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THE PARKWOOD HILLS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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## New Child Care Facility in Parkwood Hills

You may have noticed the large, almost 20,000 square foot childcare building built on the corner of Gammon Road and Colony Drive. *Here We Grow Learning Center* (HWGLC) broke ground July 2017, and opened its doors at 6914 Colony Drive on August 8, 2018. More specifically, the State of Wisconsin licensed group child care center opened five of its eleven classrooms.

According to Sara Wealti, Executive Director and Katie Goeser, Director, HWGLC hopes to have all eleven classrooms functional by the end of this year. Construction was delayed due to a state inspection issue. Madison Gas & Electric had to go under the street to supply power to the building, which took longer than expected. In addition, the rain this summer suspended building and landscaping. Due to the excess of rain, however, a retaining wall was added to the plans and is almost finished in the back of the building.

When completed, the facility will serve 170 children. The building is broken down into four wings, one for each age group: under one year, two-year-old's, three-year old's, and four-year old's. The facility also contains a kitchen with a full-time cook, who serves breakfast, snack, and lunch. A gym (soon to be completed), an elevator, and eleven spacious classrooms will round out the building. By spring 2019, the company hopes to have all four playgrounds complete and the grounds fully landscaped.



HWGLC bought the 2.5 acres of land from the Korean Presbyterian Church (its neighbor). This is their second location as (HWGLC has been serving 117 children from the Fitchburg and surrounding communities since 2005. "HWGLC is a play-based center that provides a safe and nurturing environment, fostering growth in all developmental domains through play and exploration" ([herwegrowlearningcenter.com](http://herwegrowlearningcenter.com)).

Although there is a wait list for the two years and under spots, HWGLC welcomes visitors to take a tour of their spacious facility and meet their quality staff. Sara and Katie also will plan a community open house for next spring. Finally, HWGLC expects to open a 4K program, but Middleton and Madison schools are not currently taking additional sites. For more information, contact 608-270-9090.

## Santa Visits in December

Santa Claus will once again be making time in his busy schedule to make house calls to the young children of Parkwood Hills. He'll be available for approximately 10-15-minute visits the week of December 10th. If you are looking to schedule a visit from the man in red, contact Andrea Slotten at [andrea.e.slotten@gmail.com](mailto:andrea.e.slotten@gmail.com). The deadline to sign up is December 1st.



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# Parkwood Hills Dues and Volunteer Opportunities

## Neighborhood Dues

Recently, neighbors have asked what the Parkwood Hills neighborhood dues covers. Here is a quick run-down of what your dues enable the Parkwood Hills Community Association to sponsor and provide. Our neighborhood events add to the vitality of our community, including

- Sledding Party
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Spring Fling (adult social)
- Parkcrest Pool Party
- July 4 Parade and Picnic
- Halloween Bonfire
- Santa Visits

The Association also publishes the directory and the quarterly Parkword newsletter, sponsors meetings and speakers, provides plantings for our Old Sauk Road entrance, and works to maintain the well-being of our vibrant neighborhood.

## Update Your Directory Listing

You can update or correct your neighborhood directory listing at any time. Drop an email to Elizabeth Morrison, elizabethmorrison@gmail.com, with your information!

## Parkcrest's Stellar Season Ends With A Splash

Congratulations go out to the Swim and Dive Teams at Parkcrest as they capped off a season of fun with impressive showings at the All-City meets. Labor Day marked the end of the swim season with the Annual Doggy Dip.



## Owen Park Update

Paul Quinlan, City of Madison Parks Conservation manager, shared an update on the work planned for Owen Park this fall. The city is working on the southwest corner of the woodlands, clearing out dead wood, Dames Rocket, and Porcelain Berry. The city will burn and seed with woodland plants later to restore it to oak woodland. Finally, no culling has been planned of deer or turkey.

## Volunteer Opportunities

Our neighborhood thrives on volunteer support. Thanks to all those who lend their help, energy, and time to make our neighborhood active, fun, and family-friendly.

If you are looking for a way to get involved, there are several volunteer openings, including

- Parkwood Hills Community Association At-Large Board Member
- Vice President
- Garage Sales Coordinator
- Block captains
- Glacier (block 13)
- Antietam (block 15)
- S. Yellowstone (block 34)
- S. Yellowstone (block 35)

## Can You Help on Election Day? City Looking for Poll Workers

Here's a notice from the City Clerk's Office:

The City of Madison needs your help facilitating the right to vote on Tuesday, November 6!

