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THE PARKWOOD HILLS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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Proposed Daycare Center at Gammon and Colony

As many Parkwood Hills residents probably know by now, the Korean Presbyterian Church (6906 Colony Drive) is interested in selling off a large portion of their lot. John Scott, owner of the Here We Grow Learning Center in Fitchburg hopes to open a second, larger Here We Grow center on the site. He is seeking a conditional use permit from the city to allow this.

Mr. Scott and his realtor hosted an informal meeting on July 12 to present neighbors with his plans. This meeting was attended by around ten people from Parkwood Hills and Walnut Grove, including Alder Mark Clear.

At the meeting Mr. Scott presented the following details about the proposed center:

- Building will have a 10,000 sq ft footprint, with two levels.
- The center and parking would be located at north end of property.
- Driveway to extend due north from Colony up to building entrance and parking area
- Center to accommodate about 160 students, ages 6 weeks - 5 years.
- 32 employees, mix of full and part time.
- Hours of operation Monday - Friday, 6:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.

The plan would also call for:

- Adding two retention ponds at the south end of the property, near the corner of Colony and Gammon
- Adding a right turn lane on Colony
- Adding a traffic signal to the intersection

A large portion of the meeting was focused on traffic concerns, regarding both the immediate impact of the parents and staff coming and going, as well as the potential ramifications of through traffic seeking alternative routes through Walnut Grove.

Also discussed were the process for obtaining a conditional use permit, what other potential uses might seek such a



Looking north from Colony toward the site of the proposed daycare center.

permit, and whether the permit would convey to future buyers of the property. It's important to remember that many of the uses neighbors most fear, such as a gas station, are not eligible for the conditional use permit and would require rezoning, a far more involved process. The land is currently zoned Residential (SR-C1 Suburban Residential - Consistent District 1. For full information on what is allowed, see pages 12-15 of the pdf at <http://legistar.cityofmadison.com/attachments/a7261a03-67a8-413b-a97a-a07f72552155.pdf>).

Please stay tuned to NextDoor and the official Parkwood Hills list serve for information about future meetings. The proposed center would certainly have a huge impact on the quality of life, not only for the immediate abutters, but also, for all who need to come and go through the neighborhood.

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Meet Your New Board President, Dave Mann

My name is Dave Mann and I am the newly “elected” President of the Parkwood Hills Neighborhood Association. I served last year as the Vice President and stepped into the new role in April upon the exit of David Hoffert who moved to the Monroe Street area. Prior to being VP, I was an at large board member. In case you are wondering, there is no statute requiring that all PWH presidents be named David. In fact, we are always looking for help. Please let me know if you are interested in being part of the team or have an interested in helping out with any of a number of neighborhood events. We currently are in need of an editor for this very publication: The Parkword. After several years of service, we thank Grant Priehs for all of his hard work producing this journal of neighborhood activities. Grant will be staying on as an At-Large member.

The current Board includes some newer neighbors in Parkwood Hills. This is really great that the value of this asset to the community continues to resonates with new and old residents alike. Here is how we are currently staffed:

- President: Dave Mann
- Vice President: Lucas Wagner
- Treasurer: Beth Puleo
- Secretary: Bev Willer
- 2016-18 At-Large: Grant Priehs, Any Butrymowicz, Kathleen Spencer, Alena Jensen
- 2015-17 Continuing: Jane Kaldor, Sarah Case,, Kim Cowles
- Block Captains Coordinator: Charlene Drumm
- ParkWord Editor: OPEN
- Directory Manager: Elizabeth Morrison
- Webmaster: Kevin Johnson
- Pool Liaison: Peter Olson
- Parkwood Email List Host: Mark Clear

We meet 4 times each year between September and April to discuss business and also organize the Annual Meeting in April which is open to the neighborhood. Typical business includes events planning and coordinating, issues of concern in the neighborhood and how we allocate the budget. Aside from the Annual Meeting, meetings are hosted at one of the member’s homes. If you are interested, please send an email to: president@parkwoodhills.org.

My family has lived in Madison for most of the last 23 years and been in Parkwood Hills for the past 8 years. We live on Everglade Drive near Colony and really enjoy this



community. My wife, Jennifer, and I both are UW Alumni and received our doctoral degrees here in Sociology and Chemistry, respectively. Jen is employed by the UW Survey Research Center and I am employed by Cellular Dynamics International. I am also an owner in the Pecatonica Beer Company and Tap House. Our kids are both students at Memorial High School and attended Jefferson and Muir prior to that. You may see us out walking Gus, one of the growing number of Bernese Mountain dogs in the neighborhood. Please stop and say “Hi” if you see us out. One of the best parts of Parkwood Hills is the Midwest friendly and sense of community we share. Cheers!

