



Midvale Plaza Update

By Bonnie McMullin-Lawton, Co-Chair, Midvale Plaza Steering Committee

The Westmorland/Midvale Heights Steering Committee on the Midvale Plaza Redevelopment was dealt a resounding blow at the City Council meeting on July 18 as a 17–2 vote approved the proposed redesign of the Midvale Plaza with a four-story building and 142 units of housing. Alders Thomas (Midvale Heights) and Cnare voted against. Tim Gruber, Westmorland’s alder, was on an international trip but supported the proposed redesign. Although the developer must return to the Urban Design Commission some time this fall for final approval of some outstanding details, the overall footprint and mass of the structure is now a foregone conclusion.

The committee collected almost 1,200 signatures from the neighborhoods in opposition to the proposed redevelopment in its current form and in favor of a smaller project but the presentation fell on deaf ears. Most Council members stated that they felt the proposal fit within the city’s new Comprehensive Plan guidelines, regardless of the provisions for neighborhood input and fit in that same document.

Although this was a disappointing result for this site, a number of comments were made by alders and other neighborhood leaders, most notably Marsha Rummel, the president of the Marquette Neighborhood Association, who stated that the system had failed when a neighborhood could be this organized in opposition to a project and yet not be represented in the process. Hopefully, this is the lesson that other neighborhoods and alders will take away from our experience with governmental isolation.

Subcommittees within the Steering Committee continue to work on recommendations for details of design, traffic and landscaping for presentation at the upcoming UDC meeting.

Brandon Casto, Westmorland Board member and Steering Committee member, has been asked by the Board to lead the process of developing a Neighborhood Plan, which would have helped us immensely in the Plaza discussions and hopefully will do so for future developments within the neighborhood. (See page 9.)

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Happy Halloween! By Kim Stalker-Herron

Give your little princesses, ghosts and goblins a trial run before Halloween. Join the annual Halloween Parade & Party on Sunday, Oct. 29. Families and neighbors will gather, in costume, at Westmorland Park at 4 p.m. We will proceed up Holly Avenue, lead by our own Westmorland Walking Band, to Queen of Peace Church, where there will be a party with live entertainment and homemade goodies. Headlining this event will be Truly Remarkable Loon, who will amaze us with his comedy juggling show “Merry Anticipation of Disaster.” The show will be in the lower-level cafeteria at Queen of Peace. If you are interested in donating goodies, please e-mail kim@stalker-herron.com. Westmorland thanks Queen of Peace for once again providing the venue for our Halloween festivities.



IMPORTANT DATES

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President's Message By Joy Grapentine

As summer draws to a close, our thoughts are often of returning to our "regular" lives of work and school. I hope your thoughts also turn to how you can play a part, big or small, in contributing to the events and activities in Westmorland, events many of us would miss if they went away! Important neighborhood positions in need of volunteers include:

■ **Westmorland Neighborhood Association Planning and Development Committee** is being formed. It will work collaboratively with city personnel to deal with development issues affecting the neighborhood, with particular interest in developing a neighborhood plan. See page 9 for more information.

■ **WNA Board of Directors** has space for new neighbors to join the board and get a first-hand look at the inner workings of the neighborhood. I encourage you to contact me or another board member if you are interested in attending a board meeting to see what we do.

■ **Ad Manager.** This important job of selling advertisements in the Westmorland *Courier* and the Westmorland Directory has been turned into a well-oiled machine by its previous volunteers, most recently Kristy Casto. Please contact her at kecasto@tds.net or **204-9013** for a no-obligation chat about being Ad Manager.

■ **Block Captain Coordinator.** This job includes recruiting new block captains as needed, keeping the block captain roster up to date and maintaining distribution sheets for *Courier* deliveries. Please contact me if you would like to learn more about this position.

The back page of the *Courier* is a good resource for information on Westmorland's committees and clubs. Each of these groups provides an opportunity to get to know more neighbors, pursue an interest and give back to the neighborhood. Please contact the appropriate committee chair for more information.

If you're not signed up already, go to groups.yahoo.com/group/Westmorland_News/ to register to receive messages posted to the group, as well as post your own messages. This is a handy way to stay informed about issues relevant to the neighborhood that are too time-sensitive to make it into the *Courier*. You can also find out about "drop in"-type activities, for example Parks & Green Spaces Committee events.

