



# Midvale Messenger

JULY-AUGUST 2022

## Calendar:

### July 8, 15, 22, 29:

Summer Nights at Segoe Concerts, Segoe Park, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

### July 16:

Sequoia Friends book sale, Market Square, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### No MHCA Board meeting in July.

### August 6:

Sequoia Friends book sale, Market Square, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### August 15:

Copy deadline for September-October *Messenger*.

### August 23:

MHCA board meeting, 6:45 to 8:45 p.m., Sequoia Branch Library.

### September 3:

Sequoia Friends book sale, Market Square, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## President's Message

### Summer Fun and Civic Duty

*by Joy Cardin*

I hope you are enjoying your summer. Many neighbors had fun at the annual Midvale Heights picnic in June, and I hope to see you on Friday nights in July for our Summer Nights at Segoe concert series.

With this and many other concerts, fairs, and the like, it may sometimes seem hard to fit everything in.

Still, I encourage Midvale Heights residents to find the time to do something good for the community this summer. Keep up with your volunteer work, maybe join or donate to a cause that aligns with your values. Perhaps you might support a political candidate who wants to represent us.

And don't forget to vote in the August 9 primary election. There are two important statewide primaries on the ballot: a Democratic primary to select who will run against Ron Johnson for U.S. senator, and a Republican primary to select Governor Tony Evers' opponent. The winners in each race will advance to the November 8 General Election to challenge the incumbents. You do not have to declare a party affiliation to vote in the primary, but you can only vote in one of the partisan races.

You can find out who is on the ballot, register or check on your registration status, order an absentee ballot, find your polling place, and more at [myvote.wi.gov](https://myvote.wi.gov). You can read more about the candidates who will be on the August and November ballots at [Vote411.org](https://Vote411.org). The Midvale Heights neighborhood has traditionally seen high voter turnout: We topped 90 percent voter participation in the 2020 Presidential Election. Let's keep it up in 2022!

## MIDVALE MESSENGER

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## No Carts for Segoe Concerts

We regret to announce that there will be no food carts at the Segoe Park concerts this summer. Despite working with the City's *Carts in the Parks* program, we have been unable to sign up any carts and are told that the pandemic put many carts out of business, while those still operating are short-staffed. For those wishing to purchase food, there are several locations nearby, including Hy-Vee's Market Grille Express, Vintage Brewing, and Laredo, offering curbside carryout. But whatever you have for dinner, save room for dessert, because the Chocolate Shoppe ice cream truck WILL be at the July 8 concert.

## Neighborhood News Briefs

### West Side Community Blood Drives to Continue at Sequoya Library

The MHCA is continuing to support blood drives in Midvale Heights following the successful spring drive held at Sequoia Library. Another blood drive will be held at the library on Thursday, August 11, from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m.. For an appointment to donate blood, please visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-733-2767. There will be more opportunities to donate blood at this location during the rest of 2022. Please consider being part of this life saving effort. Future dates for the blood drive are: Monday, October 17, and Thursday, December 1. The site will be open from 12 to 5 p.m.

on these dates.

### Friends of the Library Tout New Donations

What do the following have in common? Moving to Montana after graduating with a PhD in French, helping an aging parent to downsize, and Swedish death cleaning. These are all reasons the Friends of Sequoya have received beautiful recent book donations. The Friends are very grateful to the generous community that supports the Sequoya Branch with book and AV donations for our First Saturday Book Sales. Donations of books can be made at the Friends of Sequoya Book Shop in Market Square on Mondays and Thursdays between 10 a.m. and noon. Donations are also being accepted at Sequoya Li-

brary, but we request that large donations are brought to the shop. We also have a volunteer who picks up large donations. Call the shop and leave a message at 608-288-9848 and we will work with you. As we do when there are five Saturdays in a month, we will have a second sale on July 16. Our upcoming First Saturday sales are August 6 and September 3. Check out our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/friendsofsequoyalibrary/>



We had a lovely evening for the annual MHCA picnic and a record turnout. Thanks to everyone who came. Next year, we will order more food!



