

# WALNUT GROVE HOMES ASSOCIATION

## News In A Nutshell - Fall 2020 Newsletter

### 2020 Fall Social - Scavenger Hunt Bingo And Halloween Art!

The Walnut Grove Homes Association is sponsoring a scavenger hunt and art activity during the week of Halloween! Be especially creative and "over-the-top" this year in decorating your home with Jack-o-lanterns, orange lights, window displays, corn stalks, hanging skeletons – all fun and scary stuff. Families can participate in two ways:



**Scavenger Hunt Bingo** Print a H-A-U-N-T bingo-card from the WGHA website (available beginning Monday, October 26th). These cards will have a five by five grid with an array of Halloween things like "smiling pumpkin" or "ghost." Roam the neighborhood the week leading up to Halloween to try to find enough items to complete a row or column on the card! Record the street name (not the house number) where you found each item. Scream "HAUNT" once you complete a card! If you don't have a printer, let us know and we'll deliver a card to you.

**Halloween Art** Draw, color, or paint an original work of Halloween art, or help carve a Jack-o-lantern. Take a photo of your spooky creation.

Email your completed H-A-U-N-T bingo cards and photos of artwork and Jack-o-lanterns to [social@walnutgrovemadison.org](mailto:social@walnutgrovemadison.org) by Sunday night, November 1 to be entered into a drawing for a gift card to the Frugal Muse bookstore. Make sure your child's name, age, and address is clearly marked on each entry. Your Halloween masterpieces may be featured on the WGHA website and social media page.

Questions? Contact Charlie Morgan, Social Chair, at [Social@WalnutGroveMadison.org](mailto:Social@WalnutGroveMadison.org).

Q: Why don't mummies take vacations?

A: They're afraid to unwind!



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## WGHA Covenants Update

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The Walnut Grove Covenants update is almost completed! In our Summer 2020 News In A Nutshell, we detailed the work of the WGHA Board to take input and changes from neighbors about how our neighborhood wanted to modernize our governing documents. As part of that process, we sent out a survey to the neighborhood that asked for feedback on the limited changes being made through this process. The participation in our covenants survey was tremendous, and we thank every single neighbor who took the time to provide their thoughts and feedback. With the guidance from the neighborhood, the Board updated the newly drafted covenant amendments to include a cap that will rise with inflation over time and made other smaller changes. The updated covenants are now in legal review with a local attorney.

Once the legal review is complete, we will be asking neighbors to review and sign off on the amendments to the WGHA covenants. Due to the recent spike in COVID-19, this will primarily be a contactless, online process executed in a legally approved manner. For neighbors who wish to sign but are unable to complete signing online, a physically distanced drop off and pick up procedure can be arranged on a case by case basis. While we are committed to completing this process before the end of the year, we want to make sure that everyone is safe when signing!

As a reminder, this process was implemented after the 2020 Neighborhood Meeting in January where the Board presented the state of our neighborhood's finances and the challenges we would have faced if no action is taken. The amendments to the WGHA Covenants aim to right our neighborhood finances, make regulation of lots more consistent, and modernize their structure. To find out more about the WGHA Covenants and the proposed amendments, you can visit [www.WalnutGroveMadison.org](http://www.WalnutGroveMadison.org) and make sure to watch your email for the amendment to sign!

Questions? Contact Liz Fenster, WGHA President, at [WalnutGroveMadison@gmail.com](mailto:WalnutGroveMadison@gmail.com).

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## Westside Community Conversation

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Members of the Madison Common Council will be hosting another Westside Community Conversation on October 21st. Madison Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway, Acting Police Chief Victor Wahl, Madison Alders, and city staff will be discussing the 2021 budgeting for public safety and the selected topic ("Are we defunding the police?").

Check the WGHA website for information on how to RSVP for the meeting and to get links to recordings of the other meetings in this series. Unable to join the meeting? A link to the recording for this meeting will be posted when it is available!



## Information On The Madison Schools 2020 Referenda

### Submitted by Madison School Board Member Christina Gomez Schmidt

When you cast your vote in the November election, you'll find two questions on the ballot that seek to invest \$350 million into Madison's public schools and our community. If passed, these "2020 Referenda" will:

- Significantly update Madison's four main high schools.
- Bring Capital High students together in one building to better serve these high school scholars.
- Build a new elementary school in the Rimrock area, giving students in South Madison a much-needed neighborhood school.
- Strengthen strategic equity projects aimed at eliminating racial and socioeconomic disparities.
- Recruit and retain highly qualified educators with a focus on teachers of color.
- Continue to provide programming in the arts, music, science, technology, and more.



The Madison School Board is mindful of financial concerns due to the ongoing pandemic, and we have explored whether this is the right time to ask for this investment. In light of feedback we've continued to receive, we believe our community's need for strong public schools is now more important than ever.

