

ALLIED NEWS

Community Dinner January 31 at the Boys and Girls Club! See you there!!

Allied Partners Church Honored at Allied Banquet

Westminster Presbyterian Church was honored at the annual banquet of the Allied Drive Neighborhood Association on November 9 for its many years of service and commitment to the Allied Drive neighborhood. Rhea Schutz, who serves as Westminster's liaison with Allied Partners, received the award on behalf of the church. Pictured is Westminster Pastor Scott Anderson, Rhea Shultz, and Westminster Mission Committee Chair Pamela Quin. Seated is Allied Dr. Neighborhood Association President Alice Howard.



How to Make a Housing Complaint

If you believe there is a problem with the maintenance of your apartment unit of the building the City of Madison Building Inspection if you live in Madison. You need to have first contacted the landlord or property manager with your complaint but if there has been little or no response, you can call the city at 608-266-4551 and ask to report a housing problem. The office is open between 7:45 and 4:30 Monday through Friday, except for holidays. You can also submit a complaint on the computer at this link: <https://www.cityofmadison.com/reportaproblem/consumercomplaint.cfm>. If the housing inspector inspects the property and decides that there is a problem that is a violation of housing laws, she/he will send the property owner an Official Notice telling the owner that the violation must be corrected within a reasonable amount of time. The inspector's office will need you name, contact information, address and apartment # and they will need to access the parts of the apartment where the problem is occurring.

Typical problems reported are: peeling paint, deteriorating porches, problems with siding, chimneys and roofs, broken windows and damaged doors, plumbing and electrical violations, too little heat, broken locks on doors and windows, holes in the walls, deteriorating floor coverings, missing smoke alarms. The landlord may not evict you or threaten to do so because you report a violation. However you **must be** current in rent payments because you can always be evicted if you are behind in rent. Building Inspectors often attend the Neighborhood Resource Team meetings at Revival Ridge at 5 pm on the 4th Thursday of the month.

The Neighborhood Resource Team Meetings (NRT) are held at Revival Ridge.

The Allied Neighborhood Resource Team met Thursday at Revival Ridge from 5-6:30. There were about 20 people in attendance. The group typically meets the 4th Thursday of the month from 5-6:30 to share information and updates about the neighborhood. The co-leaders are Alice Howard of the Allied Neighborhood Ass. and Mari Gasirowicz of Madison Public Health Dept. The contact for neighborhood resource teams city wide is Tariq Saqqaf in the City of Madison Mayor's Office. The meeting starts with introductions. The meeting included representatives from the Madison Public Library System, Madison Department of Transportation, Police Department, Madison Metropolitan Schools and city alder. Landlords may attend at times and a representative of Commonwealth Development.

Suspicious People. Discussion of threatening person in the neighborhood who has been reported to police and for whom there is warrant. Ryan Henderson who had been neighborhood police officer has been reassigned to east side and is not correct person to contact. Concerned persons are encouraged to call nonemergency police number. A new neighborhood police officer, Gracia Rodriques, will start her position in February 2020 and introduced herself at the meeting.

Parking. Allowing street parking on Allied is under consideration as residents of apartment buildings who may need more than one car or have visitors, have a difficult time finding parking places. Most apartment building only grant one parking space behind building to a unit. Alder Zach Henak said that he is planning to hold a meeting in early December about subject at Revival Ridge. Another person present from Madison Metro says that the Traffic Engineering department of the city and Metro bus prefer the parking only be allowed on one side and start after snow has ended next year.

Neighborhood Association Banquet. Was described as a success by those who had attended. A number of people in neighborhood had completed a leadership training program and were recognized for that.

Neighborhood Social Worker. Amy Noble described a pilot position she has taken to be available to help families in the Memorial HS. attendance area. She is an outreach employee of the school system who is available to work with social workers at JFF to help resident find needed resources and overcome obstacles that are education related. Her email is anoble@madison.k12.wi.us and her phone number is 608-575-0249.

GameChanger Grants from Forward Wisconsin which gives up to \$3000 per month for projects and persons that reduce racial, social and economic inequities in Wisconsin communities were promoted at meeting. Grant application is very simple on line and is supplemented by a video. Grant application deadline is December 11, 2019.

Asphalt Art Initiative Grant. The city has applied for a grant to create a pilot project to test art as a way of reducing conflicts around existing multi-use pathways in city. One strategy planned is a Kids Zone and a Slow Zone to encourage reduced speeds in heavily trafficked areas.

Next meeting will be January 23, 2020.

Please send new articles to Cindy Bacon Hammer at cabaconhammer@gmail.com by the 20th of the month. Thank you!

Madison has authorized more police officer time in neighborhood in response to recent use of guns. A new neighborhood cop will be starting earlier than planned - in January. Residents should always call 911 with a concern so there is a record kept by