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## Treasurer's Corner

**Steve McCarthy, Treasurer**

Usually our newsletter opens with a few comments from our association's president. This time I asked to contribute a few words (or more ...). And I'll get to it, right away – Are you a current member of the Lake Edge Neighborhood Association?

Due to the COVID virus situation, we haven't been able to meet as a group for over a year now. Our monthly meetings have now turned into Zoom sessions. As neighbors, we meet each other on the streets at a safe distance, as we walk our dogs, or just take that walk. Have you noticed how much more active the neighborhood seems?

As an association we missed a couple of our premier events, specifically the summer picnic and the pizza party. These are great times for meeting old friends, and to discover new local ones. For LENA, it is also a time find new members, or to renew that membership. Since we weren't able to hold those events, LENA missed out on the easy opportunities for new or renewed memberships. Consequently our membership numbers are much lower than usual. Which leads me to say "Time for YOU to

Your membership helps to cover not only some of those expenses for the parties, publish the newsletters and maintain the web site and this communication channel, but LENA also offers further support to others. Every year we make donations to our schools. And every year we get more requests. We would like to help even more. We have also donated to the local library, Pinney. Maybe you have seen the result of our most recent donation, a bike rail in front of that library? And there are other accumulating expenses supporting neighborhood events, like materials for advertising the garage sales, and the care for the local park's gardens. And we could do even more.

Expressing your interest in becoming a LENA member lets us know that we can contact you with information directly affecting you and your household, right here in the neighborhood. We would like to hear from you, and we would like to let you know what is affecting our neighborhood.

And of course, this is where I come in today. I would like to provide another opportunity for you to either become a member of LENA or to renew that membership. We are still asking for only \$10 per household for an annual membership (01/01 to 12/31). A household membership does allow for more than one person. You can go to our LENA website to enroll. You can download the LENA membership form, print it, and then mail it to us with a check (please no cash). Or you can manage that membership by that new-fangled method – On-line. Yep, we added that option a couple of years ago, and it seems to be working just fine. There are links, and details, on the [membership web page](#) for either option.

Thank you for becoming a member of the Lake Edge Neighborhood Association.

## **Pinney Library - Opening Soon (?)**

It has been just over a year since the new Pinney Branch Library opened, and then was quickly shuttered. This was due to the COVID virus situation. Now everyone is looking forward to its reopening. In fact,

Madison's public libraries for expanded in-person service until the May 6 Library Board meeting, where the Board will consider an updated plan and timeline.

The expanded in-person service plan, which would have begun April 19, included opening libraries for in-person browsing, self-pickup of holds, and access to basic desk services.

"Libraries are an important part of our community, providing free and equitable access to resources and experiences. Our staff have worked hard to uphold that mission during the pandemic, and I believe it is important to safely expand our in-person service offering as soon as we are able," said Greg Mickells, Library Director.

"After careful consideration, most of our members felt it was important to take the time to learn more details about the library's plans for expanding service," said Eve Galanter, Library Board president. "Moving this discussion to May will allow for more library staff to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, which was a concern voiced by some staff. We are looking forward considering an updated plan and timeline in May." (Further details can be found [here](#).)

## **From the City's Streets Division**

### **Yard Waste, Brush Collection, Drop-off Sites & Plastic Bags**

#### **Yard Waste Collection Ending (soon) :**

Like last fall, residents have assigned dates on when they should set out yard waste to the curb. They get their dates by going to [www.cityofmadison.com/yardwaste](http://www.cityofmadison.com/yardwaste). Put your address into the form, and you get the dates yard waste should be put out.

#### **Brush Collection Starts:**

waste is weeds & leaves raked or pulled from your lawns or gardens.

Brush collection will use assigned set-out dates. Residents can get the set-out dates for their home for brush pickup at [www.cityofmadison.com/brushcollection](http://www.cityofmadison.com/brushcollection).

These dates are all on Sundays as well as brush crews will be working through assigned neighborhoods sometime during the work week following the set-out Sunday. Residents will get 6 brush collection chances with the final one coming in September.

### **Drop-off Site Hours Expand & South Point Rd Opens:**

Drop-off site hours transitioned to summer hours on April 5. The Badger Rd and Sycamore Ave locations will expand hours. And the yard waste only site at 402 South Point Rd will open for the season.