I encourage you to contact me about neighborhood issues at joygraps@charter.net or at **238-8818** (before 9 p.m.).

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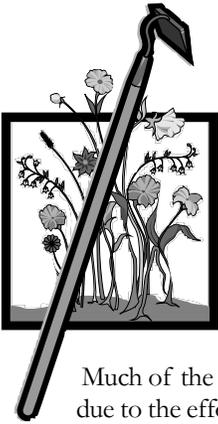
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As co-chair of the Steering Committee, I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the entire committee to thank those in the neighborhood who were so supportive during this lengthy and time-consuming process. Many volunteer hours were contributed by the Steering Committee, as well as by neighbors who delivered newsletters, did research and contributed funds to defray costs. Without your support, I know I could not have maintained the necessary energy and enthusiasm to continue through the process. I want to personally thank those of you who contacted me after our loss on the 18th, thanked me and the Steering Committee for our efforts and congratulated us on a job well done. Your words made the work worthwhile.



A Fond Farewell

Westmorland Rock Garden says good-bye to neighbors Jerry and Ronny Saeman

By Bonnie McMullin-Lawton

Much of the beauty of Westmorland Park's Rock Garden is due to the efforts of Ronny Saeman. If plants could talk, they would bid a fond farewell to their caretaker as Ronny and her husband, Jerry, leave Westmorland for a new home at Oakwood Village.

Ronny and Jerry were part of the post-war building boom in Westmorland. Madison architects, Weiler and Strang, designed a home for them on Gately Terrace in 1950, with a beautiful view of the Park out their living room window. Part of Westmorland Park existed and there was a commitment to expand it, but Jerry remembers golfing in the area when it was a private course. He estimates that their house is 'about the 3rd hole.' They say some of their neighbors could remember cows grazing in what is now the Park.

They also remember that the roads were not paved yet and Midvale Boulevard didn't even exist. "We were at the edge of the city," Jerry recalls. When Midvale Boulevard was eventually developed, people were invited to gather whatever plants they wanted from the area before paving began and Ronny retrieved many native plants to plant in her yard, later raiding the yard to add to what became the Rock Garden.

The Rock Garden, located in the northwest corner of the Park, was put in by the Parks Department in the early 1950s. There was a pile of rocks in the wooded area near Tokay, probably leftover from road construction. A graduate student working on his thesis worked full time for two summers on the project. The city maintained it for a number of years, but as Ronny remembers, "That eventually ended and gradually you couldn't even see the rocks." The Saemans knew Nancy Ragland who worked for the Parks Department and later was the director of Olbrich Gardens. They got permission to cut out the overgrown material, which filled six truckloads. Volunteers dug out the roots of those plants and then started planting new flowers.

The Saemans raised three children in their home while Jerry was a chemist at the Forest Products Lab. He later became Deputy Director there and, after he retired, he worked part time for the university in research. Ronny has a degree in Home Economics, but her love of plants was spawned by well-known naturalist Jim Zimmerman who taught a course called "Reading the Landscape." She and neighbor, Virginia "Gina" Kline, took the course together and later, after receiving her Ph.D. in botany, Gina taught the course with Ronny as an assistant.

Ronny organized the first Earth Day celebration in Westmorland Park. They worked on removing buckthorn and honeysuckle, which remain a problem in the park and neighborhood yet today. A Parks worker who was enthusiastic about the site came and helped cut out brush for several years.

What do they envision for the park in future? Jerry wishes it

had a croquet course, a favorite past-time for him and some family members. Ronny is happy that the Parks & Green Spaces Committee has taken responsibility for the Rock Garden and is doing "so many wonderful things, on the boulevards, around the signs and at the Park." She encourages the planting of a mixture of things that take care of themselves. "With a volunteer workforce, most of the plants need to be primarily self-sustaining," she says. She also muses about the possibility of a prairie at the park now that the city is no longer mowing all the grass. "It would be ideal for a prairie with all that sun."

Both Jerry and Ronny wonder about the future of the ravine in the park. They are hopeful that it can be retained as a natural area with more native plantings but recognize that all Park users, adults and children, then need to be respectful of those plantings. "Kids need to be taught to be respectful of nature," they say.