## District 11 Sees New Alder: From Bill Tishler's Blog

**With Alder Arvina Martin's retirement, long time neighborhood resident Bill Tishler has been appointed to serve the rest of Martin's term. Here we reprint Tishler's blog introducing himself to Area 11.**

My name is Bill Tishler, and I have been a resident of Madison for over 50 years, living in the Sunset Hills and Westmorland neighborhoods. It is an honor to be appointed to serve as your Alder, and I will build upon the success of Alder Martin.



When my wife, Jennifer, and I began looking for our first house in 2004, we wanted to live in an area that was affordable, within walking distance of public schools, parks, and libraries, and had

good access to public transportation and a bike path. District 11 had all the amenities we wanted and we were fortunate to find a home in the area. One of the first neighbors who came over to greet us was former Madison Mayor Otto Festge, who lived two doors down from us. The ferns he gave us are still growing in our yard.

Jennifer and I have three kids, who all attend (or attended) MMSD schools. Our oldest son just graduated from West High School and will be starting college this fall. The newest addition to our family, our dog Violet, joined us in 2020.

When you see Violet and me walking down your street, please don't hesitate to stop and say hello. I will also connect with District 11 residents via this email/blog and plan to host regular online and in-person "District 11 Discussions." These community gatherings are an opportunity for us to share ideas, opinions, and concerns. I will announce times and locations for these on this blog. Please email

[district11@cityofmadison.com](mailto:district11@cityofmadison.com) with topics you would like to discuss.

I am looking forward to serving as your Alder and having the opportunity to give back to a community that has given me so much. I will work tirelessly to represent all residents of District 11.

## New Messenger Editor Begins Work with September Issue

The *Midvale Messenger's* new editor is Dustin Beilke, a 19-year resident of the Midvale Heights community, who is replacing long-time editor Denise Lamb with the September-October issue. Dustin has worked in communications for the Wisconsin Education Association Council and other organizations for more than 20 years. He is also a former journalist, a freelance writer, and was the editor of FightingBob.com. He has written for *Madison Magazine*, *Milwaukee Magazine*, *Isthmus*, *The Capital Times*, *The Progressive*, *Newsday*, *Mother Jones*, *Salon.com*, *PR Watch* and other magazines and newspapers.

Dustin, his wife Maureen, and Maureen's mother Michele live at 513 South Segoe Road. His son, Duncan, is a 2018 graduate of West High School and a 2022 graduate of Kean University in New Jersey. His daughter, Alanna, graduated from West in 2021 and is entering her second year at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York.



## Turning Trash & Cow Manure into Cost-Effective, Renewable Fuel to Combat Climate Change

***By Dane County Executive Joe Parisi***

Thanks to our renewable natural gas (RNG) facility, we're able to convert landfill biogas, which contains harmful greenhouse gases, into nearly pure methane gas. This methane gas can then be injected into the interstate transmission pipeline that runs underneath the landfill so it can be bought and used as renewable vehicle fuel. Our RNG facility is projected to displace 3,250,000 gallons of gasoline in 2022, reducing emissions equivalent to traveling 72,000,000 miles less on the road.

This technology has allowed our Highway Department to systematically replace inefficient diesel snowplows with plows that operate on RNG from the landfill. Dane County currently owns 100 RNG and RNG/gas hybrid vehicles. We saved \$139,288 in 2021 by using compressed natural gas (CNG) and RNG instead of diesel in our vehicles. If diesel prices remain in the \$4.50 range, we'll save more than \$350,000 this year.

Dane County's RNG facility also has an offload station, which allows area digesters to get their gas into the RNG market. These digesters capture methane

and phosphorus from manure, which reduces greenhouse gas emissions and harmful runoff to lakes and streams. The digester's biogas is then hauled to our offload station and injected into the pipeline, powering RNG vehicles locally and across the United States.

This first-in-the-nation station has allowed local digesters to continue to operate and expand, resulting in better manure management, local jobs, clean fuel production, and cleaner lakes. Total digester gas delivered is projected to displace 2,000,000 gallons of gasoline this year—enough fuel for a passenger vehicle to drive around the equator 2,500 times.

Dane County's RNG facility and offload station are turning trash and cow manure into renewable fuel, while preserving our local environment and natural resources. Our 100-vehicle RNG fleet is also saving taxpayer dollars and reducing carbon emissions. By investing in clean fuel infrastructure, Dane County is helping to combat climate change and be part of the solution.

