The Good Neighbor Project

Submitted by Michelle Quinn Westmorland-GNP Coordinator and Camila Martin, WNA Board Member at Large

The Good Neighbor Project (GNP), born and bred here in Madison, is a collaboration between self-selecting neighborhoods and the police who patrol, protect and serve folks in their assigned beat. GNP has been in existence for approximately 6 years. At least 2 other states and other WI cities have asked to adopt the Madison’s GNP model. In other Madison neighborhoods where GNP is actively underway, facts and tips about crime prevention are regularly provided and opportunities to foster interactions with other nearby Madisonians, so that community is experienced.

Similar to Neighborhood Watch, GNP can include several facets; one being safety and crime prevention. Different from Neighborhood Watch, the Good Neighbor Project also prioritizes relationship building in local, frequent, accessible ways chosen by neighbors for neighbors. The aim: strengthen community with those in close proximity to your property and to those in city agency who serve us. For Westmorland, envision our GNP as a me-you-us endeavor rather than us vs. them.

At their Sept 2020 meeting, the WNA board endorsed starting our own Good Neighbor Project. Info about our Westmorland-GNP will be regularly updated to the Safety Tab at the top far right of our WNA website. See https://westmorland-neighborhood.net/wp3/gnp/

Michelle Quinn has volunteered to coordinate Westmorland’s Good Neighbor Project. Our mission will be to Connect, Communicate and Come Together. She welcomes other volunteers to help launch and sustain this initiative. Indicate what skills and interests you bring to our steering committee by emailing Michelle at mq.gnp.westmorland@gmail.com.

Our first Good Neighbor Project (virtual) meeting will be:

Tuesday, Oct 27th from 7-8 p.m.

Speakers:
- GNP’s co-founder Wendy Reichel (Midvale Heights)
- Kim Richman (Buckeye-Grove GNP)
- Joe Keyes (Hill Farms GNP)
- Police Officer Tyler Grigg Madison Police Department

Zoom invite info will be posted on the WNA website listed above.

WNA Membership Drive 2020

See the inserts and the article on page 6 in this issue.
Online at westmorland-neighborhood.net
Greetings Neighbors,

Our annual membership drive has begun! When you join the Westmorland Neighborhood Association, the membership dues help support all of the wonderful events, activities, and committees that our neighborhood provides such as the Fourth of July celebration, the Wine & Cheese Social, the Halloween parade, and more! You may submit your membership form online or you can fill out a paper form and send it to our neighborhood treasurer via snail mail. You can also pay your dues online! Included with the membership form is the Westmorland Health Fund Drive, your opportunity to support charities that address major health issues in our community and nation. To find the membership form and ways to pay your dues or donate to the Westmorland Health Fund online, please visit the WNA website at westmorland-neighborhood.net or send in the membership form included with this issue of the Courier.

We would like to welcome three new WNA position members! David Zwiefelhofer has taken on the role of database manager and will oversee the Westmorland Neighborhood Association's data storage and retrieval system. Alissa Matzinger and Corrina Cunningham are working together as Westmorland Social Event Coordinators for both adults and kids. Stay tuned for safe, fun, and engaging ways to celebrate events in the neighborhood!

Newly added to our website is a “Safety” tab. This page links to the Madison Police Department’s community safety program called the Good Neighbor Project. This program gives suggestions on how neighbors can get to know each other and build a stronger community, and provides helpful property crime prevention tips. More information on the Good Neighbor Project will be coming your way soon.

And finally, I would like to remind neighbors that election day is coming up on Tuesday, November 3rd. Please note that Wednesday October 14, 2020 is the deadline to register to vote by mail. Visit myvote.wi.gov to find out how to register, where to vote, and to see the current status of your absentee ballot. You can also find voter registration information on the City of Madison website cityofmadison.com and search for “Voter Registration”.

