

Hi, Neighbor!

A Newsletter for the Eastmorland Neighborhood

May 2021

Fresh Air Vibes!

By Jenny Klamm

One of the many virtues of the Eastmorland neighborhood is our proximity to local businesses. We are within an easy walk, bike or drive to coffee shops, taverns and restaurants. These days we are all looking for places to go where we feel comfortable and safe, and we are fortunate to have many outdoor dining opportunities right around the corner.

Biergarten at Olbrich Park | 3527 Atwood Ave.

The Biergarten opened Monday, April 12 for the season. They open at 4 pm Monday–Thursday, 3 pm Friday and 12 pm on weekends. olbrichbiergarten.com

Chief's Tavern | 300 Cottage Grove Rd.

When the pandemic hit, Chief's Tavern added new outdoor seating and fun lighting to create a comfortable outdoor space for customers. They will continue this in 2021, including patio heaters for chilly nights. They open at 11 am most days and you can still get pizza from Buck's across the street.

Garver Feed Mill | 3241 Garver Green

The Garver Patio is now open for self-seating. Visitors can order directly from Ledger Coffee, Ian's Pizza, Garver Lounge (space and offerings expanded over the winter!) and Surya Cafe (after June 1st) and enjoy on the patio. Visit garverfeedmill.com and social media for the latest information.

Java Cat | 3918 Monona Dr.

The drive-thru at Java Cat is a busy place. Their lobby is not open, yet, and people need their coffee! You can get your cuppa joe, chai, gelato and limited bakery from 7 am–2 pm daily via the drive-thru (I have walked up to it, too). Their comfortable patio area is open.

javacatmadison.com

Michael's Frozen Custard | 3826 Atwood Ave.

Michael's has always offered outdoor seating so they were ready for 2020! Step up to their ordering window or use the drive-thru for great burgers and sundaes. This long time stop for local treats opens at 7 am.

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Jade Monkey added an outdoor area in their new location and the Eastside Tiki Bar takes advantage of their

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Save the Farm shares ways to support their efforts to turn Voit Farm into a community space with affordable housing, an urban farm and preservation of wetlands and green space on page 3. Read about their work in the last issue of the newsletter online at eastmorland.org. Photo provided by Save the Farm.

Backyard Birdwatching

By Doug Wilson

In 2020, birdwatching in our Eastmorland backyard became a new hobby. Beyond the seed mix, I found quality suet will entice a variety of woodpeckers all year and even an occasional rose breasted grosbeak or indigo bunting. I haven't made suet at home but the recipes online including lard, peanut butter, seeds and mealworms seemed fun for the adventurous. Instead, I purchase suet from a wonderful craftsperson on Etsy.

For feeding the orioles, grape jelly and orange halves will bring them in starting early May, dropping off as summer takes hold, and then they'll return in August for a last feeding. Official oriole feeders are nice but my first feeder was a piece of rigid orange cardboard, a hole cut in

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Publication Schedule

Over the summer editors will work with Lake Edge residents to bolster their newsletter efforts. The next *Hi Neighbor!* will be published and begin to reach homes late summer or early fall 2021. **Email us to receive deadline information for ads and articles to be submitted for the next issue.**

Submit articles & photos

Articles for publication can be sent to hineighboreastmorland@gmail.com as a Word document or Google Doc for editing for by the newsletter crew. Photos are welcome; please keep in mind they will be printed in black and white.

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Past issues of *Hi, Neighbor!* are available online and in color at eastmorland.org.



Block Parties

Let's get together and have some fun!

Did you know that ECA sponsors payment for up to five block party permits a year? First come, first served. Please contact ECA treasurer, Dan Zimmerman, to request a permit and start planning the fun with your neighbors!

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large lawn overlooking Lake Monona. Just outside of Eastmorland you will find the Lake Edge Shopping Center with a number of al fresco dining opportunities. Crema Café offers a few tables and the new Muskellounge has a fairly large space for lounging (no muskies out there, though); plus, they currently allow carry-in dining from the Seafood Co. next door.

Regardless of your style, you can find a place nearby to celebrate the warmer weather.

**Please review business websites for more information and details on their pandemic protocols.*

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Voit Farm Needs Your Help

Submitted by Save the Farm

In the last newsletter we told you about a community effort to develop Voit Farm into a valuable community asset, with affordable housing, an urban farm, and preservation of wetlands and green space. Now is the time to show your support.



Here's how:

1. **Learn more** at our meetings the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month from 6–8 pm on Zoom (savethefarm.net/meetings-and-events).
2. **Volunteer** on an action team, at any commitment level you are able, (savethefarm.net/action-teams) then email info@savethefarm.net with the name of the team you want to join.
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5. **Contact your City Alder, County Supervisor, Mayor and County Executive:** Read the sample letters on our website (savethefarm.net/2021/02/25/action-alert-what-your-elected-officials-need-to-know and savethefarm.net/our-supporters). Modify the letter to explain why YOU want this project to succeed. Ask for their support. Look up your elected officials by searching Dane County Supervisors (board.countyofdane.com) and Madison Alders (cityofmadison.com/Council/councilMembers/alders.cfm) or by using the links on the Action Alert page of our website (savethefarm.net/2021/02/25/action-alert-what-your-elected-officials-need-to-know).
6. **Encourage your organization to support Save the Farm.** Ask local organizations you are a part of to support the project by:
 - Becoming a coalition partner with their logo on our website.
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 - Finding ways the organization can fulfill its mission by partnering with us.
 - Spreading the word on social media and with organizational letters of support.

