

# Hi, Neighbor!

A Quarterly Newsletter for the Eastmorland Community Association

Third Quarter 2015

## Milwaukee Street Bridge Construction Updates



### LAST UPDATED 7/28/2015

Beginning Tuesday July 28th the Milwaukee Street Bridge east of Fair Oaks Ave. will be closed for reconstruction. The Bridge will remain closed through the middle of October 2015. Project ends November 30, 2015.

The Milwaukee Street work west of Fair Oaks will continue with installation of the sanitary sewer, and begin installation of the water main late in the week. Milwaukee Street will remain one lane eastbound through August 2015.

The traffic signals at the Fair Oaks intersection will be changed this week to stop signs.

### DESCRIPTION

The City of Madison is proposing to reconstruct the Milwaukee Street Bridge over the Starkweather Creek in 2015. The bridge is in poor condition and in need of replacement. During the same time, the City will make improvements to the underground utilities, lighting and traffic signals, and the Milwaukee Street and Fair Oaks Ave. intersection.

The project is scheduled to begin July 20, and will be completed in November. The bridge has been closed starting July 28 and will be closed for the duration of the project.

## Want A Garage Sale?

Paid ECA members can call Bernie by August 7 and leave their name, address and phone number. The neighborhood garage sale would be August 14 and 15. Please call Bernie @ 244-8958 if you want to be included

## Ash Tree Update

Starting soon the first group of twenty Ash trees will be treated and a second group later on. Tree Health Management is treating them for us. Needless to say we are very excited and looking for more Ash trees to treat.

## Madison City Engineering says . . . NO MORE MOWING!

*A letter received by Eastmorland residents recently reads as follows:*

July 16, 2015

**Re: Mowing within Woodman's Detention Pond (53W1663/10372)**

Dear Resident,

City Engineering recently completed a project that replaced the concrete drainage way through Eastmorland Park and the Woodman's Detention Basin. As part of this project, the detention basin was regarded and planted in native vegetation. Both the regarding and planting were completed in an effort to reduce the length of time that standing water is present within the basin.

The native vegetation we hope to establish in the basin will not only have deep root systems that improve infiltration, but during the growing season, will use a significant amount of soil moisture. In order to establish native vegeta-

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## Fire Station 5 Firefighter Fun Day!

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*Rain date: Sunday, August 9. Parking off-site; Parent or legal guardian MUST be present with minor children at all times*

## Wham! Bang! It's a Hit in the Pocket Book

Just how much is uncertain what the taxpayers will have to pick up for their share of the **Judge Doyle Square, Exact Sciences project**. It's been estimated each share will be around \$480. For more information read Alder David Ahrens article on page 4.

# Kathy's Komments



I always think that I am going to have more time in the summer. False! Even though the days are longer and warm – in fact, mostly very warm this summer! Things happen and more demands for something being done – a family wedding in Wausau (Kronenwetter actually); a visit to Minnesota to see our oldest granddaughter and deliver her bike and requests. The list goes on....

However, the yards around the neighborhood are very lush and beautiful this year. Everything green seems to love this weather – except my Golden Elder bush. I am not sure it will make it, but the hostas, day lilies, raspberry bushes and all the other plants in our yard are very happy! We keep watering them faithfully.

Last issue I put in requests for volunteers from the neighborhood and several of you replied – thank you! This issue I am asking again as there are still more things in our neighborhood that need help: 1. Our Block Captain Thank-You event needs someone to head it up. We do have some folks who will help, but not enough. 2. At the Walter and Richard Streets corner – for the last almost 10 years there have been red flags to help folks cross that busy corner safely – especially children going to school. We need someone near there (ideally) to see that the several flags in the holder are replaced. ECA would bear the cost of the plastic flags and the doweling needed. 3. We still need a block captain for some of Dempsey Rd. and Lori Circle. I think that there are 6-8 houses on Dempsey and all of Lori Circle. If there is a Girl Scout or a Boy Scout or high school kiddo wanting community service hours – please let me know! 4. I have been passionate for many years about the need for a neighborhood sign. What we really need is to have a neighborhood sign committee made up of folks who are willing to make that sign a reality! Think about it! If you can help with ANY of the items listed in this paragraph, please let me know!

