

# VILASink

The Vilas Neighborhood Association's purposes are enhancement of the neighborhood's residential character and attributes, and the promotion of camaraderie among the neighborhood's residents.  
(Article 2, Neighborhood Association by laws)

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## President's Message *by Doug Carlson, VNA President*



*Doug Carlson at a VNA rain garden work session*

We've had a busy summer with lots of neighborhood activities including our Vilas Block Party in June, the July 4 parade and popsicles, the August back-to-school and bike safety events, the Vilas rummage sales, and VNA rain

garden reconstruction.

These activities don't happen without great neighbors who volunteer to make them happen. While I hesitate to provide specific credit since I'll miss someone, it's needed and deserved to pass along special appreciation to:

- Pat & Dana Scheckel and many neighbors in the 1900 Jefferson block for the Block Party.
- Sarah Bahaiddin and many others for the July 4 parade & popsicles.
- Sally Lehner and Mike Rewey for the bike safety event.
- Regan Botsford for the back-to-school event.
- Anne Spurgeon and Bethany Nelson for coordinating the VNA garage sales on August 26.
- Myself, Roz Woodward, and several others for the rain garden reconstruction.

I'm sure I've missed some who deserve

credit and I will apologize in advance, but the point is that we have many great people who help bring neighbors together and make Vilas a great place to live.

The torch will be passed on coordinating several of these activities, and if you would like to become more involved in the neighborhood and help coordinate activities or organize something new, please feel free to contact me at [vnapresident@gmail.com](mailto:vnapresident@gmail.com). Ditto for joining the VNA Council or a committee, with elections scheduled for October.

Fall brings increased activity in the neighborhood with kids going back to school, college students returning, Monroe Street Festival on September 9, football at Camp Randall, and the VNA Halloween party. We are also welcoming many new stores and restaurants to Monroe Street. We look forward to seeing many of our neighbors out and about with the changing of the seasons! ♦



*Kids with decorated bikes, scooters, helmets, and faces got ready to parade on July 4.*

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**Submission information for articles and advertising**

Vilas, Ink, with its circulation of 700 plus, is published quarterly for all residents of the Vilas Neighborhood. We welcome submissions, in particular letters, discussions of local issues, or services of neighborhood interest. Deadline for the next issue is November 17. Please contact Bonnie Gruber, bonniegruber@mac.com. Standard ad cost for 2023 is \$35 per issue or \$125 annually for a 2 1/4" x 3" or \$65 per issue or \$250 annually for a double ad, 3" x 4 1/2".

# Energy-Smart Landscaping for Your Home

*From Madison Gas and Electric Company (MGE)]*

## Simple steps for Your Home and Garden

Did you know smart landscaping can save up to 25% of the energy a typical household uses, according to the U.S. Department of Energy?

For example, large, leafy trees or vine-covered trellises help block the sun, especially if you have windows facing west. Shading windows is more important than shading walls because windows let in more unwanted heat.

Learn watering tips and which plants work best for our area to help reduce your need to water in the summer, another part of creating a more sustainable home.



*Trees provide nesting spots for songbirds, cool shade from summer heat, and fall color.*

## Conserve Water

The University of Wisconsin-Madison Dane County Extension Water Conservation for Home and Gardens guide includes indoor and outdoor water conservation and planning advice. According to Dane County Extension, using mulches helps to cool and protect soil and minimize evaporation. They also recommend keeping grass 3 to 4 inches high when mowing—longer grass develops more drought-resistant roots.

## Plant Safely

If you live near power lines, MGE has a planting guide at [mge.com](http://mge.com) with trees and shrubs that can be planted safely near or under power lines. And don't forget to call Diggers Hotline at 811 before you dig!

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# Welcome, Students!---and Some Advice

*By Jeff Hayes, Neighborhood Liaison  
Midtown District, Madison Police Department*

It is my pleasure to say “hello” on behalf of the department and to welcome all of our wonderful students to, or back to, the neighborhood. Although my college years are far behind me I fondly recall the excitement, stress, and uncertainty that goes along with move-in and acclimation to the school year.