Join hundreds of others who have pledged \$1.25 million, donated \$26,000, volunteered and given letters of support. This project is for the people, by the people.

Eastmorland Antiracism

By Sarah Chodorow

Member of Eastmorland Area Antiracism

Last year in June 2020, a group of us came together on a Zoom meeting to have a conversation about antiracism and policing grounded in our local community. Now, every week for the past ten months, some permutation of our crew has connected through our screens. There are some of us who have still never met in person. (The irony of our meeting for the first time during a global pandemic via Zoom rather than on the corners of our shared blocks or at St. Dennis Festival was not lost on us.) We are now joined by folks from the Lake Edge and Dudgeon-Monroe neighborhoods as well. Over the winter, we shared in some learning with neighbors during a virtual screening of the film *13th*, followed by discussion.

In these last months and weeks, we've turned our lens inward and shared with one another where we orient ourselves in our journey of antiracism, we've listened to poetry by Eve Ewing and rocked out to Prince, and we've centered ourselves in imagining. That imagining work is where we've been sitting for several weeks now. Mariame Kaba describes the work of one of her abolitionist projects as "unleashing people's imaginations while getting concrete", and this is the balance we have been working to achieve. We have been working to ground ourselves in imagining what it would feel and look like to live in our neighborhoods in a future free of racism and the structures that uphold it. We have gradually begun to explore what actions we might take to move toward that reality.

Mariame Kaba is also known to say that "everything worthwhile is done with other people". This wisdom makes its way into our space time and again as we talk about the joy of the relationships we have built during our time coming together. To that end, our group is planning a gathering for Sunday, June 6 at 2 pm at the Walter St. Picnic Shelter (502 Walter St., Olbrich Park), where we hope to connect and continue learning together. We look forward to meeting more of you there or in our weekly Zoom meetings; all are welcome!

To connect with us or ask questions, please email sarahchodorow@gmail.com and oonap.mg@gmail.com

Neighborhood Meet-up

Sunday, June 6, 2 pm

Walter St. Picnic Shelter
502 Walter St., Olbrich Park

Hosted by Eastmorland Area Antiracism

It's been a long winter! Eastmorland Area Antiracism is hosting a family-friendly get together outside June 6. Please join us for a chance to get to know neighbors. The event will include activities as well as conversations about ways we can support each other in the spirit of mutual aid. Find updates and additional details at Facebook.com/EastmorlandAAR.

Meet Your Neighbor

Maureen Janson, Lansing St.



Photo provided by Maureen Janson.

By Romelle Witkins

How long have you lived in Eastmorland?

18 years

What are the best things about living here?

4. The quiet
3. Proximity to Lake Monona
2. Starkweather creek
1. My fabulous neighbors!

What could make our neighborhood better?

In many ways, it seems to be getting better all the time. But I'm a big fan of the night sky and have seen more and more residential light in the neighborhood wash away the visibility of the stars at night. It would be magical to reduce that and get back to seeing celestial bodies again.

Where else have you lived?

My career in dance, as a performer, teacher and choreographer, has taken me all over the place. I was raised in Chicago (not a suburb!), and also spent a fair amount of adult life there. I've lived in Northwest (lower) MI, Chicoutimi, Quebec (way up there!), Ashland, OR; Ann Arbor, MI. I spent five summers and part of a winter in Fairbanks, AK, which kind of felt like I lived there. In Madison, I started off on Jenifer Street for a while, spent a few years on Waunona Way, then moved to Atwood and Dunning Streets (yep—right across from the Harmony) and now here.

What is one of Madison's best kept secrets?

Gonna keep that a secret! ;)

Can you tell us about your family?

One of the reasons I bought a house in Eastmorland is because when I was dating my husband, he owned a house in the neighborhood. We'll celebrate 16 fantastic years of marriage this summer!

What do you do for a living?

The bulk of my work these days is as a freelance photographer. My specialty is headshot photography — actor, business/corporate, and sometimes portraits. It is super fun! I photograph quite a bit of dance (I am the photographer for the UW Dance Department) and theatre, and a few other assorted things. I also do a lot of fine art photography, and from time to time participate in gallery shows.

In March of 2020, I started to teach several online photography classes and friends started buying the jewelry from me. Eventually, I built up enough stock to do a few art fairs. When all of my photography work fell off the calendar last year, the jewelry became a solid side business for me and it's still going strong. I'll probably have a driveway pop-up sale this spring.

What are your hobbies or interests?

I have many interests, so here are just a few: meeting new people, traveling, writing, swimming, making all sorts of crafty things, sailing, kayaking, reading great fiction, birding, watching the Chicago Cubs, watching the Chicago Blackhawks, laughing, listening to/seeing good live music, being outdoors, seeing beautiful art in a gallery or museum... the list goes on...

Finally, where's your go-to place in town to grab a bite to eat on a Friday night?

Sounds boring, but it's my own kitchen. My guilty pleasure though, is a larger order of Dlux sweet potato fries.

Pet Vignette



By Ellen Larson

Hi Neighbors! We're two brothers who are new to Eastmorland — Russell, a Jack Russell terrier/chihuahua mix, and Franklin, a chihuahua. Don't let our small size fool you. We're full of personality and energy, and love to greet anyone who passes by with a bark from our post at the front window.

Franklin is not much for walks, but he has enjoyed zooming around the backyard. Typically, this lasts no more than five minutes before he's asleep on someone's lap. Russell, on the other hand, loves his daily walks around the neighborhood and all the

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to be interviewed for a future issue.