As we say goodbye to these wonderful neighbors, we Westmorlanders can be forever thankful for the Saemans' contributions to the Park. Although we will miss them, we keep their spirit of volunteerism and ecological caring alive. We hope we'll see you, Ronny and Jerry, in the neighborhood, perhaps on Earth Day. Best wishes and thank you!

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The Meyer Family in Westmorland

By Kurt Meyer

Editor's Note: *In an interview with Westmorland History Committee members on February 21, 2006, four descendants of Henry Meyer, one of the original pioneering home-builders in the Westmorland neighborhood, shared their memories of their great-grandfathers' home at 502 Glenway which was the subject of much speculation in a recent Courier article ["Before There Was Westmorland, 1900-1925," November 2005]. This home, which pre-dated many of those which would be built in our area, was built by Henry Meyer in 1910, and became the center of the development of a definable cluster of early "Westmorland" homes in the vicinity of Meyer Avenue at Glenway. While Otto Toepfer and A.O. Paunack [see May 2006 and July 2006 Courier articles] focused on platting their land holdings for development, Mr. Meyer was active building seven of the 20 earliest residential homes in our area, in the West Wingra Plat.*

Henry Meyer, for whom Meyer Avenue is named, was an early resident and builder of Westmorland. A contemporary of Otto Toepfer, Henry built a number of houses in the neighborhood and some of his descendants still live in Westmorland.

Henry and his wife Mary had five children, born in the 1890s and early 1900s: John, Bill, Jessie, Bertha and Frank, who was my grandfather. The family moved to Westmorland from Verona or Fitchburg in 1910, into the house Henry built at 502 Glenway.

Henry bought a number of lots in Westmorland. He is said to have had a rivalry with Otto Toepfer over who would build the most houses in the new subdivision. In addition to his own, houses Henry built include: 514 and 510 Glenway (1917 and 1922); 3813 and 3810 Meyer (1925 and 1927), 3810 Birch (1928), and my home at 3814 Winnemac (1928). Henry's barn stood on what are now the properties at 3805 and 3809 Meyer. Henry's daughter Jessie was married and lived in the home at 3813 Meyer and daughter Bertha (Bertie) lived at 3810 Birch. Henry's son, John, might have helped build some of the houses above, in particular 3810 Birch.

A lumberyard is believed to have existed at the Glenway crossing of the railroad. This would have made it convenient for Henry to get building materials, and is the likely explanation for why the Meyer houses were built where they are (quite a distance from the main roads of the early 1900s).

An architectural characteristic of Henry's houses can be seen in the relatively wide roof overhangs, with soffits that followed the roofline instead of being horizontal.

Times were lean and materials were expensive; wood that Henry recycled from older sheds and barns is helping to hold up my house and I wouldn't be surprised if similar evidence of his thrift can be seen in other houses he built as well.

Henry passed thrift and his other values on to his children—I still remember great-aunt Jessie's first lesson for me in carpentry, when I was maybe 6 years old. She had a tidy pile of scrap wood in her basement, and I was eager to pound nails. Jessie said that

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was fine, and told me about how her dad taught her carpentry and now she would teach me. She said the first thing I would need were nails, and produced a jar of nails—every one of them bent. She showed me how to straighten a bent nail so it could be used again, and left me to straighten the rest. Later that year she bought me a box of nails at the hardware store and even today I still feel a sense of impossible luxury whenever I see a box of new, unused nails.

In 1932, Frank and my grandmother Ethel moved into 3814 Winnemac, where they raised my dad Donald and his two brothers, Tim and Gary. Frank was killed in a hunting accident in 1946; Ethel, who remarried and took the name Wallestad remained here until 2000, when my wife and I bought the house from her. Ethel's son Gary and his wife Judy live just up the street. Ethel now lives at Oakwood and recently celebrated her 98th birthday.

Henry Meyer died in 1938. His wife Mary lived until 1957. Henry, Mary, Bertha and more are buried in Forest Hill Cemetery, on the hillside overlooking the 9th tee at Glenway Golf Course.

Grandma Ethel, my father, Don, and his brothers have told me lots of stories about their experiences in the neighborhood and family in the 1930s and 40s.