With that in mind I ask for you to pause briefly to not only savor the moment but also to enjoy this short reminder of how you can stay safe and be the best possible neighbor for the coming year.

The first point I want to highlight is how you can help me and my friends keep you and your possessions safe and secure. While Madison is widely considered one of the safest and most desirable cities in which to live, as with any urban area we have our share of crime. For the Vilas Neighborhood that crime primarily centers on property (think bikes, cars, mopeds, and sometimes personal items).

What can you do to protect your belongings? First, don't take the peaceful surroundings for granted. Always lock your doors, to not only your house/apartment but also to your personal vehicle. If you use a bike invest in a good lock. Write down the serial number for your bike, and your computers, tablets, and other electronics as well. If your property is taken and don't know the serial number the chances of recovery drop drastically. Never leave your keys or valuable items in your mode of transportation.

If your property has a garage make sure it is closed every night. Set a reminder on your phone or tablet to double check before bed. Remember, most crimes are done out of opportunity and the easiest way to reduce that opportunity is to make it difficult for a crime to occur.

Be aware of your surroundings. Try to park in lighted areas. If your activities are more nocturnal in nature find a trusted buddy with whom to walk. Finally, if you sense something is off don't hesitate to call MPD.

While safety is the top priority, quality of life is a very close second. Residents in Vilas are friendly and run the gamut from retirees, to professionals (many with young families), to students. With such a diverse population it is that much more impor-



tant that we all work together to find ways to be respectful to one another.

One of the chief complaints I will see over the coming months will be related to noise, parties, and unruly behavior. While no one will begrudge a good time, the ask is that we all remember that we share this space and that not everyone has the same affinity for late night festivities. And we certainly do not all share the same musical tastes! Our neighborhood Community Policing Team will be out introducing themselves, especially to student housing areas, to remind residents of noise ordinances and the consequences for infractions. Again, your neighbors are reasonable and we ask that our incoming students be the same.

Along those lines another chief complaint is related to parking. Did you know that Madison employs full-time parking enforcement officers? You should, as they are dedicated professionals who patrol our neighborhoods to ensure that everyone abides street ordinances and parking codes. Nothing puts a dent in pizza and beer money like a parking ticket. And if you so choose to simply not pay said tickets, nothing but a bigger dent like the impound fee when your vehicle gets towed!


Finally, I want to address my personal passion...safe driving. As noted, many of your neighbors have children and there are several schools, not to mention a very popular zoo nearby. My plea is that everyone make it a point to slow down, look for children (and adults), and pay attention to and actually do what those red, octagonal signs located at intersections read: “STOP”. For those of you new to Wisconsin, please be aware that it is state law to yield to pedestrians entering or in a marked crosswalk. And as a reminder to all, please be courteous to our pedal-powered commuters and give three feet of space when passing.


With your help this can be a great school year with plenty of fun to be had by all. Please remember to be courteous, respectful, and safe in whatever passions you pursue. With everyone's help we can truly enjoy what makes Madison the truly amazing city it is in which to live! ♦

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# Autumn Events in Vilas Neighborhood

**Friday, September 1:** Public School classes begin for Grades 4K, K, 6, 9 and Early Childhood.

**Saturday, September 2, 2:30 p.m.:** Badgers football, Camp Randall Stadium.

**Monday, September 4:** Labor Day. Labor Day Dash <https://www.safeharborhelpskids.org/news-events/events/labor-day-dash.html> run/walk, Vilas Park Shelter. Register 8 a.m., Tot Trot 8:40, run 9 a.m.

**Tuesday, September 5:** Public schools classes begin, all grades.

**Wednesday, September 6:** University of Wisconsin-Madison classes begin.

**Saturday, September 9:** Monroe Street Festival. 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monroe Street Library League annual book sale. 5:30-9:00 p.m. BrewFari event <https://henryvilaszoo.doubleknot.com/event/brew-fari-2023/2999297> at Vilas Zoo (must be 21 or older and pay \$55 or more to attend).