Behind on Your Energy Bill? MG&E Can Help

Submitted by Madison Gas and Electric Company (MGE)

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Financial assistance may be available for your household. Energy Services, Inc. (ESI), is currently taking applications through an online portal at energybenefit.wi.gov or by phone at (800) 506-5596.

Visit mge.com/resources to find other community resources.

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interesting sniffs to be had. Lately, Russ has developed a fear of woodpeckers, so any time there's pecking to be heard, he high-tails it inside until the noises pass.

Russell would like you to know that his nickname is "Russell the Muscle" because he's a very big and strong boy. He also loves gentle pets and will never turn down a treat. Franklin would like to share that he's a little nervous when meeting humans (they're so tall!) but loves other dogs of any size. Frank's favorite place to be is with the other little pups at North Paw Dogs daycare, or sleeping under a pile of blankets.

Say hi to these bros on Instagram: [@rusty.frankliniii](https://www.instagram.com/rusty.frankliniii).

What's Cooking?

Dal Nirvana

By Shelley Witte

Dal Nirvana is a cheap and accessible Indian-inspired recipe that has been a favorite in our household for years. I slightly modified the recipe from the popular food blog, *Budget Bytes*. The recipe is based on Dal Makhani, a recipe from North Indian Punjabi cuisine. I love that this dish can easily be changed up to accommodate dietary restrictions or preferences and can be thrown in at the end of your meal plan because it requires mostly pantry ingredients. I double the recipe (and quadruple the garlic) because we always want plenty of leftovers.

Ingredients:

- 1 cup dry lentils
- 4 Tbsp butter
- 1 inch fresh ginger, grated
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 tsp cayenne pepper (more to taste)
- salt and pepper to taste
- 1 15 oz. can crushed or diced tomatoes
- 1 cup water
- 1/3 cup half and half (can omit, still delicious)
- 1/4 bunch cilantro, chopped
- rice and/or naan, for serving

This recipe serves 6.

Directions:

Place lentils in a large pot and cover with a couple inches of water. Bring to a boil over high heat and boil until tender, approx. 10 min (longer for older lentils). Drain in colander. In the same pot over medium heat, melt the butter and add the ginger, garlic, cayenne, salt, and pepper. Stir for a minute, until fragrant. Add the cooked lentils, can of tomatoes, and water. Stir and bring to a boil, then reduce the heat to low. Cover and let it simmer for 30 minutes until mixture has thickened and is no longer watery. Stir in half and half. Test for salt and add more if needed. Serve over rice (basmati, jasmine, or plain white) or with naan for dipping. Garnish with cilantro.



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Attracting Song Birds to Your Yard

By *Quentin Sprengelmeyer*

“Sing Mr. Songbird
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You help to keep the devil away”
Mr. Songbird, The Kinks

As a bird enthusiast one of the first things I did when my wife and I moved into the Eastmorland neighborhood six years ago was start a yard list. For those that are not familiar, a yard list documents all the birds that one has seen in their yard. I have friends that are so passionate about their list that they place microphones on their roof and drill a hole in their bedroom ceiling so they can hear migration during the night. I have not gone that far, yet.

The first year I recorded 28 different species of birds. The list included the usual suspects: Northern Cardinal, American Robin and Black-Capped Chickadees. There were some standouts like American Redstart and Hermit Thrush. Although 28 species of birds is a nice list, I wanted to increase that total.

A guaranteed way to attract birds to your yard is by having native plants. They attract birds by providing a food source either directly (nectar and fruits) or indirectly (insects). Most greenhouses in town carry a nice selection and Plant Dane is a great resource (ripple-effects.com/plantDane). You don't have to go nuts and have a whole yard full of native plants; even just a few will do the trick.

When we started converting our lawn to a more native habitat with plants like Butterfly Weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*), Pale Purple Coneflower (*Echinacea pallida*), and Cardinal Flower (*Lobelia cardinalis*), my yard list grew immensely. I have now documented 57 different species including 11 different species of warblers (small vocal colorful birds), Baltimore Orioles, Scarlet Tanagers and Indigo Buntings. I am excited to see what new species we get this year and to talk with neighbors about their lists.

Backyard Birdwatching

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the center to fit a small plastic cup that I filled with grape jelly and hung in a tree. Also, it's easily made and decorated with kids. The beautiful orange plumage of the oriole is a sight to see.

For feeding the hummingbirds, it's easiest to purchase an official hummingbird feeder but making the sugar solution to feed them is best done at home. I use 1 part sugar to 4 parts hot water for the sugar solution and you can mix as large or small of a batch as necessary to fill your feeders. They also arrive in early May but will feed all summer and into late fall. Hummingbirds are beautiful birds to watch with their speed and energy. Also, they are quite territorial and will fight with each other over the feeder all day.

Lastly, for squirrel/ant proof feeders, throw fishing line over a sturdy branch. Just make sure your neighbor likes you if you accidentally throw the spool over the fence into their yard, like I did.

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Lansing Food Forest

By Jennica Skoug

Excerpts from an interview with Emily Steinwehe, Food Forest project leader

Can you tell me a little bit about the history of the Lansing Food Forest?

It started with a conversation I had with Erin McWalter and Madelon Wise, who both live in Eastmorland. We put up some posts on NextDoor and the Eastmorland Facebook page and hosted a couple of public meetings at the site. Most people were really excited. We also met with Alder Foster and the Eastmorland Community Association and got more positive feedback about the idea. I did edible landscape permitting with the city before, so I started that process for the piece of land we were considering – the triangular space between Lansing Street and Starkweather Creek.