Early Westmorland Stories

■ Hoboes were occasionally seen near the Illinois Central railroad tracks where today's bicycle path runs. Don recalls walking to Dudgeon School one day and seeing a man sleeping in a sand bunker on Glenway Golf Course. Frank warned Ethel not to deal with the hoboes, who would occasionally knock at the door looking for an odd job or a handout. However, Ethel was kind-hearted and it was believed that hoboes had "marked" the house.

■ It was common in the early days for families to first build the garage, and live there while they built the house. The tiny

dwelling which stood until recently at 3810 Winnemac started as a garage. Its owner fell on hard times and never built the house he intended.

■ When winter conditions were right, the police would close Toepfer Avenue, and it would become a bobsled run. Ethel recalls that the left turn onto Winnemac (required because Toepfer ended there) took sled and riders to the limits of physics and sometimes beyond.

■ The house at 450 Glenway was occupied by a man known as "The Inventor." Neighborhood boys were sometimes treated to a glimpse of his shop in the house's garage, which still stands, facing Birch.

Meyer Family Stories

■ Henry was a stern disciplinarian. Children were to be seen and not heard. Jessie, when lamenting modern child-rearing practices, liked to recall the razor strap which hung on the wall and how Henry needed to merely glance at it to quiet whatever ruckus might have developed.

■ Henry also had a sense of humor. He had a little retreat in his basement where he stored and drank dandelion wine. He would take my 5- to 6-year-old dad down there and fill a small glass for him, then give him a nickel to bite earthworms in two. A nickel being a lot of money, the deal was gladly accepted.

■ A common practice in springtime was to bring the house's rugs outside to freshen in the sun. One day Don put a large snake he had caught in one of those rugs and rolled it up. When Grandma Meyer (Henry's wife, Mary) unfurled the rug to shake it, the snake flew out. Don recalls a scream, then seeing Grandma coming toward him, with her purse in her hand. He didn't know what



Above: Jessie Meyer, an unknown woman and Bertha Meyer having a fine time in what appears to be an old buggy or auto body. Henry Meyer's barn and house (502 Glenway) are in the background. The photo was taken around 1920. Left: Henry Meyer and his dog Spotty, some time in the 1930s. The view behind him includes the corner of his house on Glenway Street.



to expect, but she reached into her purse, pulled out a dollar bill and handed it to him. As she did so, shaking, she said, "Here, Donald, take this. Now don't you ever do that again!"

■ As a teenager, Don assembled a running jalopy that was little more than a frame on wheels with an engine, and drove it around town. One day the neighbor across the street, who worked for the Department of Transportation, came over and asked my dad if he had a driver's license. Don said no. The neighbor said, well, it appeared Don knew how to drive well enough so he simply gave him his first license, on the spot.

■ Jessie had a funny saying, which she'd call out to no one in particular as she worked around the house: "Well, well, well! How many wells in a river? Twenty-four and a half and a fool like you!" Jessie and her sister Bertha had similarly odd expressions, however I can't think of any just now that would be appropriate for the *Courier*.

Be a Part of History

The Westmorland History Committee thanks Kurt Meyer, his father Don, and uncles Gary and Tim Meyer for sharing these stories with us. We encourage anyone with recollections of early Westmorland who would like to be interviewed to contact History Committee members Tom Martinelli, 233-2850, or Jean Tretow-Schmitz, 233-1629. Or contact any Westmorland Neighborhood Association Board member with ideas or feedback.

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Sequoya Library Progress By Betsy Hauser

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The proposed new 20,000-square-foot branch will provide much-needed space for educational programs, community and small group meetings, expanded Internet access including wireless access for personal laptops, better display for collections, space dedicated to families and young children, and a designated, comfortable welcoming space for quiet reading and research. The new building will house 110,000-plus books, CDs, DVDs, videos and magazines. It will offer self-service options for conve-



nience and privacy, and feature attractive and ever-changing displays of books and other library materials. The building is designated for LEED certification (green building).

Fundraising efforts including a capital campaign, neighborhood challenge activities and an outreach for major gifts are in the planning stages and should launch in January 2007.

We need your input, support and help! If you have questions, contact Sequoia Campaign Committee member Betsy Hauser at **236-4211**. Campaign co-chairs are Jean MacCubbin (**238-4863**) and Gary Poulson (**233-0914**). Leading the fundraising program is Scott Braucht (**266-6318**) and the Honorary Chair of the campaign is First Lady Jessica Doyle.