Many of you now have additional plants in your yards, thanks to shopping at Linda and Tim's plant and treasures sale. I know that I was there – at least once to gather new plants to add to our yard. Those of us who went also made it possible for the saving of a very large Ash in O.B. Sherry Park with the proceeds of the sale.

At our July ECA meeting, our alder, David Ahrens managed to arrange for Rick Roll, Senior Planner in the Dept. of Planning & Community & Economic Development

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**Kathy's Komments** — from previous page

Planning Division, Comprehensive Planning and Development Review Section. What does this mean? Partly, it means he is on the team that does the long-range planning for the city of Madison. We wanted to hear what he knew of plans for our Milwaukee Street corridor – anything that might change soon, or any rumors that he could share. I am not going to go into details here, but if you are interested, let me know. We can discuss this at our August ECA meeting at Lakeview Moravian Church. What I did hear from Mr. Roll, was that we need to strongly consider setting up a committee to begin work for a neighborhood plan in a proactive way to make sure that our needs and wishes are at least considered when development occurs, or change happens. Mr. Roll agreed to help us in this. We will need input from the Voit Family also with this.

I wrote to a former resident, Diane G., and told her that I feel like I am living in a construction zone! What with the highway 51 bridge over Cottage Grove Road, Royster Corners, and now the closing, repair and replacement of the bridge over Milwaukee Street – sometimes I am amazed at the changes from one day to the next!

Summer School and SREC are almost over as I write this article and the kiddos are ecstatic about it. As a staff person, I am torn as the kiddos have become part of my life this summer and I will miss them.

Our small grands are growing: Katia began summer camp, a preview to preschool 2 mornings a week. Diego is also in summer camp and begins kindergarten in the fall. Also, their family will be moving to an apartment the end of August. Lots of changes happening all over. *Kathy*

PS. Be sure to read the copy of the mowing letter that was sent to close neighbors after the concrete drainage way through Eastmorland Park and the detention basin was redone and planted in native vegetation. Also, read the small article about problems in our neighborhood which would include the information I got a phone message about, where a neighbor's new picture window had to be replaced after someone shot into the window with a pellet gun. Has anyone else had that problem? To the neighbor who called, please call back as someone deleted your message before I was able to get your phone number written and call you back. (see page 16)

Another thing to read: the Police Dept. was handing out report cards awhile ago and I received the writeup with information I wanted to share with all of you — *Kathy*

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**ECA 2015 Calendar of Events**

Tuesday, August 11, 2015 ECA meeting\*  
Tuesday, September 8, 2015 ECA meeting\*  
Tuesday, October 13, 2015 ECA meeting\*  
Tuesday, November 10, 2015 ECA meeting\*  
Tuesday, October 13, 2015 Deadline for:

Submissions for the November 2015,  
“Hi, Neighbor!”

Monday, November 2, 2015, the November  
“Hi, Neighbor!” scheduled to be  
delivered to Block Captains  
by Distributors

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

*We look forward to seeing you there.*



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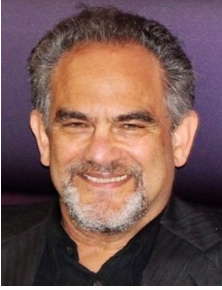
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## From Our Alder



**David Ahrens**  
15th District

Last year, the Common Council voted down a proposal to lend \$40 million to a developer to build another hotel in our downtown. The Council voted to kill the proposal in large part because the private sector was quickly building hotels downtown and the costs and risks to the city were enormous.

But once the City starts dangling big money to developers they'll keep coming back with more plans and more demands for ever-greater sums of money. Now, the same developer- who also wanted \$17 million for the Edgewater Hotel- is back with a plan that will cost more. Indeed, while the last proposal was based on a loan, this proposal gives an outright grant of \$12 million to a privately owned biotech company. In return they say that they will hire and move 400 employees downtown. That's about \$30,000 per employee. Note: No other employer- public or private- has ever received this kind of treatment.