Once that was approved, we created a survey for neighbors about what plants they wanted on the site. Last spring we hosted socially distanced workdays where one family at a time volunteered to help plant or mulch. We had a list of volunteers from our initial meetings on the site. The volunteers helped throughout the summer with watering, weeding, and planting herbs between the trees.

What do you envision for the Food Forest moving forward?

We're planning some spring workdays in late April and early May. We'll only be able to have limited vol-

unteers for each workday because of COVID, but there will be plenty to do throughout the summer — the next few years will be critical for weeding and mulching while perennials get established. We'll also host a pruning workshop on the site a couple of years down the line. We'd like to install a natural playground too, but we need additional permission from the city for that piece.

Who designed and produced the sign by the corner?

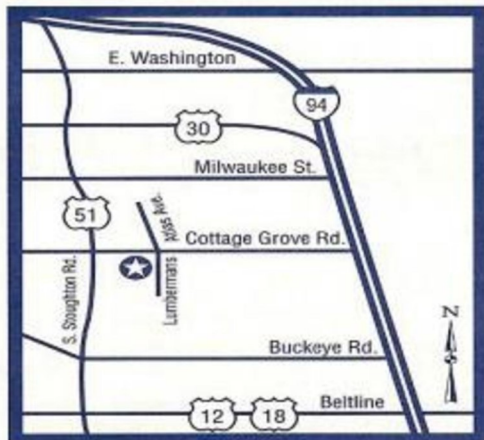
Iris Nhi and Jim Fortner. Also, we had Amy Jo Dusick of Two Ferns Native Plant Nursery draw up the plans for the site.

Who is responsible for care and maintenance? If folks in Eastmorland want to get involved, what are some of the things they can do?

I will continue to be involved with coordinating volunteers and general maintenance over the next couple of years, but ultimately it belongs to the neighborhood. The easiest way to stay up to date is to check out the Friends of Lansing Food Forest Facebook page — there are volunteer needs posted there, as well as photos and updates from other folks who have helped out.

Folks can also learn more about the project at wisconsinfoodforests.com.

If anyone wants to join the volunteer list that goes out by email, just reach out to Wisconsin Food Forests at contact@wisconsinfoodforests.com.



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Digging in the Dirt

By Jenny Klamm

For those of us that crave the hours stooped over garden beds and find catharsis in deadheading blooms... our time is near! May feels pretty good for heading to the plant stores, but there is much to do before planting and potting! While not as fun as watching bright Gerbera daisies and charming moss roses fill in with color, some prepping and planning goes a long way.

Here are some “getting it ready” tips for late Spring:

- Wait to remove winter cover and mulch until the temperatures are consistently above freezing and the likelihood of snow dwindles. These 60 degree days are tempting, but we have all experienced a late season freeze.
- If you like to leave some stems and seed pods (cone flower, globe thistle, etc.) for winter interest like I do, now is a good time to remove them.
- Could any of your perennials benefit from dividing? This is a great time to dig, divide and share or plant elsewhere. I divided a peony a few years ago and now have three nice-sized plants!
- Two dreaded words: powdery mildew. Some perennials (bee balm, peonies, phlox, etc.) are susceptible to this disease that doesn't kill the plants, but it's not very attractive. Consider thinning these plants in early spring to create better airflow which helps dimin-

ish those infuriating white spots.

- Know the dates for Yard and Brush Waste pick-up by the city. Yard Waste includes: leaves, weeds, garden trimmings, small twigs and pumpkins, etc. Brush includes: woody trimmings from trees, shrubs or bushes. These items are separate collections and you can find the dates for your specific address here: cityofmadison.com/streets/yardWaste or call (608) 246-4532.

There is much to know and learn for a successful growing season in Wisconsin. Trial and error is certainly one approach, but we are surrounded by accessible resources.

- melindamyers.com Melinda Myers is an author and speaker on Midwest Gardening.
- goodoak.com Good Oak Ecological Resources is a Madison-based business.
- mastergardener.extension.wisc.edu Check out the Master Gardener program.
- dane.extension.wisc.edu/horticulture Horticulture classes and resources for the public.
- olbrich.org Our amazing neighbors at Olbrich Gardens. Olbrich's yearly Plant Sale with the Pros will be virtual for 2021. Online ordering starts April 19 with plant pick-ups in May. See the website for more details.
- danegardens.net/grow-a-garden Dane County Gardener's Network & Seed Exchange.

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Seed and Plant Swap

By Jennica Skoug

Please join us **Sunday, May 23rd** from 2–4 pm for a socially-distant seed and plant swap! During this time, there will be signs spaced out around the food forest with a variety of swapping categories, including: perennials, annuals, herbs, vegetable starts, seeds, houseplants, and garden tools & containers.

Location: Lansing Food Forest (intersection of Lansing and Richard)

Do I have to bring plants to participate? No! Anyone is welcome to attend. You may take plants and seeds offered by others, contribute your own, or both!

What will happen to the extras? Any unclaimed plants and seeds will be placed at the Little Plant Trading Post in the food forest.

Invasives: Please help control the spread of invasive Jumping worms by thoroughly rinsing soil from any plant roots, tools, and containers (with the exception of vegetable starts and houseplants that are potted with bagged soil mix).