Be well, stay healthy, and enjoy this beautiful autumn weather!
Autumn Reflections
It’s been a strange and difficult year for many activities but, of course, mother nature continues to go about her usual work. Although the Greenspace Crew has not had its regular work parties, we had several socially distanced events at the Rock Garden at Westmorland Park and have made very good progress there considering the challenges. In addition, a number of people have spent many hours individually working on invasives in the no-mow area and the Tokay woodlands at Westmorland Park, as well as in Tillotson Park, and at the Glenway prairie ravine and along the bikepath. In addition, worker bees have maintained the medians on Westmorland Blvd and the signs on Glen Drive and at Midvale Blvd. and the bikepath. Thanks to all who have pitched in but especially Rob and Kris Schoenbrunn, Wayne Hanson, John Evenson, Bill and Molly Weiler, Nick Rahn, and Jack Lawton.

The heat in late July and August put a damper on some activities but fall will open up more time to gather seeds, prune and weed. We have a project underway at Odana and the bikepath to smother ditch lilies which were beginning to overwhelm the prairie on the Westmorland side of the path. We weed-whacked the ditch lilies and covered them with black plastic, and repeated that process several times over the summer. If it looks like we’ve won the battle, we will spread some native seeds there late this fall. Another focus this fall will be the woodland next to the MG&E substation which adjoins our prairie ravine and deserves some weeding. Hopefully we will be able to burn again next spring and add more seed to the Glenway Prairie Ravine.

It’s time for my annual reminder that fall is a good time to identify buckthorn because it keeps its leaves later than many other trees and shrubs. Check out the WI DNR website or others for more pictures and see if you have any of this nasty invasive in your yard. Small amounts or small stems may be diggable but for larger stems, you’ll likely have to apply an herbicide, possibly repeatedly.

If you’d like to help with our projects, please email me at tagatzcreek@att.net

Submitted by Bonnie McMullin-Lawton, Chair, Westmorland Greenspace Crew tagatzcreek@att.net
Once again this November we have the privilege, and civic duty, of voting for our candidates of choice, including the office of President of the United States.

Midvale Elementary School continues as our neighborhood Election Day polling location (District 11, Ward 80 & 81), as it has been since about 1952. Prior to 1948, our area was in the Town of Madison and residents voted at the town hall. After incorporation into the city during that year, Westmorland residents then voted at West High from 1948 until 1951.

Also in 1948, the city of Madison started using voting machines that served as both voting booths and vote tabulators all in one. These army-green, steel units were utilized through the mid-1990’s when electronic scanners and tabulators were introduced. Prior to voting machines, residents voted using paper ballots that were hand counted by poll workers.

For many years, voters at our polling place have been served by neighborhood residents who, along with others, work to ensure that every voted ballot is counted on Election Day. One of those neighbors is Dorothy Brugge (4122 St. Clair Street) who started working at the polls around 1970-71 according to her daughter Karen Kuhn.

“I started kindergarten at Midvale in 1970 and I always remember my mom being in the gym on election days and being excited to go and see her!” related Karen. “I remember a few times my class getting special tours... of the election booths and how they worked.” She further said that her mom, “continued working at the Midvale election site for at least the next 40 years, missing an election only if she was out of town. For a number of years she was the Chief Inspector, or lead worker, as well.”

Karen also stated that Dorothy, “always enjoyed working with her neighbors and seeing all...who came in to vote.”

Karen believes that her mother felt working the polls was her way of being a part of the democratic process and took it very seriously.

The Help America Vote Act, passed by the U.S. Congress in 2002, funded an accessible, electronic ballot marking system, which Madison implemented in 2006, to assist voters with challenges when casting their ballots with pen and paper. Each polling location still has two machines in place on Election Day, one for marking ballots electronically, and the other for counting all the votes cast.

As a result of COVID-19 concerns in 2020, many residents are choosing to vote via mail-in ballots which are returned to the City Clerk’s office, and then counted on Election Day at our polling place. You may request an absentee, or mail-in ballot, by following the instructions...

If you prefer to call the Clerk’s office for information, you may reach it at 608-266-4601. For those wishing to vote in person at our polling location, many health precautions have been implemented to keep everyone safe. Curbside voting is also available as an option at polling locations for in person voters not wishing to enter the polling booths.