In addition, the city will build a 250,000 sq. ft. office building and a 650-space parking garage so that the employees of this company can park for FREE. If you do the math, you can figure out that the garage is too big for the company employees. Also

some employees will not drive, etc. The company will be able to lease those spaces and undercut the prices of the City Parking Utility. This will force the Utility to increase its prices to fill the new Government East (Wilson St) parking ramp. The long-term effects of the project on Parking Utility and the thousands of commuters who use it may be devastating.

The cost of the parking ramp for the company and a new 240 hotel is \$35 million in a loan. The problem is we have not learned who is responsible for the loan and when it will be paid back. Altogether, the cost of the grant and loan to each household in the city is about \$480.00.

You can probably guess that I am against this proposal. First, I believe that it is an improper use of the taxpayers' funds to give a grant to a private-for-profit company. This is a new biotech company with one product and that has almost no revenue- let alone profit. It has amassed an enormous debt and like many companies, if it proves to be successful, it can quickly be bought and moved. That will leave the city with a huge debt, an empty office building and more parking than can possibly be used.

Similarly, there is no reason for the city to invest in a private hotel. In the last five years, private developers have added 700 hotel-rooms to the immediate downtown. None received city financial assistance. Why should one developer receive millions in assistance that has not been given to others in the same business? We should support business but not pick favorites that have an advantage over others.

The city says it now expects a deficit of \$12 million. The Mayor has said that this can be addressed only through cuts in services and layoffs of employees. I think that's wrong. Rather than give \$12 million of our tax dollars to a private corporation, let's use it to close the budget gap. I think we can and should respond to more immediate and essential needs of the city. That's more important and effective than these give-aways to corporations under the guise of economic development.



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## Agrace to Offer Orientation for Prospective Volunteers in August

In August, Agrace will offer volunteer orientation opportunities for those interested in making a difference in the lives of others. An orientation session will be held Wednesday, August 12, from 8 a.m. to noon and Monday, August 24, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Agrace's Madison campus, 5395 E. Cheryl Parkway. Prior to attending orientation, prospective volunteers will complete an application and an interview process with Agrace's Volunteer Services staff to identify the volunteer's skills and interests. Call (608) 327-7163 to begin the pre-orientation process.

## 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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## From Our County Supervisor



**Jeff Pertl**  
District 17

### State budget undermines Dane County and local government

The 2015-17 State Budget brings bad news on many fronts; however, one key theme that has emerged is the pre-emption of local government authority, particularly in Dane County. In the middle of the night, the legislature snuck in hundreds of policy items into the state budget, impacting everything from water quality to recycling.

The major items impacting Dane County include:

*A pre-emption local shoreline zoning requirements, lowering standards and eliminating local control over our beaches and shorelines.*

*A pre-emption of Dane County's water quality oversight, giving political appointees in the state Dept. of Natural Resources (DNR) the power to expand urban sprawl to the benefit of big developers and the detriment of local taxpayers.*

*A pre-emption of oil pipeline spill insurance requirements, which Dane County was using to protect taxpayers and the environment from the devastating effects of a potential tar sands pipeline rupture.*

*A mandatory drug-testing requirement for unemployment and Foodshare benefits, which will degrade and disrespect almost*

*10,000 people in Dane County and cost more than \$750,000.*

*A \$4 million cut in state funding from the municipal/county Recycling Fund, creating a shortfall in our local budget.*

*Modifications to the Family Care and Aging and Disability Resource Center programs that will impact quality of service and funding.*

*Removal of the Dane County appointees to the Madison Metropolitan Sewer District Board, hampering the county-city partnership to combat phosphorus run off into out lakes.*

*And many, many more....*

Well-funded special interests met with legislators behind the scenes to reverse or undermine dozens of major policy decisions adopted by the County Board and other local governments.