The school board sees this as a historic opportunity to transform Madison as a thriving, equitable, and inclusive community by ensuring we have the infrastructure and operational capacity to serve students for years to come. We hope you share this vision.

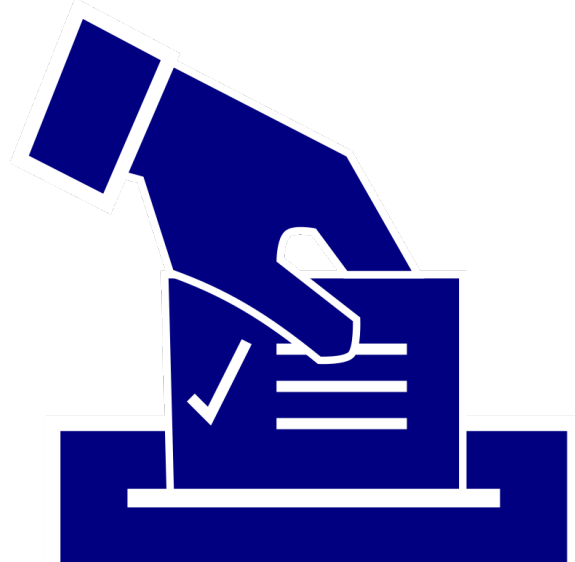
Learn more by visiting [mmsd.org/future-ready](https://mmsd.org/future-ready) and by following MMSD on Facebook (@MadisonSchoolsWI), Twitter (@MMSDSchools), and Instagram (@MadisonSchools).

If you have questions, please contact the school board: [board@madison.k12.wi.us](mailto:board@madison.k12.wi.us). Please vote by November 3.

Sincerely,  
Christina Gomez Schmidt,  
Madison School Board member

### Want More Voting Information?

The 2020 November General Election is right around the corner! Get information on voting, check your registration, learn about photo ID requirements, and more at [MyVote.WI.gov](https://MyVote.WI.gov)



## WGHA Jigsaw Puzzle Swap

Do you have jigsaw puzzles in your basement that:

- Were gifted to you by a well-meaning family member who clearly did not know what to get you for your birthday?
- Have never been opened because they look intimidating?
- You have solved, and now you are ready for more?



If so, we would like to make your new or lightly-used jigsaw puzzles available to your neighbors who are now, or soon will be, desperate for indoor family fun. In exchange, you can pick up some new puzzles for yourself. No guarantees that all the puzzles will have all the pieces, but it's nice if they do. It's first-come, first-served until the end time, or we run out of puzzles. Whichever comes first!

**Due to COVID- 19, this event will be held outside or in an open garage. Please wear masks and respect physical distancing while others are present.**

Here's how to get puzzling:

1. Bring your puzzles to Lynn and Charlie Morgan's home at 10 Colony Circle on Saturday, November 7, from 1-2 pm. It's a one-to-one exchange. Bring two, take two, etc. limit of up to 3 puzzles. We will gladly accept more if you'd like to donate them to the swap.
2. If you don't have any puzzles to exchange, you may purchase up to 3 puzzles with a suggested donation of \$2 per puzzle. Any money collected will be used to purchase puzzles for future swaps.

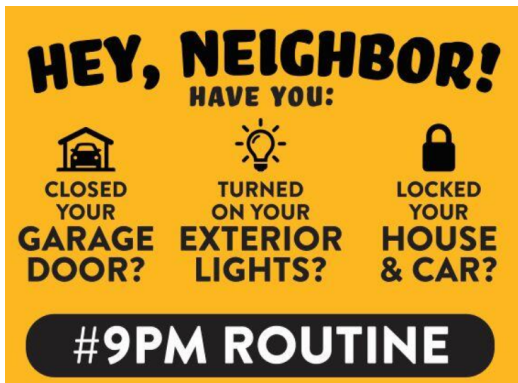
Between now and November 1, we will be collecting and gathering puzzles for adults and children for this event. If you have extras you wish to donate, please feel free to drop them at Lynn and Charlie Morgan's house. For each puzzle you donate, you will receive a Puzzle Buck, which you can redeem for a puzzle on swap day (limit of 3). Or, just come on swap day and see what happens. The choice is yours!

Questions? Contact Charlie Morgan, Social Chair, at [Social@WalnutGroveMadison.org](mailto:Social@WalnutGroveMadison.org).