The City Clerk's Office needs to fill over 3,000 poll worker shifts for Election Day. Hundreds of vacancies remain unfilled.

Poll workers are paid an hourly living wage of \$13.01. There are three shifts available: 6 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., 1 p.m. to approximately 9:30 p.m., or 6 a.m. to approximately 9:30 p.m. Poll workers will also be paid to attend one hour of training.

Poll workers must be eligible to vote in Dane County: at least 18 years old, a United States citizen, a resident of the county for at least 10 days, and not disqualified from voting.

Sign up online at [www.cityofmadison.com/EO](http://www.cityofmadison.com/EO).

**Working at the polls is a rewarding way to give back to the community. Please consider becoming a poll worker!**

## Meet Keith Furman, our 19th District Alder

On August 7th, the Madison Common Council appointed Keith Furman to fill the remainder of Alder Mark Clear's term, which expires on April 16, 2019.

Representing the 19th District on the Common Council, Furman first wants to recognize Alder Clear for his service to the City of Madison. Alder Clear was elected on April 3, 2007. During his time on the council, he was elected Common Council President Pro Tem (vice president) in 2008 and 2009 and was elected Common Council President for the 2010-2011 term. Furman states, "Alder Clear's dedication, knowledge and tireless commitment to the community will be sorely missed on the council. The City of Madison and the 19th District are better places because of his service."

Keith and his wife Sandi have lived in Madison, near Spring Harbor, for a little over five years. Prior to then, they lived in Hoboken, NJ, where Keith was active in local government. He initially became involved in grassroots efforts to improve the amount and quality of open space. Through that work, he realized he could help improve the quality of life for the community. From campaign volunteer (for the Mayor), he was appointed to the city's planning board, and later became chairman to help facilitate the implementation of sound city planning initiatives, including a re-examination of the City's Master Plan for Zoning and Development.

When Keith and Sandi first moved to Madison in 2013, he joined a small healthcare technology start-up as their Chief Technology and Chief Strategy Officer. After five years, he sold his ownership stake, and his desire to focus on efforts that more directly impact the local community returned. As an Antigo native, Sandi has family in Wisconsin. Keith has come to love Madison and is thrilled with the opportunity to serve as Alder.

The biggest issue Keith and the other alders will be working on this fall is modifying Madison's 2019 Budget (executive and capital), prepared by the Mayor. They have big decisions to make, and many city agencies and requests to consider.

Furman states that because of the devastating summer flooding to our district, much of his time (since August) was spent helping constituents get the help and answers they required during their time of need. Furman expresses, "it is hard not being able to directly solve every problem," but he works hard trying to get them to eventual solutions



by putting them in touch with the right people. Since he began, Furman says the biggest highlight as Alder is getting the opportunity to see all the impactful things this city does for people: "It is amazing to be part of an organization that people generally like with staff that go above and beyond to help the community."

Additionally, Furman spends much of his time communicating with constituents, speaking with representatives from neighborhood/homeowner associations, and attending a plethora of meetings: community, council, public, and neighborhood association meetings. Furman believes that "a big part of the role of an Alder is to be a conduit between the city/council and the residents."

Lastly, Furman would like to stress the importance of engagement and having diverse elections and council. Furman fears that up to 12 out of the 20 Alders may not run for reelection in the spring, 2019. Thus, he wants to make a call for candidates. As he states, "local politics is the place where people can make the most difference on people's daily lives."

**Keith Furman welcomes emails at [district19@cityofmadison.com](mailto:district19@cityofmadison.com).**

**You can also sign up for his city blog at <http://www.cityofmadison.com/council/district19/blog/>.**

## July 4th Celebration

Once again, the Parkwood Hills July 4th celebration provided fun, food, and festivities. Special thanks go out to Kim and Charles Cowles as lead organizers. In addition, the Cowles family of four filled up almost 1000 water balloons! Wow!

Thanks also goes out to Tara McAweeney for being in charge of the food, John Beard for playing Uncle Sam, the Prince family for again providing the snow cone machine, and many thanks for our volunteer workers.