Honestly, if the current Republican majority in the state legislature is going to pre-empt or change every important decision we make, then I am not sure why we have local government.

This is playing out in school boards, city councils and town boards across Wisconsin, abandoning our long tradition of local control and undermining our democracy. However, this is more than just undermining local government; it is a targeted attack on Dane County and Madison in particular.

I represent around 17,000 people in half a dozen neighborhoods. I've knocked on your doors and attended our neighborhood meetings. But in this state budget, a handful of powerful legislators have decided they know what is best for our community.

They are wrong, and that is really unfortunate.

Jeff Pertl  
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*I know of at least 2 retired librarians in our neighborhood and others who might find this information I received from the Wisconsin Public Library Consortium recently. You will note that Librarians are always keeping in touch with the new technology and how it can enhance libraries. — Kathy*

## Registration is open for the Digital Shift 2015

On October 14, 2015, library professionals worldwide will meet at a free virtual conference to focus on the challenges and opportunities presented by the digital transition's impact on libraries and their communities.

The 7th annual \_ (will provide actionable answers to some of the biggest questions our profession faces, for and from libraries of all types – school, academic, and public.

Participants will engage in a dynamic day-long conversation about how libraries connect communities like no other institution and learn how to leverage digital tools to facilitate and strengthen connections among classrooms and communities.

Libraries Connecting Communities will feature thought-provoking keynotes from John Palfrey, author of BiblioTech: Why Libraries Matter More Than Ever in the Age of Google (and Denise Jacobs (tech leader, author, and creativity evangelist.)

Four high-content learning tracks for and from libraries of all types – school, academic, and public – will be offered in key areas:

CREATION, CURATION, AND CONNECTION will look at how academic, school, and public libraries connect people to content and the many ways libraries and their users are embracing digital tools to create, curate, discover and deliver information.

OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT will examine how libraries of all types are using digital tools to facilitate connections and help support strong communities.

FAST LEARNING 10-minute presentations will tackle a wide range of topics demonstrating how libraries and librarians are engaging with and through technology.

POSTER SESSIONS will feature a suite of vendor/partner curated sessions focused on practical solutions to specific challenges and visionary ideas with practical applications.

Registration for the virtual conference is FREE and includes access to the event archives, on-demand, including all presentations, information and handouts from the conference.

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

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

When you sign up, you have several options:

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## From Our State Representative



**Melissa Sargent**  
48th State Assembly

### Budget betrays our Wisconsin Values

The state budget process is the busiest time during each two-year legislative session. I have held dozens of listening sessions and have knocked on over 7,000 doors in an attempt to receive feedback from my constituents.

The main thing I heard over and over was the fact that this budget does not reflect who we are as a community or as a state.

Private prosperity is not possible without a strong government standing behind its people. Together, we can champion our public schools, invest in our workforce, provide the security of health care, and safeguard our environment.

Sadly, this \$73 million dollar budget does not invest in the people of Wisconsin. Instead, it sells out of children's future for the personal benefit of our governor, who happens to be running for president.

Republicans in the Capitol repeat the mantra 'smaller government', but what that really means less education, less clean air and water, and less financial security. The model of 'smaller government' means making the public good secondary and abandoning the moral mission of government – to serve the people.

You and I both know that this budget makes us less free and

less secure as a people. While these may be dark days, I see a flicker of light. That flicker of light is the people of Wisconsin waking up and realizing that the people currently running our state are not on their side. That flicker of light is people wanting a future that works for all of us, not just the wealthy few.

There truly is hope on the horizon. People around the state are uniting. I can feel it.

Together, we must outline a path towards a more prosperous future. This path would:

- \*Raise the minimum wage to \$15/hour
- \*Give childcare tax credits to our working families.
- \*Expand voting access.
- \*Safeguard our environment
- \*Hold corporations accountable and make them pay their fair share.