Neighborhood listening sessions are now under way. All of these will lead to significant opportunities to improve the library facilities in our area.

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5 Fall Lawn Care Tips

By Claire Gervais

After some heavy late summer rains, our lawns are once again growing and green. These fall lawn care tips offer nontoxic lawn care methods to work with your lawn's natural cycle:

- 1 **Water infrequently (if needed) once weekly in the morning.** This will force the roots to grow deeper than most weed roots. Measure the amount of water by putting a cup in the sprinkler zone. If the ground is very dry, water ½ inch, wait about 90 minutes, and then water another ½ inch to promote absorption. Turning brown is part of the natural life cycle in mid-summer and that grass greens up again with autumn rains even if you don't water.
- 2 **Mow high (about 3 inches).** Taller grass will shade the weeds so they won't be able to compete as well. Also, longer grass blades will make more sugar, which strengthens the plant and thickens your lawn. Interestingly, mowing shorter will actually promote faster growth, which weakens the plant.
- 3 **Fall is the best time to seed** because weed seeds aren't competing and the ground is generally moist and warm (wait for the fall rains). Use a blend of Kentucky Bluegrass, fine fescues and perennial ryegrass at a rate of 2 to 3 pounds of seed per 1,000 square feet. A blend will better tolerate both sun and shade since the different grasses will select its best growing conditions. If applying corn gluten meal, wait six weeks to seed since corn gluten will prevent weed and grass seeds from sprouting.
- 4 **Apply corn gluten meal, a natural "weed and feed."** Apply it at a rate of 20 pound per 1,000 square feet when the fall rains begin. Not only will this product prevent dandelion and crabgrass seedlings from sprouting, it will also add nitrogen fertilizer, which is what our clay soils need. If an area was recently seeded, wait until after the first mowing to apply corn gluten meal.
- 5 **Aeration.** If your soil is compacted, aerating increases water retention and supports air circulation to the roots. Rent an aerator from a garden store (share it with a few neighbors) or use a hand aerator.

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Parks & Green Spaces Committee Fall Events

by Bonnie McMullin-Lawton

Carrying on the tradition of volunteer gardening at the Park and within Westmorland's green spaces, The Parks & Green Spaces Committee works on a variety of projects at the Park, on the medians along Westmorland Boulevard and Glen Drive (perhaps some day on Tokay) as well as at the Bike Path on Glenway Street. These activities are a great way to lend a hand to the beauty of the neighborhood, get acquainted with some neighbors and LEARN more about plants and ecology.

This fall we will have two special events as well as ongoing work parties. On Tuesday, Oct. 17, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Rock Garden, we will have a hands-on pruning class with Dean Kahl, City of Madison Forestry Operations Supervisor, teaching the principles of good pruning and allowing time for practice on some of the plants at the Park. In November or

December (dependent upon conditions), we will burn the garlic mustard at the corner of the bike path and Glenway Street. In late October, we'll be planting some bulbs and putting certain gardens "to bed for the winter."

We're seeking other committed ecologists and gardeners who can lend a hand to green space activities. This work can fit into whatever schedule constraints you have. Training is provided to those who'd like to join in. Perhaps your heart is with the Rock Garden or maybe you'd rather take out some stress on invasive species.

If you're interested in any of these activities, please contact Kris Schoenbrunn, chair of the Committee, at **233-4832** for further information or to sign up. Watch the Web site, listserv and the library postings for additional information about dates and times for these special fall events.

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Westmorland Walking Band Wants You!

By Julie Verban

The Westmorland Walking Band is looking for more players! Seven years ago, Dave and Julie Verban had a dream as they sat on their lawn at the corner of St. Clair and South Owen Drive watching the 1999 July 4th bike parade...“There should be a band for all these people!” The idea was born, and at the 1999 Halloween Costume Parade, five brave and rusty musicians brought out their horns to accompany the marchers.

Founding members Kurt Meyer, Claire Gervais, Rebecca Smith, along with Dave and Julie, played a few tunes over and over much to our neighbors’ amusement. We now boast nearly two dozen members, including Daniel Kaczmarek and Will Blouin. These two fine musicians made their debut with us on the fourth. Will showed off our new bass drum; thanks to the Westmorland Board for approving its purchase!