**Halloween Bonfire**

Friday, October 26 brought out ghosts, goblins, gargoyles, punk rockers, princesses, and pirates. Everyone enjoyed donut holes, glow sticks, hot chocolate, and entertainment. Thank you to Lyn Swol for her coordination of the event, Charles Cowles as the MC, Al Anderson for controlling the fire, and Amy Kishter and Raymond Barbush for supplying the treats.

Photos by Grant Priebs



## Furman's Forum

Alder Furman has offered to write quarterly updates on the workings of the city. Here is his first one.

### By Keith Furman

The intensive rainfall on August 20th followed by higher than normal rain over the following three weeks brought wide-spread flooding to our area and raised our lake levels to near record levels. As we start to return to normal, the City is working on a roadmap to fix and improve infrastructure. It will take 3-6 months to properly scope out necessary projects, but the Engineering department is working hard to minimize damage from future storms. If you haven't done so already, please send any photos or videos of any property damage caused by the storm to Janet Schmidt (Principal Engineer – Stormwater in the City of Madison Engineering Division) at JSchmidt@cityofmadison.com. The City is looking at water levels, including water in basements and garages or other structural damage. Information will be used to help with planning and prioritizing. The City may also revisit its development regulations in relation to stormwater (i.e. requiring rain gardens, retention tanks, etc).

On a more positive note, the City will soon begin to install new traffic signal technology along University Avenue. The University Avenue Adaptive Signal Project involves connecting the 11 traffic signals on University Avenue from University Bay Drive to Allen Blvd to a high-speed fiber optic communication network, upgrading some aging traffic controllers as necessary, adding vehicle detection zones and setting up adaptive signal operation. Adaptive signal technology will enable the signals to adjust the timing

automatically in real-time based on the changing traffic flow of the corridor, thus reducing travel time, delay and emission.

This project received federal funding which covers the majority of the construction cost. The City hopes to finish the project and have all the technology up and running by Thanksgiving.



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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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Sign up at <http://parkwoodhills.org/>

## Farmers Markets Are Not Just For Summer!

We're blessed in Madison to have the Dane County Farmers' Market as a staple of our summer calendars. Whether you go to the Capitol Square each summer Saturday for the fresh produce or the people-watching, or some of each, it's a popular event. The last day of the season is coming up on November 10.

But don't despair! There are more market opportunities to be had.

### Holiday Market

Saturdays, November 17-December 22.

Not open November 24.

7:30 am – 12:00 pm

The Holiday Dane County Farmer's Market is held in Monona Terrace. "This bustling market features more than 60 vendors and is your one-stop shop for all of your local food needs for the holidays!"

### Late Winter Market

Jan 5 – Apr 6, 2019

8:00 am – 12:00 pm

Madison Senior Center  
330 West Mifflin Street

The Late Winter Market runs each Saturday from the new year until the beginning of the outdoor season. Get your market fix all year long. Find many of your favorite Dane County Farmers' Market members, as well as a full array of fruits and vegetables, cheeses, honey, bakery items, plants, and many specialty items.

### MadWest Winter Farmers' Market

Saturdays, Nov 10-February 23.

8:00 a.m. -noon

Closed November 24 and December 29

Lussier Community Education Center

55 S. Gammon Road

Now entering its seventh season! There's no need to drive downtown and fuss with parking. Past vendors at the MadWest Winter Market have brought a variety of produce, plus cheeses, pasture-raised meats, eggs, jams and jellies, soaps, and wool.



### Pumpkin Bread Pudding

Submitted by Grant Priehs

2 cups half and half  
1 15-ounce can of pumpkin  
1 cup plus 2 tablespoons dark brown sugar  
2 large eggs  
1½ teaspoons pumpkin pie spice  
1½ teaspoons ground cinnamon  
1½ teaspoons vanilla extract  
10 cups ½-inch cubes of egg bread (like challah)  
½ cup golden raisins  
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Whisk first seven ingredients

together in a large bowl. Fold in bread cubes and raisins. Transfer mixture to a buttered glass baking dish. Let stand 15 minutes. Bake until tester inserted into center comes out clean, about 40 minutes.

Serve warm with Caramel Sauce and Pecans.

### Caramel Sauce

In a saucepan, melt 1 stick of unsalted butter, whisk in 1¼ cups of dark brown sugar and heat until bubbly. Slowly whisk in ½ cup whipping cream until sauce is smooth.

### 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. Business card size ads are \$35 each. Email your ad to [editor@parkwoodhills.org](mailto: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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## Parkwood Hills Community Association Board

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