We can do this. We must do this. I love our community and our state. I want my four sons to live in a world better than the one I grew up in. And I want future generations to enjoy the Wisconsin

*I thought that this was information that we needed to know – that steps are being taken for the list of people in the last paragraph of this article to learn and understand more about the different cultural groups that make up Madison today. — Kathy*

The Madison Police Department Training Center is teaching a course in September: Judgment under the Radar Series: Blueprint (Leadership). A Cultural Competence Course

Description: The Madison Police Department's Unconscious Bias Group has hosted several 8 hour trainings for Law Enforcement and city employees over the last 3 years. The group has presented on the following topics: LGBT Community, Latino Culture, Judaism, Hip Hop Culture, Muslim Community and Developing Relationships in Challenging Communities. This year the group will present three new topics in a training called "Judgment Under the Radar – Blueprint." This training will cover the African American Community and Policing, Privilege and Racial Disparities as well as building relationships with the communities we serve. The course is designed to give attendees an alternative way of thinking about race, African American Culture, privilege and will offer ways for officers to build relationships in today's unpredictable climate.

*This course is restricted to law enforcement or law enforcement partners (social workers, prosecutors, judges, medical examiners, educators, criminal justice students, etc.) Members of the media are encouraged to attend all or part.*

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## SUNSHINE

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### THINKING OF YOU

Don and Carrie Ezzell  
Hugs to you both!

### SYMPATHY

Lou and Jayme Thorsen  
On the death of Lou's brother

### Mowing — Continued from page 1

tion, it must be allowed to grow, bloom, and produce seeds. Therefore, the Woodman's Detention Basin will be posted as a No-Mow area in the immediate future. This policy change will prohibit mowing within the detention basin except for City crews, who will mow on an annual or semi-annual basis.

If you have questions, please direct them to Sally Swenson at (608) 266-4862 or [sswenson@cityofmadison.com](mailto:sswenson@cityofmadison.com). Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,  
Robert F. Phillips,  
P.E., City Engineer

### Pellet Gun Shot Breaks Neighbor's Window

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## From Our County Executive



**Joe Parisi**

*Dane County Executive*

As State lawmakers finish up work on the Wisconsin budget, they would benefit from looking to Dane County as a model for solutions, rather than hampering our ability to continue our successes.

In Dane County we are doing many things right. The facts speak for themselves:

We are the most effective job creator among Wisconsin's 72 Counties, 56.9% of all the new private sector jobs created in Wisconsin between 2003 and 2013, happened in Dane County. The nearly 20,000 new jobs added here over that decade is three times greater than the next closest county.

Through 2003-2013, 76% of the state's average monthly em-

ployment increase occurred in Dane County. Dane consistently has the lowest unemployment rate in the state.

We are the fastest growing Wisconsin county, 70% of the state's net population growth is Dane County. 20,000 of the 28,000 new residents added statewide between 2008 and 2012, came to Dane County.

We are a national agricultural leader, Dane County agriculture accounts for over \$3.4 billion in economic activity, over 17,000 jobs, and \$1.3 billion in total income. Out of the more than 3,000 counties in the United States, Dane County ranks 27th nationally in dairy production.

Moreover, we are an elite tourism destination, Dane County experienced a 6.2% increase in direct visitor spending from tourism in 2014, totaling \$1.8 billion.

The people of Dane County know their communities, farms, lakes, and businesses and we don't need the heavy hand of state government telling us what our county should look like, and how and where we should do things.

More people, jobs, and businesses are coming to Dane County than anywhere else. What this community has accomplished is a template to emulate, not something to tear apart out of petty partisanship.

Instead of messing with success, if this legislature actually wants to bring more businesses, jobs, and people, to Wisconsin - - it may want to take a page from what we like to call 'The Dane County Way.'

When it comes to vibrant, sustained economic growth, what state government aspires to accomplish and talks about doing, Dane County has, and continues, to lead the way.

