Balm, Gaillardia, Catmint, Columbine, Parsnip, Daylily, and Salvia. Leave Echinacea, grasses and some Black-eyed Susans for winter interest and for the birds to enjoy the seeds.

- Protect plants from rodents. Wrap drain tile section at the base of tree or put chicken wire around group of plants and anchor with stakes. Avoid having your prize plants gnawed on. Protect them this fall.

- Store clay and ceramic pots in the garage or basement after rinsing them out. I've seen cold ceramic pots shatter if bumped in the right place. Store them in an out of the way corner where they won't get damaged by an errant snow shovel.

Hopefully Mother Nature gives us a nice November so when we watch the first snowfall we know that we have prepared well for winter and will have fewer surprises next spring.

Pat Blair owns Blair Landscape and Outdoor Inspirations. She can be reached at pat@outdoorinspirations.com or pat@blairlandscape.com

Get Your Yard and Home Ready for Winter—Not for Rats!

by Public Health Madison & Dane County

Rats aren't just a nuisance—they can cause property damage and spread disease. In the fall, rats are looking for food and shelter. By getting rid of food and shelter that we unknowingly provide in our yards, we can control rat populations and prevent infestations from happening. When you're getting your yard and home ready for winter, you can take some simple steps.

Don't give rats things to eat:

- Put your compost bin on a base and keep the lid closed tightly.
- Make sure garbage can lids fit tightly and they're emptied regularly.
- Don't overfill bird feeders.
- Get rid of fruits and berries that have fallen from trees or bushes.
- Pick up pet waste regularly.
- If you have a chicken coop, don't leave feed or water in it overnight.
- If your chicken coop has a dirt floor, watch for signs of burrowing in the coop.
- If you see signs of burrowing, line it with hardware cloth, stapling it to the walls.
- Don't give rats a place to nest:
- Stack firewood off the ground, away from buildings.
- Keep grass, vines, and bushes cut short and your yard free of clutter.
- Clean sheds and storage areas regularly.
- Don't keep upholstered furniture outside.
- Fill holes outside your home with steel wool and seal with caulk.

If you do have rats in or around your home, trapping is the safest option. Always wear gloves when removing a rat from a trap and put it in newspaper or a plastic bag before putting it in the garbage. Then wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water.

Finally, encourage your neighbors to make sure their property is not rat-friendly. When whole neighborhoods become involved, prevention efforts are more effective.



Sewing classes!

Want to take up sewing or improve your skills? Look no further! MSCR offers a variety of machine sewing and quilting classes for all ages.

For more information about the sewing classes happening at MSCR, check out the MSCR program guide, visit www.mschr.org or call 204-3000.

Pinney Library Events

Madison Writing Assistance

Wednesdays, November 6-December 4, 4:00-7:00 p.m.
Drop by for assistance with all your writing projects.

Family Storytime

Lussier Family East YMCA, 711 Cottage Grove Rd.
Tuesdays, November 6 - November 26, 10:00 a.m.
A mix of stories, songs, activities, and play, designed to share literacy skills and a love of reading. For toddlers and preschoolers.

Pinney Playdate

Interim Pinney
Thursdays, November 7 – 21, 9:30 a.m.
Join other neighborhood families for a casual playdate, featuring child-led play and great books!

Chapters Teen Writing Club

Interim Pinney
Thursdays, November 7-December 5
Middle and high school students can meet other aspiring authors, bounce ideas off one another, share stories, and feel the creativity flow! Led by local author Carole Madrzak.

Pinney Afternoon Book Group

Lake Edge Lutheran Church, 4032 Monona Dr.
Wednesday, November 13, 2:30 p.m. - *I'll Be Gone in the Dark* by Michelle McNamara

Pinney Evening Book Group

Lake Edge Lutheran Church, 4032 Monona Dr.
Tuesday, November 26, 7:00 p.m. - *Radium Girls* by Kate Moore
Tuesday, January 28, 7:00 p.m. - *The Snow Child* by Eowyn Ivey

Healthcare Enrollment with Covering Wisconsin

Saturday, November 16, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Healthcare Navigators provide free health care enrollment help. Call Covering Wisconsin at 608-261-1455 for an appointment.

Interim Pinney Library Hours and Information

The interim Pinney Library is located at 211 Cottage Grove Rd. in the former Ace Hardware building. For program details or to register, call 608-224-7100 or visit madisonpubliclibrary.org. Library hours are Monday-Friday 9am-9pm, Saturday 9am-5pm, and Sunday 1-5pm.

All Madison Public Library locations will be closed November 28 & 29, December 22, 24, 25, 29, 31, and January 1 for winter holidays, and January 20 for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

During closed days, you can use library book drops to return items, or LINKcat to place holds, check your record, or renew items you've checked out. Check out the library's always-accessible online collections, OverDrive eBooks and downloadable audiobooks: wplc.overdrive.com. Check the library website for all holiday or weather-related closures: madisonpubliclibrary.org

New Pinney Library Updates

The library will have a limited number of events in January and February as it transitions to its new space! Please watch the Pinney website for new events, notice of closing and move, and grand opening plans!

Follow along with the progress on the new Pinney Library at 516 Cottage Grove Rd. by checking the library's web site or signing up for email updates: madisonpubliclibrary.org/pinney. The library will open in the spring of 2020.

Save the Date: Pinney Gala Fundraiser

Madison Public Library Foundation is hosting a fundraiser gala on Saturday, February 29, 2020. Tickets go on sale November 19 at mplfoundation.org. Attendees will get to preview the new library before it opens and support the new library! Public ribbon cutting and grand opening events will be announced in early January. Learn how you can support the new library at mplfoundation.org/pinney



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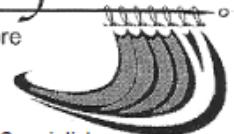
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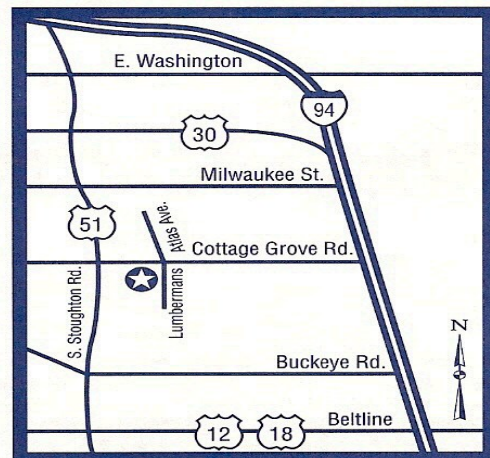
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ECA Volunteer Leaf-Raking Party

Due to the early onset of heavy snow, the Eastmorland Community Association (ECA) is cancelling its Leaf Raking Party that had been scheduled for November 9. The annual event is designed to provide raking assistance for neighbors who are physically unable to rake their leaves due to health reasons.

We still need your help, though, because we have several neighbors who will need volunteers to rake their yards when the snow thaws. Hopefully that will happen yet this fall, or even next spring if the snow persists.

If you would be willing to rake one or more yards after the snow melts, please contact Kris Whitman at kwhitman@uwalumni.com or (608) 228-6654, or Kathy Soukup, ECA president, at 244-8965. They will match you with a specific house in your area to assist.

Thank you very much for considering helping your neighbors in need.



Early snow came to the neighborhood on October 29th this year, just in time for trick or treating!

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