Participating in elections gives us a voice in deciding the future for ourselves and our neighbors both near and far. Let’s all take that opportunity in November.

Paunack Avenue was thrilled with the arrival of **Michelle Reynolds**, born 5/2/2020 at home, at 3912 Paunack, to **Jessica Vaughn** and **Eli Reynolds**. She was 8 lb 5 oz and 20.5 in long.

**Can you help?**

Please give your time and talents to help Westmorland Neighborhood Association keep this neighborhood great!

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**Ice Volunteers Needed**

*Submitted by Dave Blouin*

The award-winning Westmorland Adopt Ice program’s 2020-21 season is coming up soon and volunteer help will be needed. For our 12th season, we need lots of help with building the ice on the park hockey rink before skating begins and nightly maintenance once open. Barring any pandemic restrictions, our goal is to have both rinks open by the time of the school winter break beginning Dec. 21 or even earlier, weather permitting. During the setup phase, we can work days and nights if we have consistent cold temps to start making ice. Once the rink is open, we start working almost every night around 8:45 PM for an hour or so. Drop-in helpers are welcome as well as anyone willing to commit to working throughout the season.

We keep a regular email list for ice updates so please send your email to Tim or Dave below. You can also sign up to help on any date online at: http://www.my.calendars.net/westmorland_ice/ Many neighbors have been enjoying the high-quality ice over the last 11 seasons. If you value the ice, please consider joining in.

For questions or to volunteer, contact **Dave** at 608-220-4040 or burroak15@gmail.com or **Tim Bohm** at 608-238-9985 or tim.bohm@wisc.edu.

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For more information or to donate to this important program, please visit root2rise.org
Westmorland Membership Drive 2020

Submitted by the WNA Board

Greetings, Westmorland neighbors! It’s time for the 2020 Westmorland Neighborhood Association (WNA) annual membership drive.

Membership dues to the WNA directly support these community-building activities, groups, and resources we enjoy:

- Winter Play Date
- Wine, Cheese, and Chocolate Party
- July 4th Celebration
- Halloween Parade and Party
- Santa visits
- The Courier newsletter
- History Committee
- Greenspace Committee
- Improvements to public spaces in the neighborhood

The WNA counts on neighbors like you to keep these efforts going by becoming members. During COVID-19 our events may look different, but we’ll continue adjusting them to keep neighbors safe while promoting community. We all look forward to neighbors gathering together in person again!

TWO WAYS TO JOIN:

1. ONLINE: Submit a membership form online. Please visit westmorland-neighborhood.net to quickly sign up and pay your dues. It’s quick and easy!

2. PAPER FORM: For those who do not complete an online membership form, paper forms are available in this Courier. (see inserts)

You can also access a fillable PDF of the membership form at westmorland-neighborhood.net and mail or deliver it to: Chris Gunst, 4122 Winnemac Ave., Madison, WI 53711. If you’ve already completed the membership form online, you can discard the paper form.

ACCEPTED PAYMENT TYPES:

- PayPal: www.paypal.me/wna1941 OR @wna1941 in mobile/tablet app
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Westmorland Halloween Update
Submitted by Caroline German and Dawn Liska-Tollefson

Due to current events, we will have a modified Halloween Event for the neighborhood this year. In accordance with public safety guidelines, we are unable to have our usual parade and indoor entertainment as in years past.

Instead, similar to the 4th of July, we will be having a socially distant opportunity for neighbors to celebrate. On Sunday, October 25th from 3-5pm, neighbors are encouraged to walk or bike around the neighborhood to visit one another and enjoy the Fall holiday. Neighbors interested in decorating their homes are encouraged to have their designs up by Sunday, October 25th for neighbors to walk or bike by and enjoy. Small, distanced groups or driveway gatherings are encouraged where it is safe to do so and at your discretion.

Prizes will be awarded for the best decorated house, with submissions to our neighborhood Facebook page. Check your email and the neighborhood Facebook page for contest details!

We hope you have a safe and Happy Halloween! Contact carolinemgerman@gmail.com or ddliska@gmail.com with any questions.