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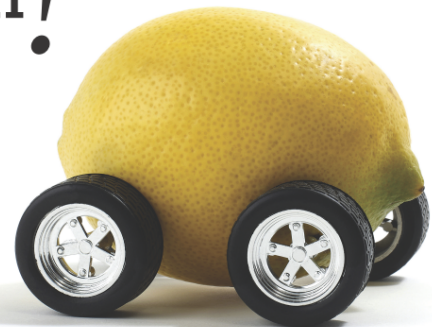
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## News from Our Schools

### Welcome to Schenk!

If you will be a new family at Schenk in 2015-16, welcome! We hope you will enjoy being a part of the school community. All Schenk families are automatically members of the PTO and there is no membership fee. The PTO sponsors activities throughout the year and we are always looking for new energy and ideas. Any family interested in receiving news about Schenk Elementary and PTO events is encouraged to send an email to [schenkpto@gmail.com](mailto:schenkpto@gmail.com) to be added to the PTO listserve.

As we begin the new school year, there are a few events that we invite you to be a part of:

**A)** If you have a kindergartener starting at Schenk in September 2015, we hope you can attend the 'Playdate on the Playground' on Thursday, August 27 from 3:30-5pm on the Schenk playground. This is an opportunity for the kindergarten teachers, students, the principal and families to meet before the big day and help with the transition to school.

**B)** We will hold a second 'Playdate on the Playground' for new families at any grade level, K-5. Join us from 6-7pm on Sunday, August 30 at the Schenk playground.

**C)** Registration for all Schenk students is Thursday, August 20 from 11am-6pm.

**D)** Welcome Breakfast for Kindergarten and new families is Tuesday, September 1 at 8:30am.

If you want to be alerted to this event(s), please send an email to [schenkpto@gmail.com](mailto:schenkpto@gmail.com).

Do not hesitate to contact us with any questions. We look forward to connecting with you in the fall!

### Ways to support Schenk:

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

**1)** Schenk collects General Mills Boxtops for Education (we receive 10 cents for each one!) and Labels for Education (which are used to purchase much needed equipment). Even if you don't have a child at the school, donations of these items are much appreciated. They can be dropped off at school, or given to a neighbor whose child attends Schenk, or send an email to [schenkpto@gmail.com](mailto:schenkpto@gmail.com) so someone can arrange to pick them up.

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

**3)** Schenk is participating in the Terracycle program (<http://www.terracycle.com/en-US/brigades.html>) to reduce waste and earn money for educational programs and supplies at Schenk. Below is the list of items we are collecting:

a/ Aluminum or plastic Caprisun or Honest Kids drink pouches (no need to remove straws)

b/ Ella's kitchen, Earth's Best or other baby food pouches and plastic tops

c/ Cell phones: Cell phones of all types (remove data first if you can).

d/ Mom's Brand Cereals (Malt-O-Meal®, Spooners®, Three Sisters®, Bear River Valley®, and Sally's® brand) cereal bags.

e/Plastic lined paper Better Oats & I love Oats hot cereal pouches.

f/ Toothpaste Tubes/tops, old toothbrushes, floss containers, toothbrush outer packaging

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Pictured above are chickens kabobbing for apples

## Chicken Coop Corner Our Favorite Chicken Snacks

By Tim & Candy Phelps

We love to spoil our chickens with treats. It is very entertaining to watch your flock sprint across the yard toward you whenever they think they are about to get a snack. Giving your chickens treats is also a great way to train them. For example, when our chickens are free ranging in the yard and we want to put them back in their pen, all we have to do is shake a bag of dried mealworms and they run full speed back into the pen, jockeying for the best position to get the most worms. (Chickens have never been known for being good at sharing or taking turns). The brand of dried mealworms we buy is called “Chicken Frenzy,” and that is a really accurate name!

But as fun as it is to give your chicken treats, you don’t want to overdo it. Giving them too many treats may cause them to become overweight, shorten their lifespan or cause egg-laying productivity issues. If they are snacking too much during the day, they won’t eat their feed, which is scientifically calculated to provide the exact amount of nutrients they need. Even when feeding them healthy snacks of fruits and veggies, they still need to eat their feed to be healthy and well-balanced.