**Sunday, September 10, noon - 5 p.m.:** Good Neighbor Gathering, Brittingham Park.

**Tuesday, September 12:** Music classes and Storytimes for kids ages 0 months to 5 years, Monroe Street Library.

**Friday-Sunday, September 15-17:** Rosh Hashanah (Jewish holiday).

**Saturday, September 16:** Red Panda Conservation Awareness Day, Vilas Zoo. 11 a.m.: Badgers football at Camp Randall Stadium.

**Friday, September 22:** Homecoming, Edgewood High School.

**Sunday-Monday, September 24-25:** Yom Kippur (Jewish holiday).

**Sunday, September 24, 8:30 a.m. - noon:** Zoo Run Wild event <https://runsignup.com/Race/WI/Madison/TheMadisonZooRun>.

**Wednesday, September 26, 6 p.m.:** Vilas Neighborhood Association Council meeting via Zoom.

**Tuesday, October 3, 10:30 a.m.:** Story time, Monroe Street Library.

**Saturday, October 7:** Badgers Football at Camp Randall.



*Black-eyed Susans bloom in August and September.*

**Monday-Tuesday, October 9-10:** Edgewood College undergraduates fall break.

**Monday, October 9:** Columbus Day, Indigenous Peoples Day.

**Saturday, October 14:** Badgers Football at Camp Randall.

**Saturday, October 28, all morning:** Boo at the Zoo event, Vilas Zoo. Badgers Football at Camp Randall.

**Tuesday, October 31,** Halloween.

**Wednesday, November 1:** All Saints' Day (Christian observance).

**Sunday, November 5:** Daylight savings time ends.

**Friday, November 10:** Veterans Day observed.

**Saturday, November 11:** Veterans Day. Badgers Football at Camp Randall.



*In November, standing water freezes in fern-like patterns.*

**Friday, November 17:** *Vilas Ink* deadline.

**Saturday, November 18:** Badgers Football at Camp Randall.

**Wednesday-Sunday, November 24-28:** Public schools fall break.

**Thursday, November 25:** Thanksgiving Day.

**Sunday-Monday, November 26-27:** Birth of Baha'u'llah (religious holiday).

Also see Arboretum events, <https://arboretum.wisc.edu/visit/events/> ♦

## VNA Elections in October

Elections for four members of the Vilas Neighborhood Association Council will take place in October this year, earlier than in previous years to avoid holiday conflicts.

The elections will be for two-year terms in seats now held by Rachel Bennett, Regan Botsford, Doug Carlson, and Wendy Fearnside. The other four members' terms expire in 2024.

The council meets about once a month, currently by Zoom.

For more information, ask Doug Carlson, [vnapresident@gmail.com](mailto:vnapresident@gmail.com) . ♦

# Report Backs Ald. Evers' Push for More Housing

By Ald. Tag Evers, 13th District

As I noted in a recent blog post, Madison's housing crisis is much in the news lately.

A draft version of the 2023 Housing Snapshot Report was released recently and here are some of the highlights:

- The city is seeing a loss in lower-income households and a gain in higher-income households.
- The newest units being built are among the least affordable, due primarily to the high cost of land and rising construction costs.
- The rental vacancy rate is well below healthy levels.
- Renting households at multiple income levels are competing for the more affordable units in the housing market.
- Increasing numbers of high-income households are moving to the city and competing for high-end and middle-tier housing, driving up housing costs.
- Over 11,000 low-income households are "renting up" and over 13,000 high-income households are "renting down." In other words, our housing market is squeezed at both ends due to a shortage of market-rate and income-restricted units.

The Housing Snapshot Report confirms what I've been saying for some time now. We need a lot more housing at all price levels, and that includes market-rate housing. If we fail to build enough housing, the existing housing stock will continue to get bid up in price.

But it's also true that we cannot build our way out of this crisis. The speculative real estate market cannot build what the average renter needs. Consequently, the city must expand its investments in affordable housing.

That's why we need to see our city's housing crisis as a local emergency. Lately, I've called for an Affordable Housing Task Force, but Mayor Satya prefers we do this work through the existing Housing Strategy Committee. I'm okay with this provided we charge this committee to research the various impediments to expanding affordable housing and propose solutions to overcome these impediments.