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Visit energy2030together.com/SharedSolar to learn how to participate.
Submitted by Joe Parisi, Dane County Executive

Our community and nation have been through much, so much it can often feel like things are coming apart at the seams – a global pandemic, economic dislocation, and a spotlight on how little progress our nation has made toward the promise of equality, safety and opportunity for people of color.

Our responsibility to our community is great. The work of racial healing, keeping COVID-19 at bay, and working to help those who are suffering from economic hardship will be ongoing for years. If there was ever a time to be mindful of the guidance to love our neighbors as ourselves, this is it.

Our work on racial healing will require that we come to terms with our past and how much of it remains in our present. For those of us who are white, that work will involve understanding that generations of white people created and perpetuated racism, often consciously, sometimes unconsciously. Racism exists because of us, and it’s on us to end it.

The pandemics of COVID-19 and racism are tragically intertwined, with the ruthless suffering caused by COVID-19 falling disproportionately on people of color. That reality means that if you are African American or Latino your chances of becoming sick or dying from COVID-19 are mercilessly higher than your white neighbors. For this reason, we must all do everything in our power to slow the spread of this deadly disease, even if we don’t feel we are personally as vulnerable to it as others; we all have a role to play.

Dane County has responded more vigorously to COVID-19 than any other county in the state
most states in the nation. Our response has not been without hardship, but it is necessary and it is working. Everything we do, every step we take, is for the purpose of keeping our residents safe.

We were the first in Wisconsin to issue stay at home guidance and first to issue a mask mandate. We have the strongest science-based guidelines in the state, and we've had much success keeping the virus relatively under control—so much so that we must spend much time urging people not to become complacent because this virus can flare with a vengeance when you let down your guard.

Our success has not been without sacrifice. It’s impacted how and if we work and how our kids learn. It’s tested our tempers and strained our psyches.

But if we remain mindful that our enemy is the virus, not one another—if we are guided by compassion, and remember that our sacrifices are not just for ourselves but for others—we can look back on this period of our lives knowing we did our best as individuals and as a community, for our community, and for those who needed us most. And we can use that experience moving forward, after the worst of the COVID-19 crisis has passed, to help those in need and to help our community heal.

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Record Attendance at 12th Annual Westmorland Golf Benefit at Glenway

Submitted by Dave Blouin

The 12th annual Westmorland Golf Benefit was held on Saturday, Sept. 12 at our neighborhood Glenway golf course. We set a new record for participation with 62 players in 16 groups even though the day started out gloomy and rainy. The rain mostly cleared out and we were able to get everyone out for a fun round of golf. We weren't able to have a lunch and awards ceremony after the event due to the pandemic restrictions but that didn't seem to deter registrations this year. We had two groups tie for the low round of 2 under par-30: Liam McGee, Matt Ho, Matt Hirsh, Ron Opelt, and Al Kotlarek, John Hanson, Steve Weber, and Paul Severin. We usually have a tie-breaker contest when that happens but couldn't due to the restrictions. Other winners of skill events on the course were: Dave Herrman, Steve Weber, Connor Schreck, Beth Buss, Tom Bentz, Bridget Shields, Mike Buss, Kerry Lauer, Henry Vaaller, and Jill Steinberg. As always, the event is a scramble which helps make it fun and competitive no matter what your skill level is.

Congrats to all of the players who won event prizes and thanks to everyone who joined in despite the health restrictions and limits on the event to make it a success and raise funds for the neighborhood. Thanks again to all our generous and returning sponsors for 2020: Brett Larson Real Estate, Dybdahl Design Group, Hair Studio, Silverline Digital Printing, Glass Nickel Pizza, Luigi's, Village Bar, and Glenway Golf Course/Madison Parks plus generous donations from Lakeview Veterinary. Special thanks to those players who couldn't join but donated their registration fees to the neighborhood: Stephanie and Craig Carlson, Steve Ploch, and Patricia Finn! Please join us next year as a player and/or a sponsor to help us grow this benefit for the neighborhood.

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