The first year we had backyard chickens, we made some real mistakes with their snack situation. Firstly, we would feed them table scraps while we were dining on our deck. You can probably see where this is going. Just like a dog, we basically trained them to not only beg at the table, but they would actually jump/fly up onto our laps to try to get a bite of a Pizza Hut breadstick. Funny the first time it happened. Not so much after that.

Then in the winter, we felt so bad for them being all cooped up and bored (not to mention freezing) that we gave them tons of treats in addition to their regular feed. They seriously plumped up over the winter, which we sort of chalked up to their “winter protective layer.” Two of the girls ended up having health issues that winter, which very well could have been attributed at least partially to their obesity (as adorable as it was).

Giving chickens table scraps is usually OK, but avoid feeding your chickens anything with a lot of salt or sugar. Now we try to limit the amount table scraps and stick to mainly scraps of fruits, veggies, seeds and grains (no more Pizza Hut breadsticks, sorry girls).

Some of our favorite summer snacks for the girls are watermelon, plain yogurt, berries of any kind, kale, spinach, clover and corn on the cob. Now is a good time to collect berries from trees that you don’t want (for example choke berries) and freeze them to be used over the winter. Our girls enjoy hunting for worms, locusts, grubs, small moths and other bugs they can find in the ground. (Now if only we could get them to eat flies and mosquitoes!)

But occasionally, we still do like to give the girls something special, so here are a few more extravagant chicken snacks that we wanted to share:

### KaBobbing for Apples

If you toss a whole apple (or nearly any whole fruit or veggie) into the pen, the chickens may not be able to eat it. They don’t have teeth or thumbs, so it can be hard to really get a good bite of something that big and hard. But we found that if you spear the whole apple on a shish kabob stick and shove it in the ground, this allows the chickens to really go to town pecking at it. They will literally eat every bite including the seeds!

### Chick-Cicles

Fill a cupcake pan with water and add frozen corn, mealworms or berries. Freeze these until they are solid. Then you’ll have some tasty snacks to give the girls on a hot day. As the ice melts, the berries will be revealed. It’s a real test of your chickens’ patience to watch them be able to see the berries but not eat them at first. This can keep them busy for a couple hours while keeping them cool!

### Lettuce Do Lunch

Hang a head of lettuce or cabbage on a string from the roof of the pen or the coop like a punching bag. This snack will let the



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ladies get out some of that pecking order aggression in a healthy way.

You may be surprised to find out that each chicken has its own tastes. If you toss a banana in the pen, Ethel will wolf it down while the other two watch disinterested. But interestingly, you can also train chickens to eat some things they don't like (like slugs) by cutting them up small and mixing them in with other things they like. Once they get the taste of something frequently enough, they might start eating it without the yummy "disguise."

One important note about things you shouldn't feed your chickens. Don't give them anything that is spoiled, moldy or rotten. A couple of other noteworthy no-no's are no green potato peels

and no avocado skins or pits. These both can be toxic to birds. (Source: backyardchickens.com).

Have fun making and giving snacks to your chickens, but like with anything, moderation is key!

For questions, feedback, or talking chicken, contact Tim or Candy at [tim@sproutlandscape.com](mailto:tim@sproutlandscape.com).

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## Pinney Adult Book Group

Tuesday, Aug 25 at 7pm: The Book Thief by Markus Zusak  
Tuesday, Sept 22 at 7pm: 12 Years a Slave by Solomon North-up  
Tuesday, Oct 27 at 7pm: Dew Breaker by Edwidge Danticat  
Stop by the library for a copy of next month's book.

## First Friday Flicks

*Ex Machina* (R) Fri, Aug 7 at 6:30pm  
*Leviathan* (R) Fri, Sept 4 at 6:30pm  
Room for 50 viewers, first come first serve. Door opens 30 mins before start.

## Blockbusters of Summers Past

*Batman* (PG-13) Tues, Aug 11 at 6:30pm  
Room for 50 viewers, first come first serve. Door opens 30 mins before start.