I firmly believe we are at a crossroads. Housing is central to our other challenges around sustainability, public safety, and the health of our public schools. We cannot kick this problem down the road. Accordingly, I will continue to push for more housing in District 13, particularly along our transit corridors -- Regent, S. Park and Monroe Streets.

At the same time, I will not cease to push for more affordability so that our teachers, nurses and first responders can afford to live in the city where they work.

If you have questions or concerns, please email me at [district13@cityofmadison.com](mailto:district13@cityofmadison.com). ♦



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# What's happening at your neighborhood library?



By Jill Maidenbergh, Assistant Librarian, Monroe Street Library

## Book Sale

The Monroe Street Library League's annual book sale will take place at the library on Saturday, September 9, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in conjunction with the Monroe Street Festival. Find great bargains on used books, CDs and DVDs. The Library League welcomes your donations of gently used materials. We cannot accept magazines, textbooks or encyclopedias. Bring items in any time the library is open. If you have a big load or need help, call us before you come over. You can pull in the parking lot behind the library.

## Saturday Art Workshops with Annie

Our twice-monthly Saturday art workshops will continue. Annie, who led several art sessions here last year, will be back and we are very happy about that. Details are in the works. Stay tuned.

## Tuesday Morning Music classes and Storytimes for kids ages 0 months to 5 years

September 12, 19 and 26 Growing Voices Music Class. An interactive class for kids and their adults. Sing! Play instruments! Dance!

Story times with Jennifer will resume Tues., Oct. 3 at 10:30. Engaging with books, songs and play help kids develop pre-reading and communication skills and empathy.

These programs begin at 10:30 a.m. No need to register. Library programs are always free.

## Strategic Plan

Madison Public Library is working on a three-year strategic plan. Your feedback and input are key. This is your chance to share how you use the library, and how we can improve services. You can take part in two ways:

1. **Complete a short, 11-question survey**, open until Saturday, September 30. Here is a link: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdGFuEeES6RDFAAB3eO33ZQ9fLoAfmh-zFJ3p6khpUz07V0yQ/viewform> The library will also receive some printed copies.
2. **Attend a virtual lunchtime listening session** on Wednesday, September 20, from noon to 1:30 p.m. See <https://events.madisonpubliclibrary.org/events/126629/community-feedback-session-shape-future>

[madison-public-library#signup](https://www.madison-public-library.org/signup) to read more and to register online.

The library has partnered with The Care Plan to guide the planning process. Only members of their team will see survey responses. If you have questions, please contact Marshaé Sylvester at [marshae@thecareplan.com](mailto:marshae@thecareplan.com).

## Some recent additions to our Too Good to Miss collection:

*American Prometheus: the Triumph and Tragedy of J. Robert Oppenheimer* by Kai Bird,

*Being Seen: One Deafblind Woman's Fight to End Ableism* by Elson Sjunneson

*Our Wives Under the Sea* by Julia Armfield

*All This Could be Different* by Sarah Thankam Mathews

## Some new Book Club Kit titles:

*Saturday Night at the Lakeside Supper Club* by J. Ryan Stradal

*Every Summer After* by Carley Fortune

*True Biz* by Sara Novic

*Sea of Tranquility* by Emily St. John Mandel

**Our jigsaw puzzle swap** is really popular. Pick up a puzzle next time you're in and bring it back when you are done. Bring in gently used puzzles to swap.

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# Henry Vilas Zoo Getting New Interpretive Signs

By Joseph Darcangelo, Henry Vilas Zoo

In 2021, the Henry Vilas Zoo secured a grant aimed at enhancing the zoo's signage and crafting an Interpretive Master Plan. This strategic plan plays a pivotal role in steering our upcoming updates and exhibits.

Over the past 24 months, we've diligently developed a comprehensive Interpretive Master Plan document, paralleled by insightful cultural listening sessions that sought diverse viewpoints on our strategies. By incorporating insights from these sessions, facilitated in collaboration with key cultural entities in Madison, we've been designing new interpretive media on site.