Parkword Seeks New Editor

- **Do you have your finger on the pulse of the neighborhood?**
- **Would you like to have a greater connection with your neighbors?**

The Parkword is looking for just such an individual (or team) to take over the editorial responsibilities. This is a volunteer position (like all Board positions) that involves finding ideas for stories, gathering news and announcements that are relevant to the community, and finding writers to submit the articles. The newsletter is published four times a year.

Interested parties or folks with questions should contact the Board President at president@parkwoodhills.org.

Memorial High Plans Peace Center

By Tina Hogle

Memorial High School will officially open a Peace Center at the start of the new school year. The peace center will be a community space within the school where students, staff and community members can collaborate to resolve conflict, restore relationships, and build a more inclusive, productive, and peaceful environment. The Peace Room, utilizing restorative justice practices, will also provide an alternative to out of school suspension and expulsions. This model has worked exceptionally well in other schools around the country and we are excited about this opportunity for Madison schools.

A key feature of the Peace Center is talking circles, which promote “equal voice.” The power of the Talking Circle comes from the sharing of ideas and thinking together in a safe environment that nurtures innovation, curiosity, healing and exploration. Circles naturally slow people down and foster focus, create equality and connection. Talking Circle is about listening and also having a voice that is respectfully heard and valued. We share in Circle, not taking sides. We engage and meet each individual where s/he is in Circle – not where we want them to be. It is about people appreciating one another’s stories—the trials, the triumphs, and all that lies in between.

If you would like to make a contribution to the Peace Center, the following things would be greatly appreciated:

- Two bean bag chairs
- A couple of standing fans
- Bookshelves
- Artwork or/and the whatnots that could add more life to the space.
- Any little knickknacks that add a special touch.
- Volunteers/your time.

Please join us in this beautiful vision of restorative practice. We hope for Peace Centers to spread throughout the entire district and beyond. If you are interested in contributing to the Peace Center or are just curious about it, be sure to contact the community liaison:

Roderick ‘Rudy’ Bankston
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Construction Begins at Jefferson Middle School



There are hardhats aplenty at Jefferson Middle School this summer as the first phase of renovations are under way. The school has been in great need of updating, as evidenced by its recent “F” rating for its outdated facilities.

Miron Construction Co., Inc. is partnering with Plunkett Raysich Architects, LLP to make 31,700 square feet of renovations to the school. The \$6.9 million project will include work on the school’s interior, new classrooms, and office space. Miron will also install new lighting, fire suppression, and HVAC systems.

From the school district’s website, it’s unclear which of these upgrades will be completed by the time school starts this Fall and which will be part of Phase Two, slated to take place after the school year ends next Spring. Additional photos can be seen on Jefferson’s Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/MMSDJefferson/>.



The Annual Decorated Bike Parade was once again led by our neighborhood fire-fighters and followed by sack races, tug-of war competitions, water balloon tosses and great food. The day was overcast but pleasant and made for a great opportunity for neighbors to visit and celebrate our nation and our freedoms.



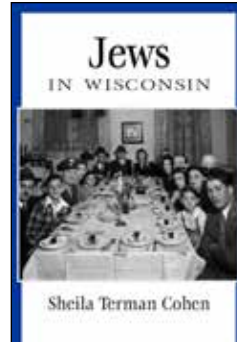
Neighborhood Turns Out For Fourth of July Celebration

The event was planned for the neighborhood, and as usual, made possible by some great neighborhood volunteers. Kim Cowles (pictured with her son, Wesley) once again took the lead as organizer. Special thanks go to Tara McAweeney (pictured with a hot dog) for handling the food aspect, Chris Collins for filling the water balloons (his tenth year in that role!), Kim's husband, Charles Cowles, for emceeing the games, the Prince family for renting and running the sno cone machine, Amy Kishter for organizing the Uncle Sam addition to the parade, and Jake Moskol for filling that role.



Neighborhood Author Explores the History of Jews In Wisconsin

From Jacob Franks, a Jewish fur trader who settled near Green Bay even before Wisconsin was a state to more recent waves of immigrants, Sheila Terman Cohen chronicles the trials and triumphs of our Jewish residents in her latest book *Jews in Wisconsin*.