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Eastmorland Farmer's Market

Interested in being a vendor at the 2021 Eastmorland Neighborhood Farmers' Market? Contact Emily Mixon at emilyemixon@gmail.com to fill out a vendor interest form.

It's not just for farmers: Anyone selling something homemade or homegrown is welcome to be a vendor. Any processed food must qualify for legal sale under Wisconsin's "Pickle Bill" (for home-canned goods) or "Cookie Bill" (for baked goods). Please no resale items.

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Eastmorland Neighborhood Events

Compiled by Emily Sprengelmeyer

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Seed and garden plant swap

May 23, 2–4 pm, Lansing Food Forest
(corner of Richard Street and Starkweather Drive)

Join neighbors and garden enthusiasts to swap seeds, trade plants and share information. See the accompanying article in this issue for more information.

2nd Annual Eastmorland Art Walk

June 4–6, various locations throughout the neighborhood

Display your art and handmade projects and transform your front yard or windows into a pop-up gallery! This weekend-long event will commence at 5 pm on June 4th. In addition to the fine artists our neighborhood boosts, kid art and family projects are strongly encouraged. Check the Eastmorland Nextdoor and Facebook pages for details if you would like your location included on an event map. Registration is not necessary for participation.

Save the Ash Tree Fundraiser

June 17 (rain date June 24), Olbrich Biergarten

The proceeds from food and drink purchases made that day will be donated to pay for the treatment of the ash trees.

If you cannot attend the fundraiser event, you can also support the ash tree treatments by sending a check to ECA, P.O. Box 14584 Madison, WI 53708 (memo: Save our park ash trees) or online at charity.gofundme.com/en/campaign/save-the-ash-trees.



Eastmorland & Lake Edge Garage Sale

June 18–19, various locations throughout the neighborhood

Sign up here to participate in the shared Eastmorland and Lake Edge Neighborhood Garage Sale: bit.ly/ELENA_Sale. A map of garage sale locations will be shared before the event date. Learn more at eastmorland.org.

Make Music Madison

June 21, various locations throughout the neighborhood

Enjoy this day of live, outdoor music. Register to play or host music by May 25. makemusicmadison.org

Little Free Library Tour

June 25–27,
various locations throughout the neighborhood

Eastmorland has 20 (or more?) Little Free Libraries. Can you find them all? Stroll the neighborhood on this self-guided tour and stock up on summer reads.

Random Act of Kindness

By Jenny Klamm

Denny on Johns St. has been a winter hero! For the past few years he has used his ATV with an attached plow to take care of the entire sidewalk of the 3500 block. After most snow falls he can also be found zooming in and out of many driveways, dumping the piles onto curbside banks. Many of us only have shovels — he has saved many aching backs. Thank you doesn't begin to cut it — go Denny!

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Play Ball!

By Bob Bates

I have been a big baseball fan since childhood in the '50s. In the late 1990s, I designed an original card game which captures the reality and strategies of baseball as played on the field. Anyone with at least a basic knowledge of baseball, from age 10 to their 90s, can catch on with a little investment of enthusiasm and effort to become familiarized with game features. The format is for two players (as opponents) using their 50-card Play Decks "manage" the action of the game. Each card has a play or strategy which determines what the batter, pitcher, and fielders will do. The game design is also educational, offering opportunities for players to become more familiar with "inside baseball" fundamentals, terminology and strategies.

I am now retired and am willing to offer free giveaway games to anyone who is genuinely interested in baseball and who can see social and educational benefits for themselves or others to learn and play the game. Contact me at revbob577@gmail.com to let me know of any personal interest you may have or others you know who are base-

ball or "gaming" fans. As the ump says, just before the first pitch of our grand national pastime, "Play Ball!"



If you're interested in giving this original card game capturing the realities and strategies of baseball a try, get in touch with Bob Bates at revbob57@gmail.com. Image above provided by Bob Bates.

Important Note about MGE Scams

Submitted by Madison Gas and Electric Company (MGE)

As your community energy company, we appreciate the trust and confidence you have in us to provide safe, reliable energy. Sadly, scammers seek to exploit this relationship by portraying themselves as representatives of Madison Gas and Electric (MGE) to take advantage of our customers.

We have heard recently that some businesses throughout our community have been called by someone pretending to be MGE and demanding immediate payment of their bill. The impostors continue to get more sophisticated – it may appear as though the call is coming from MGE. Or, in some cases, scammers may claim to know recent bill amounts.

Do not call a number left by a scammer. Always call MGE at 608-252-7222.

The scammers typically claim accounts are past due and

give instructions to pay with a prepaid debit card or wire transfer. Scammers often threaten disconnection of services within an hour.

- MGE would not contact a customer to request payment either by prepaid debit card, wire transfer, or green dot cards.
- MGE will never threaten that we are coming within the hour to disconnect service. When a customer faces disconnection for nonpayment, there are several past due notifications that come in writing through the mail.

Never allow anyone into your business or home for an unannounced visit to check your meter, electrical wiring, natural gas pipes, or appliances unless you have a scheduled appointment or are aware of a confirmed problem. Always ask for identification.

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Preventing Mosquito Bites and Disease

Submitted by Public Health Madison & Dane County

Mosquitoes are a real nuisance in the summer months, but their bite can do more than just make you itch; they can transmit diseases like Zika and West Nile Virus.

