

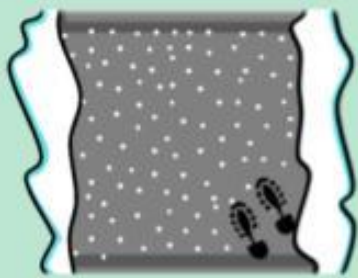
# High Point Estates Homeowners Association Newsletter - Winter 2016/2017

Greetings, Neighbors!

Winter is here and that means it's time to brush up on a few winter facts:

- Madison City Ordinance requires you to clear SNOW and ICE by noon of the day after the snow stopped on the sidewalk adjacent to your property
- If ICE cannot be removed, the property owner is required to use salt, sand or other suitable substance to prevent the ice from being dangerous

Do you know the correct amount of salt to use? It's important not to over-salt, because the road salt we use runs off into our water supply. In fact, the Madison Water Utility has just found that salt is contaminating one of the city's west side water wells. It is likely that at some point, our water will begin to taste salty; this can cause serious health problems for people who are on salt-restricted diets for medical issues like high blood pressure. Be Salt Wise!



If you apply salt to pavement, aim for a pattern like this, leaving space between salt grains. A coffee mug full of salt is enough for about 60-70 feet of sidewalk. A hand spreader can help create this pattern.

You can get FREE sand to use for your sidewalk; take pail and shovel to Elver Park - the softball parking lot off McKenna, or go to Garner Park, the parking lot off Rosa Rd.

Fall was fabulous in High Point Estates! We had a ghoulishly good time at the neighborhood Halloween Party! Many thanks to the Romani Korink family for hosting this a second time! And a huge THANK YOU to the neighborhood's social committee for all their hard work: Cindy Zanesco, Robin Bergman, Anne Froyen Mowery, Angie Peterson, Guanming Shi, Margie Messinger and Aleta McGee - thank you!



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## **Happy Holidays to all High Point Residents!**

The Board wishes all families a joyous and safe holiday season!

I wanted to provide a highlight of our Annual Homeowners Meeting and areas of discussion.

First I wanted to thank the dutiful residents who attended our annual meeting. The turnout was rather small and I am hopeful that we engage more residents to participate in the association and with various initiatives in the surrounding community. Our Social Committee was very successful this year in providing two great events that were both enjoyed and well attended by many of our residents! We look forward to having even more residents engaged as we continue to seek events that will foster our growth as a community!

In our annual meeting we discussed a number of topics that affect both our budget and our community:

- o Landscaping needs for the next 5 years
- o HPE inclusion in the Madison West Neighborhood Association
- o Public Safety and Security issues

## **Landscaping**

2016 proved to be a challenging year as early spring storms resulted in a number of expenses related to damages to trees and property that we maintain. These early expenses highlighted the fact that our attempt to manage our landscaping needs and budgets based on negotiated savings from our change of landscaping maintenance providers was not a good approach. This left us with a number of initiatives (renovation of the berm, expansion of the work done at our entrances, etc.) with virtually no funding before our maintenance season had even started. The board spent considerable time creating a five year view of all of our ongoing maintenance and project needs that will maintain the high quality and standard of our neighborhood. My thanks to Craig Thompson who diligently worked with various providers to help us come up with a reasonable and realistic means of developing a long term plan.

## **Madison West Neighborhood Association**

Beginning in 2017 all High Point Residents are also members of the Madison West Neighborhood Association (MWNA). The MWNA encompasses ALL of Alder District 1 and High Point Estates is just one of many neighborhoods that are included within the MWNA boundary.

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The focus of a Neighborhood Association is different from that of a Homeowners Association. An HOA is 'internally' focused on governing the covenants and bylaws that apply to residents within a specific neighborhood. A Neighborhood Association is focused on social and community issues and works closely with the city of Madison agencies and officials.

We recognize there is significant benefit to residents in terms of building a sense of community and the value people place on living in High Point. Our success is predicated by overall success of the communities that share our borders. As the west side of Madison continues to grow this becomes more important to differentiate and highlight why High Point Estates is a phenomenal place in which to live.

There are a number of significant initiatives being undertaken by the MWNA that could use your active participation and help:

- o Community Garden Project for High Point Park
- o Support an initiative to create an Elver Park Farmers Market
- o Support and grow WestFest

More information and updates from the Madison West Neighborhood Association will be forthcoming. Please see [this link](#).

### **Public Safety and Security Issues**

High Point Estates had fewer incidents of crime (thefts, burglary) than at any point in the last 6 years. I attribute much of this success to the fact that HPE residents are now reporting significantly more 'suspicious' people and vehicles. This action alone is a contributor to the decrease in crime as our increased involvement acts as a deterrent when criminals know we are active in our own neighborhood. This increased vigilance combined with our JBM patrols has had a very positive effect on our neighborhood and will allow us to decrease what we spend with JBM today.

In 2017 will will continue to concentrate on the areas that maintain the quality of life both in and around our neighborhood.

We look forward to everyone's ongoing support and participation in continuing to make High Point Estates a great place to live!

Happy Holidays to All!  
David Handowski  
President, HPEHOA

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Looking for a preschool for your child? Here is a great place to start:

Middleton Preschool is conveniently located less than 3 miles away from HPE. Our oldest child is in the preschool program and we've really enjoyed the education and care he's received. There's a nice balance of free play and structured activities and the staff are incredibly compassionate (and experienced!). The school is warm, clean and welcoming and had the flexible schedule we needed. I highly recommend this preschool and 4K and look forward to watching my children learn and grow there in the years to come. If you have any questions or would like to discuss further, please feel free to contact me ([sarastrell@yahoo.com](mailto:sarastrell@yahoo.com)).

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A note from Joe Parisi, Dane County Executive:

This fall I introduced my 2017 budget *An Investment for Our Future*. It makes unprecedented investments in compassionate services for our most vulnerable residents, infrastructure critical to continued economic vitality and safety, along with a quality of life that creates an environment where families and businesses can flourish.

This budget is a clear statement of the priority Dane County places on green energy – harnessing the power of the sun to run our facilities and capturing naturally occurring bio-gas, converting it into millions of dollars of revenue to sustain services – and mitigating and adapting to the challenges of a changing climate.

2017 will be Dane County's cleanest, greenest budget ever. I am proposing more than \$2 million in new solar development, more than doubling all of county government's total solar energy production portfolio next year alone. While the state continues its inaction on climate change, Dane County will lead the way by creating an Office of Climate Change and Energy that will coordinate efforts across the county.

My Human Services budget totals over \$294 million and includes new and expanded efforts to address barriers to our young people learning and their families succeeding. Together with Madison School District we are creating a fourth Mental Health Crisis Team for the school district to ensure all four high school attendance areas have dedicated groups of professionals focused on the needs of our young people.

The efforts this budget undertakes reflect the values we hold so dear. Good wages, educational achievement, reducing economic and racial disparities, improved mental health, cleaner waters and conservation, safer roads for both cars and bikes, and housing for those who have fallen on hard times.

For more information on Dane County's 2017 Budget go to: <https://countyofdane.com/exec/budget.aspx>

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Dane County Executive