



# Midvale Messenger

SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2022

## Calendar:

**September 27:** MHCA board meeting, 6:45-8:30 p.m., Sequoya Branch Library.

**October 15:** Copy deadline for November-December Messenger.

**October 25:** MHCA annual membership meeting, Sequoya Branch Library, 4340 Tokay Blvd., meeting rooms, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

**November 8:** Election Day, polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m.

# VOTE

### MIDVALE MESSENGER

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## President's Message

### Have a Happy September and Get Ready to Vote

**by Joy Cardin**

Well, that was fast! Summer's almost over and the "ber" months are upon us. I hope you had your share of summer fun and are settling into your fall routines.

After our Labor Day weekend garage sale, the activities sponsored by the MHCA slow down a bit. We will pick up the pace of activities again with December Santa visits and participate in this winter's Near West Side Snow Sculpture Competition. If you know of an activity or event that would benefit the community and could use some assistance from the MHCA, please let me know. The association may be able to help with organizing and funding.

Our biggest fall event is the MHCA annual meeting, scheduled this year for Tuesday, October 25, at the Sequoya Library from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. We will have fall-themed refreshments, a guest speaker, and the MHCA board election. Residents in attendance will vote to elect directors to represent the even-numbered areas of the Midvale Heights neighborhood. For more information on our speaker and those running for office, see page 4.

If you would like to serve as an Area Director or are willing to serve (or prepare to serve) as Vice President or President, please allow me to twist your arm. Contact me at [cardinjoy@gmail.com](mailto:cardinjoy@gmail.com).

Speaking of elections, Madison had a 36 percent voter turnout for the August primary. The statewide turnout was 26 percent, which was the highest voter turnout for a partisan primary in more than 40 years. Not bad for a primary, but we should be able to more than double the turnout for the November 8 mid-term elections. Midvale Heights usually has some of the highest voter turnout numbers in Madison, so let's keep up the good work. Please make a plan to vote, absentee or in-person, and encourage your friends and family members to vote as well. For more information, go to [myvote.wi.gov](http://myvote.wi.gov) and review the voting information provided on Page 2.

Finally, if you know of an event or are involved in work that your neighbors might want to know about, email me, and the association will follow up if we can help.

## Now is the Time to Make Your Plan to Vote on November 8

### Check your registration status

Use the state's [voter information portal](#) to check your registration status, update your address and see a list of your elected officials.

### How can I get an absentee ballot? Are there important deadlines?

Any registered voter can request a no-excuse absentee ballot and vote from home in the November general election. Requests are due by Nov. 3 to vote in the general. You can request a ballot online, by mail or in person.

**Online:** Registered voters can use the state's [absentee ballot request portal](#). Or complete a [ballot application](#) and email it to [your municipal clerk's office](#).

**By mail:** Download and complete a [ballot application](#) and mail it to your [municipal clerk's office](#). Election officials recommend voters allow up to two weeks to receive and return completed ballots by mail.

**In person:** Drop off a completed request form or fill one out at [your municipal clerk's office](#). You can then cast a ballot in person at your clerk's office. Once you receive your ballot, it will need a witness signature before you can return it. Your witness should be an adult U.S. citizen and should include his or her signature and address. Return your ballot by mail or in person.

**By mail:** Completed ballots should be mailed to your [municipal clerk's office](#) and must be received no later than 8 p.m. on Election Day.

**In person:** Drop off your completed ballot at your [municipal clerk's office](#) or at your polling place on Election Day.

The U.S. Postal Service recommends mailing your ballot at least one week before Election Day. Returning a ballot from overseas may take longer. Absentee ballots may not be returned by

email or fax. Use the state's voter portal to track the status of your absentee ballot.



### Can I vote in person before Election Day?

Yes, you can cast an absentee ballot in person at your [municipal clerk's office](#). Days and hours vary between jurisdictions, but early voting could begin as soon as Oct. 25 for the general. Check with your [municipal clerk's office](#) to determine when and where to cast your ballot.

### When is Election Day? When are polls open?

The general election takes place on Tuesday, Nov. 8. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., but you can still vote after 8 p.m. if you are in line before polls close. Use the state's voter information portal to [find your polling place](#).

