

VNA Good Neighbor Digest



12-18-2023

Vilas Neighborhood News



Santa has wandered off Monroe St. to Samip's house!

Holiday Events - Thank you!

The annual **Cocoa and Cookies Event** was held on Saturday. Mercifully the rain stopped, and neighbors stopped by to grab a treat and conversation. Thanks to those who provided homemade treats, and Diane Osswald and Melissa Goelitz for hosting this event!

The **Holiday Craftacular** was held on Sunday at the Beth Israel Center. Gratitude to them for hosting the VNA, and to Bethany, our social chair, for spearheading both these successful events.

Monroe St. Library

Twice-monthly Saturday morning art workshops will continue into 2024 with Annie and Holly. Put these dates on the calendar and stay tuned for specifics. Each drop-in workshop runs from 10 a.m. - noon.

January 6 and 20

February 3 and 17

March 2 and 16

April 6 and 20

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May 4

Preschool storytime will start back up January 16.

Winter break crafternoon activities for school-age kids from 1:30 - 3:00:

Tues., Dec. 26: create and decorate your own New Year's Eve noisemakers with Every Voice Music.

Wed., Dec. 27: Fiber art with Holly. Make your own hand loom from rigid cardboard.

Fri., Dec. 29: make comics and superhero flip books and doodle drawings with Holly.

If you are a kid age 7 and under, please bring a grown-up helper to art workshops. All programs are free. No need to register.

Speaking of winter break, Youth Services will have lovely and lively new materials at all libraries starting Dec. 18:

-- bilingual baby song books for families with babies;

-- early literacy calendars for families with kids ages birth - 5. Designed by the Public Library Association, these calendars include six months of early learning activities including booklists, nursery rhymes, songs, early literacy tips and other resources.

-- Collage Quest maker kits - designed as inter-generational conversation-starters or storytelling activity.

Come and get yours while supplies last.

Here's a list of winter break activities to enjoy from home. Keep this link handy for snow days.

<https://www.madisonpubliclibrary.org/winter-break>

Thank you from all of us at Monroe Street Library for a wonderful year!

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Saturday. All Madison Public Library locations will be closed Sun., Dec. 24, 25, and 31, and Jan. 1.

Jill Maidenberg

Assistant Librarian

Madison Public Library Monroe Street

Tag Evers blog

<https://www.cityofmadison.com/council/district13/blog/>

No Updates to date



City News (edited)

For more details check:

<https://www.cityofmadison.com/>

The City of Madison is thrilled to announce we have been selected to receive a [\\$25,000 urban forestry grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources](#). With this funding, the City of Madison Urban Forestry section of the Streets Division will undertake two projects.

First, funds will support establishing a gravel bed holding system for approximately 400 bare root trees. These trees are less expensive, easier to plant, and have a greater chance of thriving than other options. In the gravel bed process, small bare root trees are installed in the spring, lightly irrigated in loose gravel throughout the summer, and transplanted to their eventual home in terraces or parkland in the fall. The second project is the integration of an efficient watering solution into the Urban Forestry planting program. After planting a new trees, they should be watered every two to three days to ensure their survival. With the grant funding, Urban Forestry will purchase devices called "TreeDiapers" that are installed beneath the mulch at the time of planting. These devices absorb moisture and then slowly release it to the tree, which will help young trees endure hot, dry summers like what we experienced this past year.



[Monona Terrace to Close for Renovation in January](#)

Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center will be closing to the public for just over two weeks in January for facility improvements. The closure will begin on Tuesday, January 9, 2024 following the Madison Home Expo, through Friday, January 26, 2024. Planned projects include replacement of the facility's signature carpeting, restoration of wood doors and furniture, resurfacing of the kitchen flooring, painting throughout the building, and other repairs.

No Trash & Recycling Collection on Monday, December 25, 2023

In observance of the Christmas holiday, the Streets Division will not be performing trash, recycling, large item, or other collections on Monday, December 25, 2023.

Streets Division offices and drop-off sites will also be closed on Monday, December 25, 2023.



Madison Police Dept.

Camera Registration

The Madison Police Department will have a record of your security camera when you register your own personal or business security camera with the Madison Police Department. This data will be used as a tool in police investigations of crimes, incidents or disturbances that may have happened in your neighborhood. If there is a possibility that your camera may have captured footage of some activity, you may be contacted by Madison Police. The Police Department may request to view the footage to potentially be used as evidence to help solve a crime or other law violation.

If you have registered your camera(s) and need to change/update any information previously submitted (i.e. new camera, new contact information, etc.), please click "Register" and submit a new form. [Register](#) [Cancel Registration](#)



In case you missed it and For Reference

Madison Police Dept.