Mosquitoes, birds and people can get West Nile. About 1 in 5 people will develop a fever with other symptoms like headache, body aches, joint pain, vomiting, diarrhea or rash after being bitten by a mosquito that has the virus. Most people recover completely, but in some people, fatigue and weakness can last for weeks or months and they can get more serious infections like encephalitis or meningitis.

Public Health Madison & Dane County staff monitor mosquito populations each summer, treating water on public land that has high numbers of mosquitoes known to carry and transmit West Nile virus. The treatment limits the buildup of West Nile virus infection in the bird population, which protects human health by reducing the amount of virus in the environment.

In order to prevent mosquito bites, and reduce the mosquito population in neighborhoods, it is helpful to:

- Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants from dusk through dawn. That's when many mosquitoes are most active.
- Install or repair screens on windows and doors to keep mosquitoes outside.
- Use EPA-registered insect repellents, following product instructions.
- Treat clothing and gear with permethrin or purchase permethrin-treated items.
- Empty and scrub, turn over, cover, or throw out containers that hold water, such as flower pots, gutters, buckets, pool covers, pet water dishes, discarded tires, birdbaths, rain barrels, and trash cans. This eliminates mosquito-breeding areas, and is smart to do weekly.

Deer Ticks and Your Health

Summer means lots of time spent outdoors; in the woods, at parks, and in our own backyards. It also means the possibility of a bite from an infected deer tick.

The number of deer ticks has increased significantly in Dane County in the past few years. This means we should

be checking for ticks on our bodies not only when we've been in the woods, but even in our own backyards.

A bite from an infected deer tick can lead to Lyme disease and also cause other serious diseases. Untreated Lyme disease can produce a wide range of symptoms, including fever, rash, facial paralysis and arthritis. Symptoms of the other diseases spread by deer ticks are very similar and all may occur anywhere from 3 to 30 days after a bite. When treated with appropriate antibiotics in the early stage of symptoms, recovery is usually rapid and complete.

But better yet, take steps to protect yourself from tick bites:

- Avoid wooded and brushy areas with high grass, and walk in the center of trails if hiking.
- Use repellents containing 20 to 30% DEET both on exposed skin and clothing, carefully following product instructions.
- As soon as possible after coming indoors, bathe or shower, conducting a full-body tick check using a mirror. Remember: ticks can be as small as a poppy seed or sesame seed.
- Tumble clothing you've worn outdoors on high heat in a dryer to kill any ticks you've missed.

Dogs also are very susceptible to tick bites and the diseases they cause, and ticks might be hard to notice on them. As with humans, prevention is the best defense. Use a tick preventive product on your dog and check your pet daily for ticks.

COVID-19 Vaccine

Submitted by Public Health Madison & Dane County

There are many options for you to be vaccinated in Dane County if you are currently eligible! To check if you are eligible, please see the Wisconsin Department of Health Services website (dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine-about.htm).

Here are some of the most common places you can sign up to get vaccinated:

- Sign up at vaccinate.wi.gov to register with Public Health Madison & Dane County and other nearby community vaccinators.
- Check online with a local health care provider, such as UW Health or SSM Health. For many health care providers, you do not need to be a patient to receive a vaccine.
- Check with a local pharmacy, such as Walgreens, Walmart, or Kroger.
- Go to the Department of Health Services website (dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine-map.htm) for an interactive map of vaccinators near you.

If you have any questions about signing up at vaccinate.wi.gov, or have general questions about the vaccine, please call the Department of Health Services toll-free COVID-19 vaccine hotline at (844) 684-1064.



From the ECA President: Kathy's Komments



Kathy

By Kathy Soukup

Patrick and I have had our two Covid vaccine shots as of February 16. Patrick had no reactions to either shot, and I had something like hives with my second shot. From my left elbow up almost to the top of my left shoulder my arm was red and itchy—not bad—and it was pretty warm also. It lasted almost a week. No problem; I wouldn't have gone to the doctor, but you are supposed to

report when you get a reaction.

Spring is coming—sooner or later—and Easter within a few days. The weather hasn't been too bad either. I would like to see flowers, though, and plant my cilantro and possibly some vegetables for someone.

This will be my last *Kathy's Komments* column. I have been doing this for a good number of years and I have enjoyed the journey. At times it was difficult and at times it was fun, but it's time to let go. I still plan to participate in ECA's business and attend the monthly meetings.

You all might think about putting together a garage sale in August this year. Activities like neighbors helping neighbors with their leaf raking will still happen. Right now we will be thinking about the ash trees we saved that are going to need a booster shot this year. Please help us save them.

Join us at ECA Meetings

ECA meetings begin at 7 pm on the second Tuesday of each month. There is no meeting in December. Meetings are currently held virtually over Zoom. Please email Emily Mixon at emilyemixon@gmail.com if you have an agenda item, need information, have questions, or would like the Zoom link to be sent to you to attend. We look forward to seeing you there!

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By the time you're reading this, I'll be in my second term as District 15 alder. It's been a great adventure so far and I appreciate the opportunity to continue to serve. The best way to stay connected with what's happening at the city is to read my weekly updates published on the city's webpage. You can subscribe for email alerts to those updates at www.cityofmadison.com/council/district15/blog. Once Pinney is reopened, I'll also work with staff to have copies available to read there. If you have any questions or issues or just want to share your thoughts, you can always reach out to me by email at district15@cityofmadison.com.

As I write this in early April, I'm feeling hopeful that we'll be able to turn a corner with COVID and get most people vaccinated soon. I know a number of organizations are planning to delay some of their regular events until the end of summer. In the meanwhile, enjoy the neighborhood, enjoy the outdoors, lend a hand where you can, and plant some flowers!