### Bring Your ID

If you vote in person, remember to bring your ID to your polling place. The State of Wisconsin has compiled [a list of acceptable forms of ID](#) and other information for voting in person with the proper ID. If you register to vote by mail or email, or request an absentee ballot, you will also need to provide a photocopy of your ID.

## MHCA Board Sets Course for Fall, Solicits Feedback for Alder Tishler at August Monthly Meeting

by *Dustin Beilke*

The Midvale Heights Community Association board of directors met on August 23 to review summer's activities and plan the MHCA's work for the fall. The board also voted to appoint a new Area co-director and had a dialogue with recently appointed alderman Bill Tishler.

Area director Tom Jarvis announced that more than 30 people had registered garage and yard sales for the MHCA's annual Labor Day weekend event.

Concert event organizers reported that the MHCA's Summer Nights at Segoe concert series brought at least 200 concertgoers to each of the July Friday night performances. The board discussed ways to encourage more food and beverage carts to attend the concerts, including the possibility of paying cart owners for their time.

Alderman Tishler is seeking neighborhood feedback on three issues that are before the Madison Common Council. First, a proposed ban on small animal breeding in the city. Second, a proposed ban on police use of tear gas and rubber bullets. And third, Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) overlay rezoning on either side of the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) route. Readers can find more information on these issues on Tish-

ler's blog, and all MHCA members are encouraged to sign up for e-newsletter. Tishler is also scheduling townhall meetings throughout his aldermanic district.

Other items of interest from Tishler's presentation to the board include the news that an E-Cycle station will be installed at Sequoya Library in the next year, and an AARP consultant has been hired to assess the city's accessibility and "walkability" for pedestrians.

The MHCA board also discussed the upcoming October 25 annual meeting, where all MHCA members are invited to get together at Sequoya Library at 6:30 p.m. More information on the annual meeting is available on page 4 of this newsletter.

Additionally, the board voted to move to an electronic-only newsletter due to a number of factors, including the difficulty of distributing the printed newsletters and decreasing reliance on printed material in general. Photocopied versions of the online Midvale Messenger will still be available at Sequoya Library, with a time lag from the date of electronic distribution.

### Southwest Path in Early September

This image is from last year's Sept/Oct issue, but we loved the colorful flowers so much that we are re-running it to provide inspiration. Get out and walk, jog, or bike our beautiful trails.



## Membership Annual Meeting Set for Tuesday, October 25

This year's MHCA annual membership meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 25, at the Sequoia Branch Library, beginning at 6:30 p.m. We will hear from MHCA president Joy Cardin, and special guest Jackie Sandberg, the Wildlife Program Manager at the Dane County Humane Society Wildlife Center. She holds a master's degree in conservation biology and sustainable development from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, advanced state and federal wildlife rehabilitation licenses, and is sub-permitted to band birds.

We'll learn about ways we can help neighborhood wildlife. She will share the highlights and challenges of wildlife rehabilitation from the past year, how the DCHS Wildlife Center strives to release rehabbed animals back into the wild, as well as how you can determine if an animal or bird is ill, injured, or orphaned and what you should do (and not do) to help. She'll also share tips on how you can prevent inadvertently injuring wildlife and co-exist with the wildlife some consider to be a nuisance.



Jackie Sandberg releases a hawk after rehabilitation at the Dane County Humane Society Wildlife Center.

We will also elect all area directors from even-numbered areas to two-year terms. All directors in even-numbered areas have agreed to serve another term. See the current list of directors below left.

We will provide autumn-appropriate drinks and snacks, so plan to attend to find out what is new in the neighborhood, elect some representatives, and have some fun.

### Even Area Directors for 2022-2024

Area 2	Joy Cardin
Area 4	Jim Thoreson
Area 6	Elizabeth Mackey
Area 8	Lorie Raihala
	Tom Jarvis
Area 10	Wendy Weber
	Dustin Beilke
Area 12	Gregory Fischer
Area 14	John Lager

### Westmorland Park Concert is September 17

The Westmorland Neighborhood Association is hosting a concert featuring the Madtown Man-nish Boys at Westmorland Park on Saturday, September 17. The program will also include kid-friendly performers and events. Food trucks will be onsite at 4 pm. Children's entertainment will also begin at 4, with the featured band playing from 6-8 p.m. For more information, contact Westmorland Neighborhood Association president Jesse Czech at [jesse.j.czech@gmail.com](mailto:jesse.j.czech@gmail.com).