## Special Movie Screening

*Timbuktu* (PG-13) Wed, Sept 16 at 7PM  
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## LEGO Club

First Mondays at 3:30pm  
Join other LEGO fans and build your own unique creation!  
Children under 7 must have an adult helper. No registration required.

## Chess Club

First and third Thursdays at 4:00pm  
Learn how to play chess and play against other children with varied levels of experience. For children in grades K-12. Children under 7 must be accompanied by an adult. No registration required.

## Toddler Time

Tuesdays at 9:30 and 10:30am  
Enjoy stories, songs and rhymes. One adult per child is recommended. Registration is on a first come first served basis. Pick up a nametag from Miss Lesley before storytime.

## Preschool Storytime

Wednesdays at 9:30am and 10:30am  
Storytime with Miss Lesley

## Stop Motion Animation Workshop

August 15 at 10am and 2pm  
Learn how to you can create your own stop motion animated story using just markers and whiteboards. Come with an idea for a story you'd like to tell or make one up on the spot! Registration required. For teens and families.

## Chess Tournament for Kids

Thursday, August 6 at 1:00  
Compete against all levels of chess players. For children in grades K-12. Children under 7 must be accompanied by an adult. Registration required. Limited to 20 participants.

## Duck Tape Mania

Monday, August 10 at 2:00pm and 3:30pm  
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Hoop Embroidery presented by Anthology  
Thursday, August 13 at 6pm  
At this workshop you will learn some basic embroidery stitches to create your own embroidered hoop. Each participant will go home with a unique hoop embroidery piece to hang on the wall. This workshop is led by artists from the State Street shop Anthology. All supplies provided. Adults and teens welcome. Registration required. A Bubbler event.

Sock Monsters!  
Tuesday, August 18 at 2pm  
Make your own stuffed monster (or animal, or alien, or...) from socks! Registration required. A Bubbler Junior event.

Preschool and Toddler Dance Party  
Thursday, August 20 at 10am  
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Herbal Institute  
Monday, Sept 21 at 6:00pm - Ask the Herbalist Panel  
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Monday, Oct 18 at 6:00pm - Healing Herbal Roots  
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A Gentle Talk on Alzheimer's  
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How To Prepare For College  
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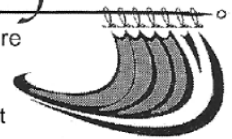
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Det. Sgt. Mary Copeland said the initiative took place in the afternoon hours in the hope that vehicle owners would have a few hours to notice the bright blue fliers and act on the feedback provided to further secure their property.

Det. Copeland said BCU will continue to reach out to residents of Madison to stave off what the police department considers very preventable crime. "Many of these thefts and break-ins

happen when simple steps, such as locking the vehicle's doors have not been taken." she said.

Det. Sgt. Copeland said that there were several vehicles that received failing grades, pointing out the room for improvement. "We really want to reach out to the residents who live in some of the older residential neighborhoods that tend to be very dark and quiet during overnight hours," she said. "The other group we targeted was the newer apartment buildings that have gone up east of the Capitol square. They have underground parking that people are managing to get into to commit these crimes."

Thieves on the west side of Madison are currently targeting vehicles with garage door openers in order to gain access to entire homes through the garage, according to Copeland. -Sent out by the City of Madison via email

Those of us with attached garages need to LOCK the door to the house as well as the garage door. Please remind visitors and friends to hide any valuables left in the vehicle and lock their vehicles – even if their vehicles are in your driveway! Ours is an older neighborhood, so we are vulnerable, as it seems nothing like this would happen here. Well, according to the police report I received lately, we do have a few neighborhood problems/crimes I would like to mention, in June, 2015, there were in Eastmorland: 3 trespass of real property, 3 burglary/breaking and entering and 3 theft from a motor vehicle. I know that one neighbor also had damage to their property when a pellet gun was fired at their new front window – it had to be replaced. I am sharing this information with you to remind you about safety wherever you are – in a small town or a big city. Please take care of yourselves, neighbors! — *Kathy*



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