

ALLIED NEWS

Dane County TimeBank Youth Court

Have you or someone you know ever needed a second chance, but didn't have the opportunity? Here's your chance to pay it forward! TimeBank's Youth Court Restorative Justice gives youth the opportunity to help rebuild relationships and repair harm when involved in a negative situation.

Not only are the youth our future teachers, and doctors; they are our future leaders for the community. So here's a chance help guide them in the right direction! There's many different ways to volunteer. You can plug in as a mentor or tutor. You can give lessons in piano, dance or Spanish. Or, you can act as an advocate judge.

And more! Not only would you be helping our community and youth, you'd be able to earn hours as a TimeBank member!

For more information feel free to contact me, Alexis Gardner, alexis@danecountytimebank.org or 608-633-0400

Community and Leadership Training Series

The Allied Dunn's Marsh Neighborhood Association and the Allied Community CoOp wish to invite everyone who lives in the neighborhood to participate in the Community and Leadership Training Series to help strengthen and build the capacity of our neighborhood and community.

What? Informational Session

When? Saturday, March 23, 2019
10:00 am – 11:30 am

Where? Revival Ridge Community Room,
2313 Allied Drive. Madison, WI



If you are interested, please come to our informational session and bring all of your community minded questions!

If you have any questions please contact Alice Howard, at 608-284-9109 or Jenifer Carter after 5, 279-2839

Community Meal-Friday, March 29th–
2096 Red Arrow Trail–Chili Cheese Dogs!!



\$500 Scholarships Available

Once again, Allied Partners is offering \$500 scholarships to residents of the Allied Drive neighborhood for any post secondary program, including classes towards certifications, licenses, or tuition for college. Applications can be picked up at the Joining Forces for Families office at 2225 Allied Drive. If you have any questions, you may contact Ryan Estrella at 273-6342. Applications are due Friday, June 14th.

Grandparents Raising Our Children's Children

Grandparents Raising our Children's Children or G'ROCC started Monday, March 4th by Ms. Carmella Harris. G'ROCC is a grandparent support group which takes place at the Boys and Girls Club on Mondays from 11:00am to 1:00 pm. There will be four - 4 week sessions. The first 4 week session ends March 25th and the next 4 week session will start Monday, April 22nd. Please see Carmella Harris for details or come to the next G'ROCC meeting.

Luna's Groceries Opens in Allied-Dunn's Marsh-from Mayor Soglin's

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After months of tireless work and unforeseen setbacks from the August floods that inundated portions of the city, it is great that Luna's Groceries – 2010 Red Arrow Trail – is now officially open for business! I was able to stop in, do some shopping, and catch up with owners Mariam and Joe Maldonado this week.



Mariam and Joe are long-time residents of the Allied-Dunn's Marsh Neighborhood. They had a passion for starting a small, neighborhood grocery store and \$157,735 in funding from the City of Madison's Healthy Retail Access Program helped them along their journey to opening the 2,240 square-foot store.

Mariam told me that when they found out about the [Healthy Retail Access] program, they were very encouraged by the support they received from City staff and me. The funding they received from the program allowed them to purchase the supplies and equipment they needed to turn their dream into a reality, and open a grocery store that will serve their neighbors. Access to a neighborhood grocery is something that is really essential to residents of our community and they want Luna's to be a place that people don't just come to shop at, but come to gather and meet up as well.

Joe told us that the creation of Luna's has been a truly amazing process. He said that people that came together to support this project, both inside and outside of our neighborhood, shows how much people care about neighborhood ownership and about creating assets within the community for residents, by residents.

"Investing in the resourcefulness, abilities, and passions of community residents is the key to building strong neighborhoods." Everyone deserves to have easy access to good food and this program makes that a possibility, one neighborhood at a time. [Find Luna's on Facebook!](#)

Don't Get Disconnected!

In the next few weeks, notices will be going out to MGE customers who are behind on their bill to get caught up or risk being disconnected. If you find yourself in this position, try to catch up as best as you can. Any payment (even if it's not the full payment) will make it easier for you to negotiate arrangements with MGE to avoid disconnection in April. Remember that you can call Energy Services Inc. (ESI) for general assistance if you have not received funds yet this heating season. If you have already received funds from ESI for general assistance and have a 10 day disconnect notice from MGE, you can still contact ESI and ask for *Crisis Funds* to avoid disconnection. Crisis Funds are considered separate from general assistance and can be received even if you have already used general assistance this heating season. You may call Energy Services at (608) 333-0333.

