
VNA Good Neighbor Digest



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Vilas Neighborhood News



Holiday Greetings to All!

Monroe St. Library

Happy holidays from your crew at the Monroe Street library! A reminder that all Madison Public libraries will be closed Sunday and Monday of this week: Dec. 31 and Jan. 1.

School-age kids, drop in for winter break activities from 1:30 - 3:00. Bring a grown-up or reasonable facsimile if you are 7 and under. Here's what's on the docket:

Wed., Dec. 27 Weaving with Holly

Fri., Dec. 29 Make comics and superheroes with Holly

Lots of puzzle activity of late. Take home a puzzle from the library, and/or bring in finished ones from home to add to the swap.

Here's one thing we DON'T want to swap: Covid 19. We have home tests for you to pick up. Each household is welcome to take two kits (four tests total).

Thank you to all who donate books to the library. We are grateful! A reminder that if you want to leave boxes of books at the back door, please call or stop in and let us

know you're doing so. We can't use soggy boggy books.

Monroe Street Library is open 10-6 weekdays except closed Thursdays, and 9-5 Saturdays.

See you soon,

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>

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

May 4

Jill (librarian)

[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/>

How to Have Your Christmas Tree Collected

- The Streets Division provides two rounds of curbside collection for Christmas trees.
- Crews collect trees only. Wreaths, boughs, and other evergreen decorations go into the trash.
- The first round will begin on January 2, 2024, following the New Year's Day holiday.
- The second and final round begins on January 16, 2024, following the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day holiday.
- Both collections are weather dependent as snowstorm response takes precedence.
 - In order to have your tree picked up at the curb, please help the crew by following instructions and putting them out at the right times.
- Failure to follow the instructions below may result in your tree being left uncollected at the curb.
 - Remove all tree stands regardless if they are metal or wood.
 - Remove all tree decorations such as lights, tinsel, ornaments, tree toppers, and so on.

- Do not place your tree into any kind of bag.

When Should You Set Out the Trees & When Will the Streets Division Collect Your Tree?

Round One Information - January 2, 2024

- In order to have your tree collected during the first round, set your tree to on the terrace or right-of-way space near the public street by your home on or by 6:30am on January 2.

- Trees set to the curb on or before January 2, 2024 will likely be collected sometime between January 2 and January 12, 2024, depending on weather conditions and crew availability.

- If you place the trees out for collection after January 2, your tree may not be collected until the second round.

Wreaths, Garlands, Boughs, Other Evergreen Decorations

- Do not place wreaths, evergreen rope, garlands, and boughs out for tree collection.

- These belong in the trash.

- They contain wires or metal that can damage wood chipping equipment.



Madison Police Dept.

No new updates posted - therefore:

Season's Greetings and Gratitude to the MPD and our Neighborhood PO Jeff Hayes for the 24/7 year-round services to the VNA neighborhood.



In case you missed it and For Reference

[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.

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.

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

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>

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

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

Happiest are the people who give most happiness to others.

Denis Diderot