Get Outside Dane County!

It is a great time to get outside and enjoy all the recreational opportunities available in Dane County. Jessica Killingbeck of Mt. Horeb hiked every park in Dane County and said in a recent Wisconsin State Journal article, "'County parks get overlooked sometimes,' said Killingbeck, noting that admission to Dane County parks is free. The trails can range from one to five miles long, she added, 'so even if you have an hour, you can explore one'" (*She hiked every park in Dane County — and recommends it, Gayle Worland, Wisconsin State Journal, April 12, 2021*). *Visiting our parks is a great way to get outside with your family after a long winter of quarantine!*

Dane County Parks encompass over 12,000 acres of recreational and conservation areas across the county. With 26 parks, including seven dog parks, 20 wildlife areas, 14 natural resource areas, 4 historical or cultural sites and 2 forests, there is a place for everyone! Check out some of the over 100 miles of trails or spend a weekend unplugged at one of the five campgrounds.

Have a dog? Leashed and permitted dogs are allowed in almost all Dane County Parks and are allowed off leash in the over 200 acres of designated off leash dog parks. Did you know that when you get your dog permit through the Cooperative Dog Park Program you automatically have access to not only Dane County Parks but City of Madison Parks, City of Sun Prairie Parks and City of Middleton Parks.

Interested in giving back? Join the thousands of volunteers in the Parks Volunteer Program who support our parks in different ways from restoration to trail maintenance to campground host to fundraising.

Find information about visiting and volunteering at Dane County Parks at danecountyparks.com.

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We welcome you to join us under the trees for some *gemütlichkeit* – friendliness and good cheer – in support of our neighborhood Ash Trees.



County Executive

Joe Parisi

Dane County

Spring into the outdoors with Dane County

2020 will long be remembered for its many challenges. Yet, through those difficult times, one resource many of us turned to was the outdoors — where we could unwind and explore Dane County’s many natural resources. Even in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, Dane County was able to make great strides in the areas of conservation, water quality, prairie restoration and flood prevention. And as the weather warms and the pandemic wanes, we are eager to welcome Dane County’s many residents back outside to explore recreational opportunities.

In 2020, Dane County permanently protected 600 acres of property with the Dane County Conservation Fund. An additional 600 acres were able to be protected through our increasingly popular Continuous Cover Crop Program, designed to mitigate flooding and reduce erosion. We were also able to collect over 1,700 pounds of prairie seed to help restore more than 143 acres to natural prairie, including our expansion of the Pheasant Branch Conservancy near Middleton.

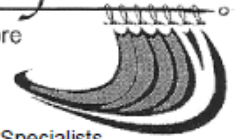
Dane County removed over 40,000 tons of sediment from the bottom of the Yahara River between Lakes Monona and Waubesa last year, reducing the risk of future flooding during periods of heavy rainfall. We were also able to complete our "Suck the Muck" project in Token Creek, which will help limit the frequency and extent of hazardous algae blooms. With each passing year, we are improving the water quality in our local lakes, rivers, and streams for future generations.

Our accomplishment in the outdoors — direct investments into the quality of life we enjoy here in Dane County — are many. Like you, I look forward to warmer weather when we can get back outside and enjoy all that our incredible county parks and recreation areas have to offer.

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Samba Baldeh

Wisconsin State Assembly

The best measures of the vibrancy of a democracy is voting turnout and the security of the ballots. By all accounts, Wisconsin has one of the highest turnouts in the nation — and Eastmorland is among the highest in the state. Our elections are run well, and the results are extremely accurate. Our election administrators did incredible work in a challenging environment in 2020.

Given our “above-average” performance, I’m troubled and frustrated by the GOP’s continuing efforts to sow doubt on the election process by making continuing claims of fraud and deceit. These claims are usually about a ‘corrupt system.’ Investigations of specific claims have consistently been shown to be unfounded.



**State Senator
District 16**

Melissa Agard

Wisconsin State Senate

Wisconsin can lean on cannabis policy

Cannabis is being legalized for medicinal and recreational purposes across the country. Thirty-five states and the District of Columbia have passed laws broadly legalizing marijuana in some form. This is a positive trend for the country, but Wisconsin is in danger of being left behind as an island of prohibition.

However, there is good news: it’s not too late for Wisconsin to catch up, and even lead, on cannabis policy. I am proud to have been the lead author of legislation to fully legalize marijuana for adult use in Wisconsin dating back to 2013 and am proud to re-introduce it this session.

We cannot ignore that in Wisconsin, people of color are four times more likely to be arrested for cannabis possession despite having similar usage rates to white Wisconsinites. We cannot disregard that our state has the worst racial disparities in the entire nation regarding incarceration rates, income differences, education gap, and home ownership discrepancy.

We need to set tangible goals to create more equity in

We have had two statewide recounts in the last ten years alone (the 2011 state Supreme Court election and the 2016 presidential election) that showed virtually no change from the initial ballot. In the 2020 presidential election, recounts in Milwaukee and Dane counties confirmed the election results in those areas. Why does the GOP continue the endless drumbeat of “fraud” and “corruption” despite being unable to cite one specific case of “fraud” in a turnout of 3,200,000 ballots? They want to change the election laws to reduce the Democratic turnout.