But we need YOU! We continue to be a relaxed, multi-age, multi-skilled group who love to play together. We especially need trumpets



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Back Row: John Rolling, Dave Verban, Kurt Meyer, Mary Campbell, Tony Young, Bill McWilliams.

and coronets and could use a tuba, too! Please give Dave or Julie Verban a call at **233-4675** if you are interested in playing with us for the Halloween Parade, or at our holiday concert at Hilldale in December. We can arrange music for beginners, or for those of you who haven’t played for a while.

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Sequoya Library Events

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■ The Sequoya Branch Library presents the **Wisconsin Humanities Council’s “A More Perfect Union” book discussion series** for the third year in a row. This year’s topic, “To establish justice,” will be explored through reading four separate books. Discussions will be led by local humanities scholars:

- **Thursday, September 28** *For God and Country: Faith and Patriotism Under Fire* by James Yee and Aimee Molloy; discussion led by Charles Cohen, UW-Madison
- **Wednesday, October 25** *Sex Wars: A Novel of the Turbulent Post-Civil War Period* by Marge Piercy; discussion led by Nan Enstad, UW-Madison
- **Thursday, November 16** *Bombingham* by Anthony Grooms; discussion led by Charlotte Meyer, Edgewood College
- **Wednesday, December 13** *A Civil Action* by Jonathan Harr; discussion led by Paul Boyer, UW-Madison

All programs begin at 7 p.m., and will be held in the Sequoya meeting room, 513 S. Midvale Blvd. Copies of the books to be read are available at the library. For more information, call **266-6385**.

WNA Planning & Development Committee

By Brandon Casto

As many of you may know, Westmorland is undergoing some changes. From the redevelopment of the Midvale Plaza to the stormwater runoff controls at Westmorland Park. I was involved in the later actions of the Steering Committee for the redevelopment of Midvale Plaza as it went through the city process (Urban Design Commission, Plan Commission and Common Council). During this process, many city staff and alders suggested that we establish a neighborhood plan to address possible changes and concerns within the neighborhood.

In response to these comments, the Westmorland Neighborhood Association voted at its July 17, 2006, Board of Directors Meeting to create a new committee; the Westmorland Neighborhood Association Planning and Development Committee (WNAPDC). The intent of this committee is to address development issues that may arise within the neighborhood, with an emphasis on creating a neighborhood plan.

The WNAPDC will examine concerns and issues within the neighborhood and work with the appropriate parties such as city staff, other neighborhood associations, city alders and Westmorland residents to address these concerns. The committee will encourage input from all residents and requests anyone interested in joining or helping this committee to contact **Brandon Casto at 204-9013**.

It is important that neighbors with a variety of viewpoints and expertise are represented on the committee. The only requirements of serving on this committee are interest in working on neighborhood planning and development issues and residency in Westmorland. If you know of individuals within the neighborhood who you think may be interested in serving on this committee, please let me know so I can contact them.

More information will be made available through the *Courier* and will be posted on the Westmorland list-serv in the coming weeks and months so keep a look out for further information.

Be a Bus Advocate

By Susan De Vos

Many issues bubble below the surface for years before they gain the public eye, and that certainly is the situation with Madison's bus system. Madison's bus system has been cutting service and raising fares for years in part because the state is pouring its transportation funds into road construction rather than mass transit. Beginning August 27, there was a new wave of cuts that Metro Transit calls "service efficiencies"

The Westmorland neighborhood sees little change to existing routes and schedules during the workweek, although it is still unsettled as to a bus stop location at the intersection of Midvale and Tokay. The #18 now travels to and from the West Transfer Point on Tokay Blvd. instead of Odana Road. On weekends, the half-hourly #3 bus has been replaced by an hourly #7 bus that has a similar, but not identical, route. Instead of being split between Tokay Blvd. and Mineral Point Road, the #6 only goes down Mineral Point while the #7 goes hourly down Odana and Tokay.

If you would like to see service expansion rather than cuts, cleaner busses or more frequent service, join Madison Area Bus Advocates. You can join at our Web site busadvocates.org, send e-mail to info@busadvocates.org, send a letter to **P.O. Box 260156, Madison, WI 53720** or phone **265-9057**. You also can explore the possibility of obtaining federal tax benefits from commuting to work via bus, bike, walking or carpool by either yourself or your employees. Benefits are especially lucrative if commuting that way entails giving up a parking space.



