

WNA Annual Meeting
Sequoia Library
3/12/19 6:30pm

State of the neighborhood: Emily Feinstein

- Intro
- Review of activities funded by WNA
- New initiatives based on neighbor feedback

Treasurer's report: Chris Gunst

- Raised \$23,000, which fund WNA events and allow for expanding event offerings
- Support neighborhood committees such as History, Greenspace, etc
- Raised \$10,000 for Westmorland Health Fund Drive
- End of 2018: \$16,000 left in bank account

Neighborhood feedback and survey results: Jesse Czech

- Please see the complete overview ([see attachment 1](#))
 - Explanation of survey results and WNA actions to address, future plans
- Demonstrated use of Westmorland [website](#) to find online [Courier](#)
- 60% of members used the new online membership form in the last cycle
- Neighbor input
 - Survey suggestion- post online and also consider providing paper copy in Courier
 - Tennis court question- repaving, painting for pickleball
 - Direct questions like this to Alder Martin
 - Suggestion- Set up informal meetings with elected officials periodically

Board member elections for a 2 year term

- Chris Tall, Chris Gunst, Erica Throneburg- nominated, 2nd, approved

Presentation by MPD Officer Lengfeld with Lt Lori Chalecki

- Officer liaison to Westmorland is William Needleman- suggestion to put in newsletter
 - Neighbors can direct questions to him. Works 11pm-7am.
 - Email address WNeedelman@cityofmadison.com
- Community Policing [Team](#) Officer - problem solving group for 5-6 neighborhoods
- Westmorland calls for service in 2018- 415
 - Check property - 174
 - Check person - 32
 - Parking complaints - 29
 - Residential burglaries - 9
 - Commercial burglaries - 1
 - Theft from autos - 9
 - Stolen vehicle - 1

- Theft - 8
- Criminal activity more in misdemeanor category
- Neighbor questions
 - Lack of officers and responsiveness- best move from MPD perspective is prevention (do not keep valuables in car, lock doors, keep garage door down)
 - With 80% of stolen autos, keys were left in car
 - Policy is to not pursue stolen cars due to accident risk
 - Always take firearms into the home- 40 stolen firearms city-wide last year
 - Gangs- there are certainly gangs in Madison but Westmorland doesn't have activity
 - Focus is on services and education not enforcement
 - First gang in the city was in Westmorland- Foxy Weber. Sounds like we need a History Committee story about this.
 - Call the police if you have any concerns
 - Crime deterrence
 - Watch out for neighbors
 - Stop mail/newspapers when traveling
 - Use timers on lights- set to turn on 1 hour before sunset
 - Have snow shoveled in winter
 - Watch for phone scams- most government entities (IRS etc) do not contact you over the phone. Request for gift cards to pay something off is a scam.
 - As stated above, lock doors (always remember door to house from an attached garage), do not leave valuables in car, lock car.
 - New Midtown police station opened in the fall
 - Phone number 608.229.8200
 - Salvaged items from the church included in decor
 - CORE unit- community outreach group housed at Midtown Station
 - Open house planned for 5/12/19
 - Amenities are helping officers get their work done more efficiently
 - Travel time reduced due to the more central location
 - #1 call for service is from hospitals- they are all in this district
 - Increasing traffic monitoring being conducted in the neighborhood
 - 75 people working at this station- includes all outreach workers, mental health sergeant, Crime Stoppers. District staff is 64.
 - Will start seeing officers on bike paths and in parks more
 - There is not a med drop- those are located at UW police station on Monroe St, West District Station, Walgreens on Mineral Point, Middleton police station. See a complete lists [here](#).
 - Footage from home security cameras can be sent to police dept- call dispatch center (non-emergency number 608.255.2345).
 - Register your camera [here](#) so if a crime happens the police can reach out to you for potential footage that could help them.

Midvale-Lincoln PTO: Dawn Liska-Tollefson and Jane Kelly

- The PTO supports both schools (Midvale and Lincoln) in the pairing
- Just below 60% of school population has free/reduced lunch
- All members of the Midvale-Lincoln school community are part of the PTO and the PTO Board is a smaller group of about 18 members
- Please view the PTO slide show presentation ([see attachment 2](#))
- Ways to support the local schools
 - Volunteering: [video](#) shown
 - [Donate](#) money to our direct appeal- online or at the school office
 - Playground renovations at Lincoln (thank you for supporting Midvale's)
 - Vote in local elections- school board elections are important
 - Participate in community events
 - Annual rummage sale- coming up 3/16
 - Election day bake sales at Midvale
 - Dining nights
 - Find opportunities to get involved on the PTO [website](#). Materials needed, volunteering in the school or at events, etc.
 - Or send a message through [contact info](#) to find out how you can get involved
 - PTO projects- listed many things the group funded in 2018-19
 - Teacher grants, field trips, swimming lessons, garden redesign, diverse books and resources, makerspace, celebrations, and much more
 - Sponsorships from local businesses to support events also helpful. The PTO will promote and share your business information.
- Changes to start/dismissal times
 - Cherokee will start at 8:40am and dismiss at 3:53pm starting in fall 2019
 - Midvale-Lincoln will start at 7:50am and dismiss at 2:47pm starting in fall 2020
 - Middle schoolers will be transported by school buses instead of city buses

Supervisor Carousel Bayrd: District 8 County Board Supervisor

- Criminal justice reform committee
 - 13 years ago Dane County jail population was 1000/day. Now it's 700/day.
 - Bail reform, expanded electronic monitoring and restorative justice alternatives
 - Racial disparities have increased despite efforts
 - Distrust of police exists, differences of experience in various communities
 - Funding cuts felt primarily in communities of color
- Water management/flooding
 - Dane County oversees lake levels. But those levels are set by the state and haven't changed in decades.
 - Issues
 - It's raining more
 - There are fewer places for water to go (impervious surfaces)

- There are more invasive species/sediment that stop flow
- Immigration policy- supporting immigrants to participate in community and address fears immigrants have of contacting police when needed
 - Police do not ask immigration status
 - Human services do not release immigration status when it is known
- Expanding affordable housing
- Alliant Energy Center master plan

Supervisor Kelly Danner: District 11 County Board Supervisor

- (see attachment 3)

Neighbor announcements

Upcoming [road construction](#) on Toepfer, Holly, and St. Clair starting July-November

- If you are interested in a rain garden, the city may provide funds/help with this
- Buses will be re-routed off Toepfer to Glenway if possible, otherwise Midvale

Neighborhood Watch: 2nd Tuesday of the month meeting of Midvale Hts group at Midvale Lutheran Church

- They invite Westmorland residents to their events