Here are what the hours will be for all three sites until December 4:

- Monday - 7:30am to 2:45pm
- Tuesday - 7:30am to 7:00pm
- *Wednesday* **CLOSED**
- Thursday - 7:30am to 7:00pm
- Friday - 7:30am to 2:45pm
- Saturday - 9:00am to 4:00pm
- *Sunday* **CLOSED**

### **Plastic Bag Recycling Program Ends**

Residents should no longer place plastic film and plastic bags into their recycling carts. Residents should not bring plastic film to the Streets Division drop-off sites, either. (Full details can be found [here](#).)

Instead, residents who accumulate plastic bag and film should return them to the retailers that offer plastic bag and film recycling programs.

Residents are also encouraged to avoid creating plastic bag and film waste whenever possible by refusing unnecessary bags for purchases,

# Road Reconstruction Updates

## **Dean Ave., East and Allis Ave. Reconstruction Project**

3/19/2021 Update: The Common Council approved the reconstruction project with the Option 1 Plan design. The city's staff will continue to finalize the plans and specifications for the project to be bid this spring. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin around mid-June.

## **Davies St., Dempsey Rd., Maher Ave. Reconstruction Project**

3/11/2021 Update: The project schedule has been updated. Staff is working on multiple design options for Maher Avenue based on received feedback. When those options are complete, they will be posted on the city's project page.

Current options are: Option No. 1 and Option No. 2

Project Schedule: Anticipated bid date would be August of 2021, with the start of construction: Spring of 2022

## Newsletters - Odds and Ends

We are currently working on your next "hard copy" LENA Newsletter. We expect to delivery it, to your household, in early- to mid-May. This is a project we undertake, typically, twice per year. ... If you have topics you would like to see in the newsletter, we would like to hear from you. Some items discussed have been: column on gardening; and, feature articles about "know your neighborhood pet", and "know your neighbor". Is there someone, in LENA, you think we all would like to get to know better? ... If you have abilities in creating and publishing a newsletter, yes, we would like to hear from you too. ... If you would like to advertise, in the newsletter, please contact us for advertising guidelines. ... And once it is

# Upcoming Events

## **Coffee With a Cop** - Tues, April 13 - *with Police Officer Howard Payne*

Good day! Our last Virtual Coffee With A Cop was extremely successful and we are finding that the use of ZOOM's video conferencing platform has been a good way to reconnect with community members. I am excited about having our next meeting on **Tuesday, April 13th, 2021 at 10:00am**, and I look forward to seeing familiar faces and those who may be new to the area.

Please spread the word to anyone who may want to participate, and as always, if you have any questions of me, please call (608) 266 - 4883 or email me at [hpayne@cityofmadison.com](mailto:hpayne@cityofmadison.com). If there are specific things you would want me to discuss, emailing me those items allows for some degree of research; as I want to deliver the best information possible.

Join Zoom Meeting (Link)

<https://cityofmadison.zoom.us/j/95696157934?pwd=RGRlWWRHS0tDbmlFZVFKbHljS2RUdz09>

Meeting ID: 956 9615 7934

Passcode: 640159

**LENA's Monthly Neighborhood Meeting** - Next Monday, April 19 from 6:30 to 8:15pm

This will be another Zoom session, details will arrive in another email, this week.

**Ian's Pizza DoughNation Fund Raiser** - Wed, May 19 from 5-9pm

“DoughNation” Flyer, or image from you phone, for every slice you order, well then LENA will gain a contribution from Ian’s. Review details for the flyer on our web’s [Events Announcements](#) page. More information will be posted on our Facebook page too.

## **Garage Sale Organizing - Fri/Sat June 18 & 19**

We are looking for a few people to assist us with organizing this event. Every year we hear from the neighborhood “when is the next neighborhood garage sale”? This year it will be the 3rd weekend in June. This year we are associating with the Eastmorland neighborhood. If you would like to help with the planning, please contact us at:  
**LakeEdgeNA@gmail.com**

## **Save These Dates**

- **April 13 - Coffee With A Cop** (Virtual) - 10:00am to 11:00am
- **April 19 - LENA Monthly Meeting** (Virtual) 6:30pm to 8:15pm)
- **April 24 - Earth Day** - Lake Edge parks clean up - running from 9:00am to Noon
- **May 19 - Ian’s DoughNation Fund Raiser** - 5:00pm to 9:00pm
- **June 18 & 19 - Garage Sale** - Friday/Saturday (more info soon)
- **Aug 8 - Neighborhood Picnic** - late afternoon
- **Early May - LENA Newsletter** - Delivered to your door



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