Exciting transformations have taken place in the Herpetarium, Primate House, North American Prairie, and Children's Zoo. These updates are geared towards encouraging visitors to foster a deeper sense of empathy for our zoo animals, and ultimately driving meaningful conservation action. These spaces are designed to be vibrant, engaging, and inviting—stimulating curiosity and forging profound connections, not only with zoo animals but also with their counterparts in the wild.

We invite you to explore these revamped areas and witness the transformations firsthand! While we're currently in the process of evaluating these spaces, we eagerly anticipate sharing our progress with you.

## Zoo Events

Follow the links on <https://www.henryvilaszoo.gov> for more information about these events:

- Saturday, September 9 – Brewfari 5:30 – 9 p.m. (1,100 people expected)
- Saturday, September 16 – Red Panda Conservation Awareness Day (shouldn't impact neighbors)
- Sunday, September 24 – Zoo Run 8-11a.m. (Expect about 1,200 runners)
- Saturday, October 28 – Boo at the Zoo <https://All morning> (our busiest day of the year) ♦

## Book Club Meetings

The Vilas Neighborhood Book Club has scheduled two more meetings for this year. Dates and books are:

Thursday, October 26 - *The Common Good* by Robert Reich

Thursday, November 30 - *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver.

For more information, ask Sarah Bahauddin, [sarahbahauddin@gmail.com](mailto:sarahbahauddin@gmail.com) . ♦

## Steps Taken to Keep Cars Off Grass

By Jason Vroman, Park Ranger Supervisor

We plan to have the parking lot north of the zoo restriped on Wednesday, September 6. The lot will be barricaded off after 10 p.m. the night before. The contractor will begin work first thing in the morning and will open the lot when completed, weather depending. There may be parking issues this day but Joseph Darcangelo and I have been in contact to find the best day for the project.

Also, staff have discussed options for placing barriers along the grassy areas where illegal parking often occurs.

We will place a barrier of trees and shrubs along the parking lot to create an aesthetically pleasing boundary to deter the illegal parking. We hope that this can happen this fall but may get delayed until spring.

I have had rangers out as much as we can and have enforced 3 hour parking limits often.



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## Climate Champions Named

The Dane County Office of Energy & Climate Change started a program, The Climate Champions Program <https://daneclimateaction.org/initiatives/Climate-Champions>, to recognize local entities that are leading on climate action. The program celebrates champions' accomplishments and inspires action from others.

Interested entities apply for recognition in one or more of ten categories. Award winners get public recognition, signage, and listing on the Dane County Office of Energy & Climate Change website. The categories range from building energy use, net carbon emissions, employee commuting, and many others.

Within the Vilas neighborhood, Henry Vilas Zoo was recognized in 2020 within the employee commuting category. This category recognizes entities that have encouraged employees to shift to cleaner commuting options and have made it easier for their employees to be able to shift to cleaner active modes of transit.

The Henry Vilas Zoo was awarded 2 stars in this category. by having their staff “walking the talk (literally!)”. A Conservation Education Curator at The Henry Vilas Zoo, Jess Thompson, says that the staff has walked, biked, and carpooled to work. The zoo increased the number of staff using sustainable commuting options by 30 percent.

Be on the lookout for the 2023 Climate Champions that will be announced this fall. If you think of an entity that is leading the way in their climate efforts, encourage them



*Neighborhood volunteers dug weeds and excess soil from the rain garden at Adams and Campbell streets on August 12, the first of three work days to improve the garden's function. The garden was dug down to provide more holding capacity. Later, some piping is being added to help distribute the water better, and then plants will be planted to soak up and clean the water and keep it from running straight into the lake.*

to apply for the 2024 Climate Champions Program. Also explore the The Climate Champions Program website <https://daneclimateaction.org/climate-action-plan/CAP-Stories> to see what entities in the Dane County area are doing to improve the climate. ♦

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# Consultants Recommend Preserving Fountain Sculpture

In an August 15 report to the city, InSite Consulting Architects recommended that the Annie C. Stewart Memorial Fountain in Vilas Park receive a variety of treatment ranging from replacement/restoration to conservation. Here is a summary of the report:

1. We recommend the careful deconstruction of all of the elements of the fountain under the direction of a conservator to document and fully understand the components, their construction, modes of failure and other information pertinent to the full restoration of the fountain as a sculpture. Special attention must be paid to the following aspects of the construction (at a minimum):

- Materials
- Means and methods of the original installers
- Spirit and intent of the benefactor, those who originally implemented the gift, the neighborhood, and the city

2. We recommend the full reconstruction of sub-base (foundation) and base and reinstallation of a fully restored sculpture.