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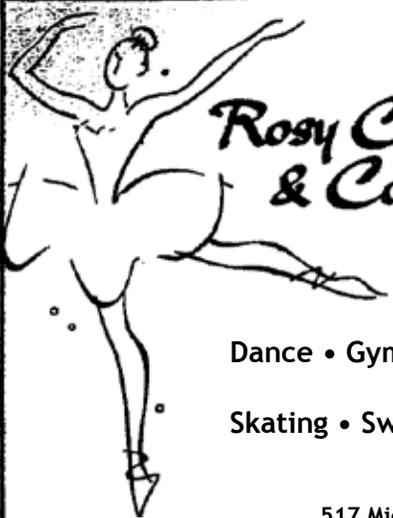
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Neighborhood News

- Charlotte and John Blotz and big brother Ben, 3822 Paunack Ave., have a new addition to the family, Margaret Louise Blotz, born February 10th.
- We welcome Jody Tierney and her dog Alex who moved to 3805 Paunack Ave. in April.
- Jeff and Mindee Elam moved from Michigan to 3825 Paunack Ave. in May. Welcome!
- Toepfer Avenue welcomes a new neighbor! Torin August Bodemer was born to Bill and Apple Bodemer, 506 Toepfer Ave., in early May.
- Jeremy, Todd and Catherine Ford moved into 4025 Winnemac earlier this summer.
- Keating Terrace said good-bye to Phil and Elinor Arnold, who moved to Pennsylvania in May, and welcoming Ann Dingman and Bryan Mowry to 4313 Keating Terrace.
- A hearty (but belated) welcome to our new neighbors at 4001 Tokay Blvd. Maggy Mendoza and her husband, Gordon Wong, moved to Westmorland in January 2005! Maggy teaches 2nd and 3rd grades at Leopold Elementary and Gordon is a resident physician at UW Hospital in radiation oncology.
- The 3rd annual block party for the 3800 and 3900 blocks of St. Clair Street was held on June 24. Current and past residents shared conversation, memories, music, games and food.

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Calendar of Events in and Around Westmorland

Date	Event	Place/Time	Contact
September 17	Native by Design: A "How-To" Conference for Gardeners	University of Wisconsin–Madison Arboretum Visitor Center, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Contact Pat Brown at 265-3355 or visit www.uwarboretum.org to register
October 1	WNA Membership Drive Deadline	See your block captain for details.	Brandon Casto, bcasto@tds.net
October 17	Parks & Green Spaces Committee Hands-On Pruning Class	Westmorland Park Rock Garden, 1 to 3 p.m.	Kris Schoenbrunn, 233-4832
October 29	Annual Westmorland Halloween Parade and Party	Parade starts at Westmorland Park at 4 p.m.; party at Queen of Peace following	Kim Stalker-Herron, kim@stalker-herron.com
November 7	40th Annual Election Day Food-A-Rama	Temple Beth El, 2702 Arbor Drive (behind Bluphies)	Amy Fields, 231-1757 or afields17@aol.com
November 11	City of Madison Neighborhoods Conference	Monona Terrace, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Linda Horvath, 267-1131, ext. 119 or www.ci.madison.wi.us/neighborhoods/

Please send calendar submissions to Jenn Woolson, at jennw@mcmurry.com or 238-7803.

Courier Extra—Online

www.westmorland-neighborhood.org

Additional articles of interest to the Westmorland neighborhood are available to read on our Web site.

- More information about the Annual Westmorland Halloween Parade and Party.

- Information about events this fall at the Arboretum.

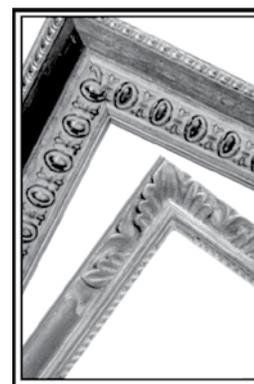
- A newsletter from District 11 Alder Tim Gruber

- Details about volunteer opportunities in the Westmorland Neighborhood and around Madison.

- And much more!



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Deadline for the November 2006 *Courier* is October 30.

To advertise in *The Westmorland Courier*, please contact Kristy Casto.
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