

Greentree Neighborhood Association Annual Meeting

April 8, 2026

Meadow Community Room, Madison, WI

Summary

The meeting began at 6:00pm.

Participation: 57 attended in person, 6 attended virtually via Zoom = 63 total

Announcements Mr. Russell welcomed the attendees and made a series of announcements.

- Virtual (Zoom) participation is new for 2026. We will iron out all glitches as soon as possible. If the virtual participants have questions, please add it to the Zoom chat. We will try to address your questions.
- Volunteer sign-up sheets are circulating. We need lots of help with the 4th of July event.
- Southwest Area Plan Update - the final Draft of the plan will be released to the public in late April, presented to the City Council at the May 5 Meeting. Then it will be referred to various commissions and committees for review and comment. After that review, the plan will return to the Council for a final vote. Date TBD. For more information search: City of Madison Southwest Area Plan
- District 20 – Park Development Plan Meetings will include our Greentree Parks – Norman Clayton Park, Greentree – Chapel Hills Park, Sherwood Forest Park, and Sunridge Park.
 - Session 1: Tuesday, April 14 (Virtual Open House) 11:30 am - 1:00 pm.
 - Session 2: Wednesday, April 15 (Virtual Open House) 5:30pm – 6:30 pm. To learn more search: Park Development Plans – Southwest Area.
- Earth Day Challenge, presentation by Melissa Bennett - Elver Park Cleanup on Saturday, April 25 10am – noon. To Register search City of Madison Earth Day Challenge. Melissa is taking this one step further. Help Clean up Greentree-Chapel Hills Park on your way home! Meet Melissa at the Bridge at 12:30. Bring garbage bags and gloves. Look for email reminders coming soon
- Toki Middle School Renovations. The last update we received was in January. To monitor progress go to <https://toki.madison.k12.wi.us/>
- Bike Tune Up Event in Norman Clayton Park – presentation by Serene Arena. She is working with Curbside Bicycles. Sunday, April 26 at 9am at the Norman Clayton Park Shelter. You must register for an appointment. A tune-up is \$119/bike. E-bike tune up is \$139/bike. Flyers available in the back of the room.
- Garage Sale - Helen Sheahan told the group the Garage Sale will be May 16 – 17, 8am – 3pm. Participants need to sign up by May 9 to participate. You must be a GTNA member to be listed on the map and website. See GTNA.org for more information.
- Greentree Tool Share Program – Aedan Gardill approached GTNA with the idea of a tool share program. There will be more details coming via email and on GTNA.org. Anticipated launch around June 15.
- Mallards Night Mares Night Event - Trevor Olson is coordinating with the Mallards/Night Mares for a possible GTNA event. A questionnaire to determine neighborhood will be circulated shortly.

- Kids Play Dates will be starting in May. GTNA members will receive an email once dates are selected.
- Food Truck Events will also be starting now that the weather is improving. GTNA members will receive an email once dates are selected.
- Rename the Stump - voting for favorite name coming soon.
- GTNA By-Laws review and revision – In light of criticisms we have received regarding the structure of the Bylaws, GTNA Secretary, Dana Russell, will spearhead a review and possible revision of the bylaws. The goal is to complete this task later this year.

Anana School Presentation Mr. Russell advised that the scheduled speaker, Chelsea Elliott, Principal of Anana School, was unable to attend the meeting but sent a series of slides. Mr. Russell read the displayed slides to report how Anana School is performing. The focus this year is on:

- Math Instruction and Common Core – Deepening our understanding of the Common Core Standards
- DLI Program Planning – Intentional Team Planning focused on language acquisition
- ELI Program & Student Discourse – Increasing student discourse in all core content areas

Evidence of the work so far this year:

- Math Interim Results – evidence of high-quality math instruction aligned to grade level standards. 96% of 5th Graders are performing at grade level and are ready for middle school math.
- AimsWeb Literacy Screener – 78% of our 3rd Graders are at or above the benchmark.
- Third Grade Fluency – the average fluency score in 3rd Grade is advanced.

Mr. Russell also noted that the DLI Bus transporting students living north of Schroeder Road to school has greatly improved attendance for these 25 students. He thanked Linda Koss and Alder Harrington-McKinney for spearheading this effort with the MMSD School Board.

Other GTNA Members spoke out in favor of these students including Mary Lou Reisch, Aedan Gardill and Jay Russell.

Anana School Rent and Utility Fund – Ms. Bennett explained the goal of this program is to raise money for families in need of support with utilities and rent assistance. The program has been helpful but is running low on funds. The funds are maintained at Good Shephard Lutheran Church and with Joining Forces for Families. Please donate to the Anana fund. There is a website and a QR code. <https://goodshep.breezechms.com/give/online>

Greentree 4th of July T-Shirt Contest Ms. Kathe Powers, head of the Greentree T-shirt Committee announced that the winning design was created by Mr. David Ewanowski.