3. We recommend that the statues and base be protected from winter through the use of a removeable structure designed to protect them from the elements.

4. We recommend that a Long-Range Plan (LRP) for the management/maintenance of the sculpture be developed and implemented which may include:

- The use of an inert biocide such as D2 Solutions
- Regular checks of signs of organic growth and plant infestation
- Periodic tests for acidity in the environment (rarely observed except in areas where coal is used

- Protection from damage from freeze-thaw

5. We recommend that the foundation and base be replaced at this time. Their overall contribution to the historic landscape is minimal but the construction must follow in the form and spirit as the original.

6. We recommend that the limestone base be replaced with a precise replica. This would be best accomplished by the use of a conservator to assist in the documenta-

tion of delicate original botanical ornamentation (bas-relief or low relief). Laser scanning technology should be employed to provide an accurate depiction of the pieces and their 3-dimensional character. Hand carving would be the preferred method. All components must be recreated verbatim. The steel tension must be stainless steel. Accommodations may be made for internal drainage if the intent is to never recreate a fountain.

7. We recommend the full restoration/conservation of the marble figures. This work must be undertaken by a conservator in a controlled environment.

8. Once the city completes the restoration of the fountain as a statue, we recommend that the city establish a program for effective/proactive management of the whole asset. This should be funded in perpetuity if possible.

9. We recommend the development of interpretation to engage the community. One opportunity might be to work with institutions within the city to call attention to mental illness and depression. Annie Stewart suffered and was an early Attic Angel. The opportunities for the enrichment of the city's residents and visitors are excellent.

The consultants estimated all this would cost \$350,000 to \$425,000. ♦



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An advertisement for Torn Edge Arts Metalsmith Studio. The text is white on a dark background. It says "TORN EDGE ARTS Metalsmith Studio" in a bold font. Below that, it says "Offering CLASSES in jewelry making, metalsmithing, and stained glass to all those interested." and "Date night? Friends night out? New hobby? Forever bracelets? Repairs? YES!". There is a handwritten-style text "Feed Your Fire!". Contact information includes "www.tornedgearts.com", "Sue Moberly", and "608-977-3312". A QR code is present, and it says "Sign up for classes online, or call with questions."

# Getting Ready for Fall

By Reuben Sanon, Deputy Mayor

Every fall, the Streets Division provides three curbside collection opportunities to have your leaves picked up from in front of your home.

The exact dates when you should have those leaves on the terrace or on the road edge can be found by going to [www.cityofmadison.com/YardWaste](http://www.cityofmadison.com/YardWaste) and entering your address into the form. On the website, you will see three Sundays. Get your yard waste out for pickup on those Sundays, and Streets crews will be by during the work week to collect them.

And when you place your leaves out for pickup, do not place them into the street directly. When leaves in the roadway are rained on, it creates a nutrient rich runoff that contributes to toxic algae blooms in our lakes. By keeping our streets leaf-free, you are helping keep our lakes healthy for all to enjoy.

The Streets Division made a brief video that can be found on the City of Madison YouTube page that explains



Early on Sunday, August 13, a broken water main under Drake Street spewed water and mud onto the street and nearby area of Vilas Park. Workers dug down to the broken pipe, repaired it, filled the hole and patched the pavement.

whole the collection process as well so you can watch from collection to street sweeping to even a brief look at unloading leaves at the compost site.