## Annual Garage Sale Set for September 2 and 3

Official dates and times for this year's sale are Friday, September 2, and Saturday, September 3, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Participants can choose to hold their sale on one or both days and set their own hours. Registration this year is just \$5.

More than 20 Midvale Heights neighbors usually participate in the sale. There is strength in numbers: the more homes participating, the bigger the crowds shopping the sales! The MHCA advertises the sale on Craigslist, NextDoor, and other websites. Participants are encouraged to also advertise for added visibility.

The sale features a map on the MHCA website ([www.midvaleheights.org](http://www.midvaleheights.org)) that buyers can download to guide them through the sale sites. Participants can also arrange for St. Vincent de Paul, confirmed for 2022, to pick up unsold items for donation on Saturday afternoon. The \$5.00 registration fee covers advertising,

neighborhood signs, and maps for participants to distribute to sale shoppers. A packet containing sale guidelines, a sign designating participants, maps for shoppers, and a list of those wishing to have St. Vincent de Paul pick up unsold items will be distributed to participants before the sale.

This year there are two ways you can register: Either use the garage sale registration form in this issue OR go to: <http://midvaleheights.org/GS2022Register>. Forms can also be downloaded from the Midvale Heights website. Michelle Kempf-Weibel and John Weibel are chairs of the garage sale and can be reached at [mhcagarage-sales@midvaleheights.org](mailto:mhcagarage-sales@midvaleheights.org) with questions. Forms are due back to Michelle and John by August 12 in order to be included in the online map and the St. Vincent de Paul pick up list.



**ANNUAL MIDVALE HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE**

**Friday, September 2, and Saturday, September 3, 2022**

**(Labor Day weekend)**

**8 a.m. – 2 p.m. both days**

**(Each homeowner may choose to set their own hours)**

Registration cost is just \$5. This fee provides signage, many varied forms of advertising, and listing of your house on our garage sale map that includes categories of items in your sale. We will also coordinate with St. Vincent de Paul to collect your unsold items at the end of the sale on Saturday afternoon!

**THREE EASY STEPS:**

1) Fill out the form below OR register online at: <http://midvaleheights.org/GS2022Register>. Please check the box to designate if you will be holding your garage sale on both Friday and Saturday or Saturday only or Friday only. Check the boxes to show which categories your sale will feature.

**2) Please consider an additional tax-deductible contribution to benefit the Midvale Heights Community Association.**

3) Return the form **no later than Friday, August 12, 2022** to:

Michelle Kempf-Weibel and John Weibel, MHCA Garage Sale Coordinators

5122 Sherwood Road

Madison, WI 53711 (forms can be either mailed or dropped off in their mailbox)

Garage sale packets will be distributed to each sale site by volunteers **a few days before** the garage sale. Packets include general guidelines, Garage Sale Maps for distribution at your sale, an Official Sign to post at your sale and information about the St. Vincent de Paul Collection.

**Questions?** Please email Michelle and John at [mhcagaragesales@midvaleheights.org](mailto:mhcagaragesales@midvaleheights.org).

**REGISTRATION FORM (please complete all areas)**

Name (print clearly) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

**I plan to hold a garage sale at my home.**

Enclosed is my registration fee of \$5.00.

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**PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:**

My garage sale will be held on **both Friday, September 2 & Saturday, September 3**

My garage sale will be held on **Friday, September 2, only**.

My garage sale will be held on **Saturday, September 3, only**.

**MY GARAGE SALE will feature the following categories of items (please check all that apply):**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Kids/Baby Clothing/Toys                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Furniture             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Women's or Men's Clothing                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Antiques/Collectibles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Household                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Books/Jewelry         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify: _____ (limit of 25 words) |  |

**I would like to have St. Vincent de Paul pick up my unsold items following the sale (confirmed for 2022).**

I would like to make an additional contribution to support the Midvale Heights Community Association. \$\_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED

Please make your check payable to: Midvale Heights Community Association (MHCA). We **MUST** receive your registration by August 12 to include your sale on the Neighborhood Garage Sale Map.