Did you know that upon receiving statehood, Wisconsin advertised for people in Europe to emigrate, guaranteeing them religious freedom? Did you know that the Green Bay Packers may not exist if it weren't for Nate Abrams, a Jewish cattle dealer and amateur football player, who loaned "Curly" Lambeau \$3000 to start the team? (Technically the team's first owner, he was also the shortest player in the history of the franchise, only played one game, but scored a touchdown!) Her book tells us how a handful of families turned their needle trades into the third largest industry in Milwaukee at the time, and how the railroads influenced further migration throughout the state.

From suffering prejudice to influencing politics, *Jews in Wisconsin* offers a fascinating look at how the Jewish community has woven its persona into the fabric of Wisconsin. It is published by the Wisconsin Historical Society Press and is available through the Wisconsin Historical Society, on Amazon, and for Amazon Kindle.

Sheila Terman Cohen has written other books in the Badger Biographies series, including *Sterling North* and *the Story of Rascal, Gaylord Nelson: Champion for Our Earth*, and *Mai Ya's Long Journey*, a story of a Hmong girl and her family's path from Thailand to Wisconsin.

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This newsletter is published four times per year and serves as an important and integral communication tool for our neighborhood and community. We welcome your comments and suggestions. Please send ideas for articles or submit your own articles for publication. We also appreciate any corrections which we will run in the next issue.

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Help the John Muir Elementary Playground

The playground at John Muir Elementary School is a wonderful gathering space for the entire community. Multiple generations of John Muir families have enjoyed this place during recess, weekend gatherings, and community events. Most recently, the playground has hosted the Wednesday night food cart nights during the summer.

After years of providing a place for play and exercise for neighborhood children, parts of the playground are in need of updates and repairs. The John Muir Elementary Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) has formed a committee to study the options for redesigning and funding these repairs. This is your opportunity to provide input on the future of our neighborhood school.

You are invited to take an online survey at <http://www.johnmuirplayarea.info/> as a staff member, student, parent, or a community member. The results of this survey will help inform the PTO playground committee's efforts to raise funds and design improvements for a portion of the playground for students' fun and safety. Look for progress updates and fundraising activities in future issues of *ParkWord*.

If you want more information or to get involved with planning, fundraising or other aspect of playground enhancements, please email johnmuirpto@gmail.com.

New To the Neighborhood

While she's lived in Madison since 1978, Marcia Bradley now calls the Parkwood Hills neighborhood her home. She was familiar with the neighborhood from having friends who lived here, and was also attracted by Parkcrest Pool and the Parkwood Hills Garden Club.



Marcia grew up in New York State, south of Buffalo. She worked as a geriatric social worker and has been retired for about ten years. She became a widow about three years ago.

In addition to her interest in the pool and gardening, Marcia also enjoys biking, birding, quilting, and is an avid book reader.

Have a business or service you'd like to promote to your neighborhood?

The Parkword now accepts display ads.

A business-card size ad (like this space) costs \$35 per issue. Send inquiries to editor@parkwoodhills.org

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Parkcrest Summer Swim Special

Discover Parkcrest Swim & Tennis on Yellowstone Drive!

There is still lots of time for outdoor swimming and family fun!

In anticipation of our 50th anniversary, Parkcrest is kicking off festivities early by offering one-time-only special \$125 memberships to all first-time potential members.

Available now until Labor Day.

- Come get to know us while exploring the pool, and our tennis and basketball courts!
- Call 233-3573 for details.
- To learn more about Parkcrest, visit our website: www.parkcrestpool.com.
- As always, we offer \$100 discounts for all first-time full-year memberships.

We hope to see you poolside!

Calendar of Events

August 5, August 19: Oakwood Village Concerts – Bring a lawn chair to enjoy free music. August 5, The Dixie Sizzlers (Dixieland Jazz), August 19, The North Westerns (Western Swing). 6205 Mineral Point Road. 6:30 pm.

September 1: Back to school for grades K-5, 6, and 9.

September 2: Back to school for all grades.

September 5: Labor Day

October 28: Halloween Bonfire, Everglade Park

CLASSIFIED ADS

Personal classified ads are accepted for this newsletter, which is mailed to 500 households in Parkwood Hills. Ads may be edited for length. Ads from Parkwood Hills residents are free (up to 6 per year per address). Commercial ads (up to 4 lines) or ads from outside the neighborhood are \$10 each. Email your ad to editor@parkwoodhills.org or mail your payment, name, address and phone number with your ad to Elizabeth Morrison, 6913 Colony Dr. Madison WI 53717. Please make your check payable to Parkwood Hills Community Association.

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