Speaking of composting, fall is a perfect time to start a pile that could have wonderful compost ready for you by the time spring planting arrives. The Streets Division has composting resources on their website, and Madison Public Libraries have composting guides available for pickup. ♦

## Engineers Studying Watershed

Most of the Vilas neighborhood is in the Wingra Proper watershed; rain and snow that fall here drain to Lake Wingra. The lake also gets runoff from the Wingra West watershed, which includes areas beyond the Beltline and University Research Park.

After 2018 flooding, the City Engineering Division began studying the city's 22 watersheds to determine what could be done to prevent future flooding. The Wingra West study has been done, and now the Wingra Proper study is underway.

The engineers have hosted two public meetings, developed a computer model, and revised the model to agree with recent storm experience. They have identified problem areas and now are evaluating possible solutions.

More or larger storm sewers, retention ponds, and rain gardens are among the possibilities. Another public meeting will be held in winter 2024.

For more information, ask Phil Gaebler, [pgaebler@cityof-madison.com](mailto:pgaebler@cityof-madison.com). ♦



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## The Best Time for the Market

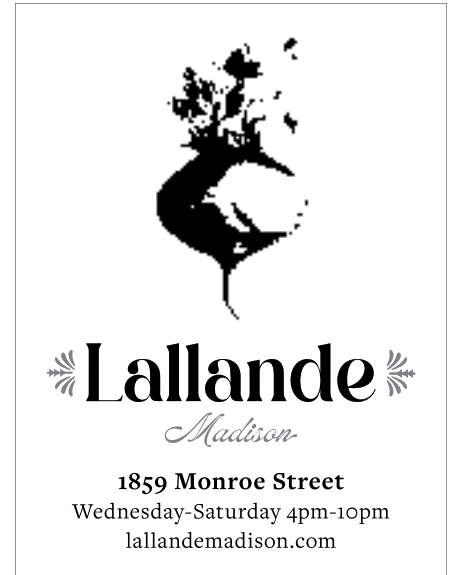
By Amber Middleton,  
Monroe Street Farmers Market Manager

The best time to visit the farmers' market is the fall. The weather is usually perfect for strolling the different booths and sitting and enjoying the market activities. Usually, it is a little less busy, so I always find more time to stop and chat with neighbors and vendors who give the best tips for using their products!

Wisconsin fruit like apples, pears, cranberries, raspberries, and maybe even grapes find their way into my market bag. Plus vendors at the Monroe Street Farmers Market bring special fall treats like apple cider, caramel apples, seasonal coffee drinks, and baked goods. You'll find your favorite summer vegetables like arugula, beans, bok choy, broccoli, chard, cucum-

bers, peppers, and tomatoes, and also crops that store well into the winter like beets, cabbage, carrots, garlic, onions, parsnips, potatoes,

rutabagas, winter squash, pumpkins, and turnips. For ideas or tips on storing and preserving your produce, ask the farmer for tips! ♦



### You can donate to the VNA via PayPal!

Suggested membership donation is:

\$20/household or  
\$10/individuals

<https://www.paypal.me/VilasNA>

### JOIN THE DISCUSSION

The VNA sponsors an online listserv for our members:

<https://groups.io/g/VilasNA>

You can ask to join the email list by sending an email to:

[VilasNA+subscribe@groups.io](mailto:VilasNA+subscribe@groups.io).

Please identify yourself by name and address to facilitate this process, since this listserv is primarily for those who live within the VNA boundaries.

✂️ -----Renew & Join for 2023! Annual Membership runs from January 1 - December 31-----

## VNA Membership Form

Suggested membership donation is \$20/household or \$10/individual.

- I wish to renew my VNA membership (It is not necessary to fill out the form unless there are changes)
- I / we would like to contribute \$\_\_\_\_\_ to the VNA
- Add my name as a new VNA member (Please fill out the following)

**Names** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_ **Telephone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Children's name(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home email address(es)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Year moved into VNA area** \_\_\_\_\_

Make check out to Vilas Neighborhood Association and mail it to Rachel Bennett,  
1119 Van Buren Street, Madison, WI 53711. Or use PayPal: <https://www.paypal.me/VilasNA>





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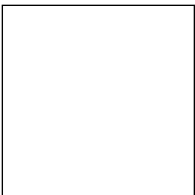
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