She advised that there are order forms on the table and that online orders will be available shortly. Greentree T-Shirts are only \$10. Special thanks to our 2026 sponsors: Vitense/Babes, Seafood Center, Vintage, Nonno's, Woodman's, Coppertop, and Madison Top Company.

Sunday June 14 is Greentree Day at Vintage from 10am – 9pm. Eat in or carry out but you must mention “Greentree” and 10% of proceeds go to the GTNA.

Presentation by Seth Coyne, West District Neighborhood Liaison Officer, Madison Police

Department - Officer Seth Coyne introduced himself, provided a brief history of his time with MPD. He has worked in Gang Unit for the past 2.5 years. His current assignment is to be the neighborhood liaison for the area. He is also a Certified Drone Officer.

Officer Coyne discussed current crime trends in the west area. Greentree's statistics are very low. There is an interactive map showing crime in the district. West District has about 60,000 residents. He explained the management structure of the west district: Captain, two Lieutenants (a Detective Lieutenant and a Patrol Operations Lieutenant), Police Sergeants, 45 police officers working 5 shifts every day.

As a Neighborhood Liaison Officer he is assigned calls during his shift. Because the district covers 60,000 residents, the calls are prioritized by the number of calls and the intensity of the calls. They have identified “hot spots” for priority calls: Renew Madison and Preserve West along Schroeder Road, and the apartments along Tree Lane, Wexford Ridge Apartments on Gammon Road. They try to work with residents and property management to curb illegal activities.

He also explained Stratified Policing which includes a crime data analysis that determines the city hotspots where most of the violent crime is occurring. These areas are patrolled more frequently. High visibility patrols will discourage crime.

The police department also performs mental health check in calls. There is an assigned mental health officer.

He discussed the incident on Strathmore Lane. He advised that the source of the incident was one specific rental property. Those residents have moved and there have been no additional incidents.

He also advised that, for non-emergency issues, there is a self-reporting system available that is on the MPD website, also a non-emergency telephone line. He advised that they get frequent calls from residents stating their security alarms have been triggered. Often the homeowner cannot recall the code to turn off the alarm.

Cares Team for Mental Health Calls. The team includes a van with a Madison Fire EMS and a crisis worker specifically for mental health calls (non-urgent reporting). You will see their van with CARES printed on the side.

Question about hiring – there 25 to 50 officers per recruiting class each year.

Question about ICE patrols: our unarmed squad cars have a window sticker stating they are City of Madison, not ICE.

Question regarding speeding in the area: Traffic initiatives are in place for Park Street and Fish Hatchery Road. These officers are paid overtime to work those areas. Citizen complaints help identify challenging areas.

Question: Would MPD be willing to put cameras on Schroeder Road for speed enforcement?
Unlikely - privacy and surveillance issues will challenge this effort.

GTNA Board Report – Mr. Russell introduced the GTNA Board members and the other supporting members. Philip Cowels – Webmaster, Sarah Hyun – Stump Designer, Serene Arean – Website Editor, Katie Place – 4th of July Picnic Food Coordinator, Ruth Paulson – Facebook and Garage Sale website coordinator. He reviewed various initiatives for 2026 noted the Announcements section above.

Should the Stump newsletter be renamed? GTNA Members will be sent an email to vote on whether or not to rename the Stump.

Mr. Russell also thanked the Library staff for their help in setting up both the in-person and the virtual meeting.

Alder Barbara Harrington McKinney – was reelected on April 6. She was proud to be invited to the meeting. She said that GTNA is one of the most active associations in District 20. Encouraged members to communicate with her. Concerns about the rapid population growth, transportation, body worn cameras on officers should be in the next City Capital Budget, affordable housing, traffic safety enforcement.

Jeff Glazer, Dane County Supervisor – was reelected on April 6. Mr. Glazer discussed County budget shortfalls, the Alliant Energy center recommendation to tear down and build a concert venue. Fewer and fewer events are getting booked at the current facility. The new concert venue would be extremely costly.

Comments from Zoom Participants: This is the first time we have offered virtual participation for the meeting. 17 people registered for the zoom session, only 6 actually logged in.

Feedback Zoom Session Comments during the meeting:

- It would be helpful to have a second microphone set up for the questions.
- It would be helpful to have the PowerPoint slides included on the Zoom session.
- Considering this was the first time we offered this, it's really nice.
- Please post a pdf of the slides on the GTNA.org website
- Next time we should have the Zoom camera placed at the other side of the room near the TV monitor. (We could not move the equipment during the meeting.)
- I am unsure a camera will capture the screen on the wall. The screen is so bright that you can't see the text. If the computer that Gary is on could be on zoom and then use the share tool to show the slides. Not for now ... but in the future. Just a suggestion.

- Would you rather see the speaker or the slides if only one could be on the zoom?
- Show the speaker at the beginning of their talk, then move to the slides. The speaker doesn't change in appearance during his/her talk.
- Amanda Akins – Thank you for streaming

The meeting ended at 7:40pm

Dana Russell
GTNA Secretary