Season's Greetings. . . with prevention

Season's Greetings from the Madison Police Department – Central District. We want you to have a fun, safe holiday season. . . to include festive moods **after** the holidays and not frustration that your place has been burglarized. Each year, after vacations some people return to their homes realizing they have been the victim of a burglary. MPD will do our part to provide extra patrols, message out precautions and take reports of suspicious activity; but you can help yourself and MPD by reviewing the below tips and enacting on what you can:

- Use a timer to set lights/radio/TV
- Lower your shades/close your blinds
- Stop the mail
- Take all your valuables
- Lock your bike
- Don't leave cash, cards or keys visible
- Pack your vehicle the day you leave, avoiding leaving precious items in your vehicle overnight
- Have a trusted friend check on your place and leave tracks in your driveway if it snows
- Report suspicious activity to the police (non-emergency 608-255-2345 or 911)

Mike Hanson

Captain – Central District

City of Madison

Winter advisory

Sidewalks have been slippery of late, so from Wisconsin Salt Wise about how to stay safe while using less or no salt to slow the harmful salt pollution of our lakes - <https://www.wisaltwise.com/documents/PDFs/Handouts/homeowners.pdf>

Monroe St. Library

December activities:

Sat., Dec. 16 from 10 - noon Annie will be back with a rock art workshop. Because we all know that ART ROCKS!

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Storytimes continue on Tuesday mornings at 10:30. If you are age 0 to 5, come on by.

You probably know you can stream dozens of holiday movies with your library card on Kanopy. Did you know you can also stream The Great Courses? Learn Tai Chi,

the math behind games and puzzles, embroidery, music history and so much more. Ask us how to set up your Kanopy log-on if you haven't yet.

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VNA

We would still like to receive updated information for VNA emails. Please provide: Street address, Names, Emails, One phone # (not required, just helpful) to Mary Clare Murphy, (608) 235-4281 maryclarem@charter.net or Rachel Bennet (treasurer) (214) 538-0400 cashdollarb@gmail.com



Rates Increasing in 2024 for City of Madison Owned Parking Facilities

Effective January 1, 2024. Rates changes are reviewed on an annual basis, though due to the impacts from the pandemic, the last rate increase occurred in 2018.

Hourly rates as follows (more details on city web site):

State Street Capitol Garage

- Increasing the State Street Capitol Garage rate from \$1.20/hour to \$1.50/hour.

State Street Campus Garage

- Increasing the State Street Campus Garage rate from \$1.50/hour to \$1.80/hour.

Capitol Square North Garage

- Increasing the Capitol Square North Garage rate from \$1.20/hour to \$1.50/hour.

Overture Center Garage

- Increasing the Overture Center Garage rate from \$1.00/hour to \$1.60/hour.

South Livingston Street Garage

- Increasing the South Livingston Street Garage rate from \$0.80/hour to \$1.20/hour.

Wilson Lot

- Establishing a 24/7 monthly permit rate for Wilson Lot of \$200 per month.
- Increasing the weekday monthly permit from \$135/\$155 per month for resident/non-residents to \$155/\$175 per month.



Winter Updates: What happens when the City of Madison [declares a snow emergency](#)? NOTE* There is no declared snow emergency currently in effect. **Don't let the snow lead to a ticket or a tow!** Sign up to get notified via [Text Messaging](#).

Boards, Commissions, and Committee Meetings

All meetings and their details can be found [here](#).

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Alternate Side Parking Rules [Español](#)

Don't let the snow lead to a ticket or a tow. Here are few things you need to know to avoid a ticket or a tow:

- Alternate Side Parking is in effect city-wide with the exception of the [Snow Emergency Zone](#) (unless there is a [Declared Snow Emergency](#)).
- Alternate Side Parking is in effect from November 15 - March 15, seven days a week, regardless of weather conditions.
- Park on the **EVEN** house numbered side of the street on even numbered days from **1:00 am – 7:00 am**.
- Park on the **ODD** house numbered side of the street on odd numbered days from **1:00 am – 7:00 am**.

Fines

- Violations of the Alternate Side Parking rules are subject to a **fine of \$20** when a Snow Emergency **has not** been declared.
- Violations of the Alternate Side Parking rules are subject to a **fine of \$60** when a Snow Emergency **has been** declared.

Get Reminders

Sign up for [Daily Alternate Side Parking Reminders](#) via text messaging!

You will receive a text message every day at 5:00 pm telling you which side of the street to park on. Announcements & News Releases

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Open enrollment on [HealthCare.gov](#) began November 1. Enrollment is open **through January 15, 2024.** Sign up by Dec. 15 for coverage to start January 1st. Free, unbiased, local help from [coveringwi.org](#)



Trash and Recycling

www.cityofmadison.com/DropOffSites

Trash & recycling calendar for 2023 is available at www.cityofmadison.com/CollectionSchedule.

- **Large Item Pickup:** Large item collection rules changed a few years ago and now you need a work order to get on the crew's pickup schedule. Learn more about the process at www.cityofmadison.com/LargeItem
- **Brush Collection is Over:** Do not set out brush for pickup. If you have brush that needs collection, you need to [take it to a drop-off site instead](#).
- **Recycle Right:** Be sure you're putting the right things in your recycling cart. Get the rules at www.cityofmadison.com/recycling.



Electronics Recycling Now Free

Starting Monday, February 20, 2023 the Streets Division will stop charging recycling fees for televisions, computers, laptops, and monitors. Click [here](#) for more information.



Recorded city meetings you have missed can be watched on the on [City Channel](#). If you have questions and/or concerns about the budget, please email Tag Evers at district13@cityofmadison.com