Their first major effort established “voter-ID.” This lowered turnout among college students who often do not have up to date ID. It also slowed down the election process and created long-lines. Second, they want to restrict the use of mail-in or absentee ballots because these have been shown to increase turn-out. This will also limit the ability to vote for people in nursing homes. Third, they hope to sharply limit early-voting so that polling places are packed on election day and make voting inconvenient. These proposals could substantially reduce the progressive vote in our state which supported the President by a margin of about half of 1%.

I will make every effort to keep our first-rate election system open and accessible to all. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at Rep.Baldeh@legis.wisconsin.gov.

our state. I believe Wisconsin has the capacity to progress from the worst state regarding racial disparities to the best state for people of color to live and raise a family. Wisconsin has the capacity to be a leader if we use our cannabis laws to build equity rather than fill our jails and prisons with non-violent offenders.

The benefits from legalizing cannabis are substantial. Prohibition is causing us to lose revenue, it stops our friends and neighbors from getting access to the medicine they need, and it exacerbates our opioid crisis by causing people in pain to use dangerous, addicting pharmaceuticals rather than natural relief. There is no reason for Wisconsin to be the last state to legalize, we simply must have the political courage to do the right thing.



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Neighborhood Sights Word Search

By Allison Bender

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Services available at Pinney Library as of April 12:

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- Visit madpl.org/curbside for more details, online scheduling links, and updated schedules

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- Call the centralized reference line at 608-266-6300 to place holds, request materials, or for more information about library services and online collections. Please note: this line is not answered by Pinney staff.
- Service hours: 10 am–6 pm Mon.–Fri., 12–5 pm Sat.
- Ask us a question online at madpl.org/ask

Computers, Internet & Printing

- Call 608-266-6300 to schedule an appointment; walk-up service may be available. Learn more about computers, internet, and printing services at the Pinney Library at madpl.org/computers
- Service hours: 10 am–5:30 pm Mon.–Fri.

Visit Us Online!

With your library card, you'll have instant access to nearly 100,000 ebooks and audiobooks through Wisconsin's Digital Library, over 50 online magazines through Flipster, as well as Mango Languages, Consumer Reports, the New York Times, and many more free online resources. Visit madpl.org/at-home for all the resources you can use online, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Don't have a library card? No problem! Sign up for a library card at madpl.org/apply and we'll mail you a card.

Author Events with Wisconsin Book Festival

The Wisconsin Book Festival hosts dozens of author

events throughout the year in addition to a four-day festival each fall. Upcoming virtual author events include:

- Alison Bechdel for *The Secret to Superhuman Strength* — May 6, 4 pm
- Sen. Elizabeth Warren for *Persist* — May 6, 7 pm
- Helen Oyeyami for *Peaces* — May 7, 12 pm
- Jason Karlawish for *The Problem of Alzheimer's* — May 24, 7 pm
- Carl Hiaasen for *Squeeze Me* at the Lunch for Libraries Fundraiser event — May 25, 12 pm (tickets required)
- Kevin Kwan for *Sex and Vanity* — May 26, 7 pm

Find the full list of events or sign up for updates at wisconsinbookfestival.org.

Dream Bus Spring Schedule

The Dream Bus is on the road and visiting locations around Madison this April and May. Visitors can apply for a library card, browse books outdoors and check out or return books, place holds or pick up holds at the Dream Bus. East side stops include:

WEDNESDAYS

- Mendota Elementary, 4002 School Rd. — 3–4 pm
- Kennedy Heights Community Center, 199 Kennedy Heights — 4:15–5 pm

THURSDAYS

- Sandburg Elementary, 4114 Donald Dr. — 3–4pm
- East Madison Community Center, 8 Straubel Ct. — 4:15–5pm

About the Dream Bus

The Dream Bus began delivering library service in April of 2019. Madison Public Library, in partnership with Dane County Library Service and Madison Public Library Foundation, recognized that many Madison-area communities experienced barriers to accessing library services. The Dream Bus is a joint effort by all three organizations to alleviate those barriers. Learn more and discover all stops at dreambus.org.

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In 2015 and 2018, ECA raised sufficient funds to treat and save some of Eastmorland's most beautiful park ash trees from being cut down due to emerald ash borer (EAB). Together we saved 33 of the healthiest, largest ash trees in our neighborhood parks. These trees must be treated every three years according to current city policy. We must have all the funds to treat them again by July 2021. The cost of the treatment in September 2018 was \$6,311.23; an increase in the cost is anticipated. Please donate any amount as every dollar adds up to help save a beautiful shade tree.

You may pay your dues, make a general contribution, or make a contribution to treating the 33 ash trees in our neighborhood parks by:

1. Completing and mailing this form with your check to ECA, PO Box 14584, Madison, WI 53708;
2. Making your dues payment, general contribution, or making a contribution to treat the ash trees in our neighborhood parks via PayPal by going to eastmorland.org/ and clicking on the "Donate" tab; or;
3. Making a contribution to treating the ash trees in our neighborhood parks by going to charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/save-the-ash-trees.

Note: ECA is not an IRS 501(c)(3) approved organization, so your dues and contributions are not tax deductible.

Thanks for being an active member of the neighborhood!

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Contribution for Save the Ash Trees

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Would you like to volunteer to help? If so, call Kathy Soukup at 608-244-8965 and leave a message or email her at president@eastmorland.org.

The list of directors and contact information for the president may be found on page 2 of the newsletter. Information about ECA, including the e-version of the newsletter, may be found at eastmorland.org/, at [facebook.com/Eastmoreland/](https://www.facebook.com/Eastmoreland/), and at nexusdoor.com.

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