## Safety Signs Available

Submitted by Kathy McComb

Orchard Ridge is doing a campaign to remind folks to lock up using yard signs. The final yard sign version is pictured and an order is about to be placed. If you would like a sign for yourself, cost are estimated to be about \$6 each (including frame). To get a sign, contact Mike at [mikethomsenorna@gmail.com](mailto:mikethomsenorna@gmail.com)

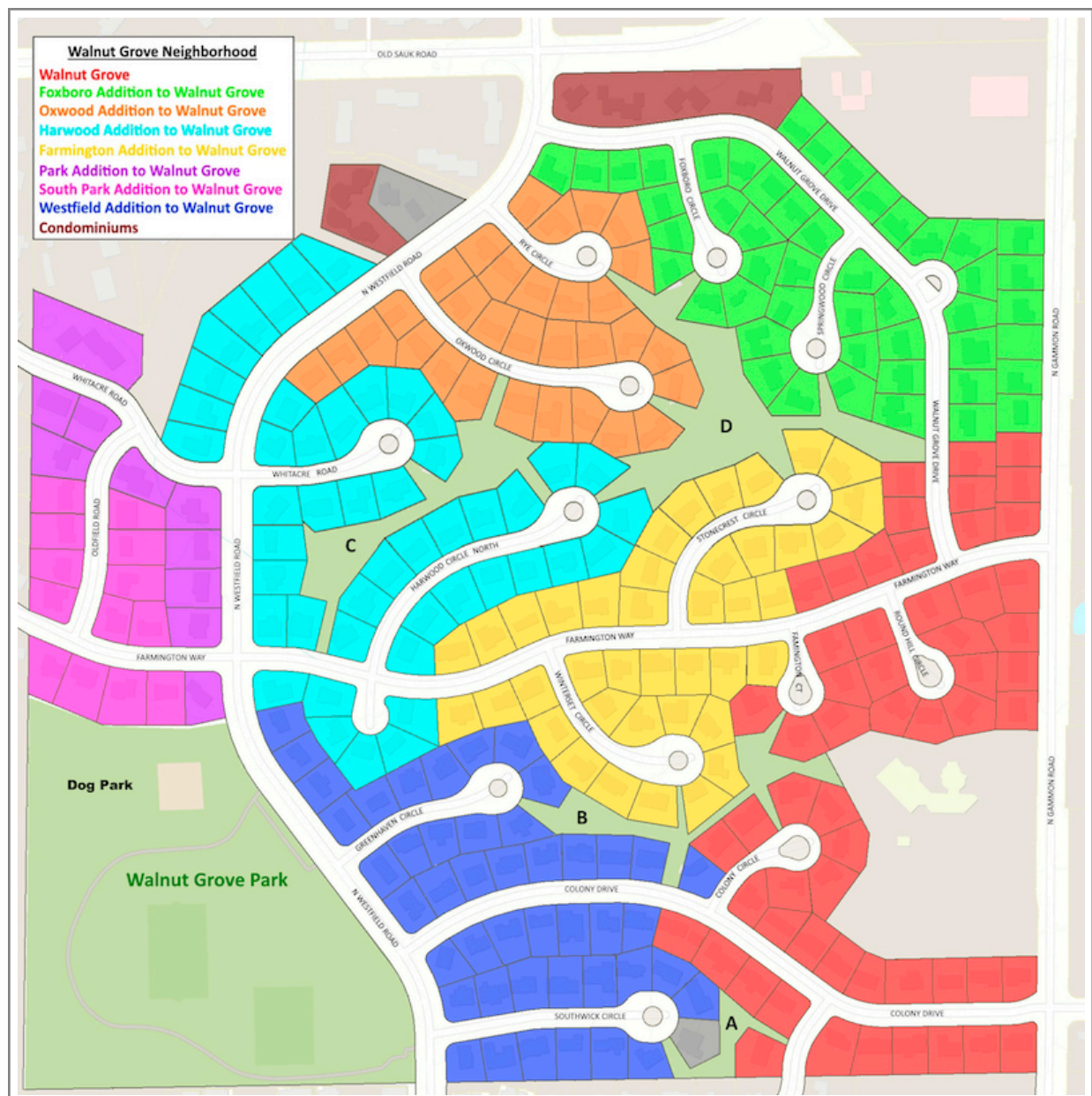




## Walk The Greenways

Our neighborhood greenways and Walnut Grove Park are a great way to stay active and social during the COVID-19 pandemic. Please observe appropriate social distancing and make sure to say "Hi!" to our neighbors as you are out and about. A map of the greenways is below and is also [available on our website](#).

Greenway Committee volunteers have held 3 socially-distanced, volunteer work days this year totaling 28 hours of donated work improving the greenways! Neighbors have also donated additional time to reducing the burden of invasive species in our greenways - improving their health for the future. Thank you!



## Welcome To New Walnut Grove Residents!

Kelly & Adrienne on Colony Drive  
Noah & Shira on Colony Drive  
Joseph & Stephanie on Farmington Way  
Mark & Laura on Farmington Way  
Gregory & Abigail on Harwood Circle  
Jennifer, Andrew, & Sebastian on North Westfield Road  
Eric & Rachel on Round Hill Circle  
Phillip & Gerti on Rye Circle  
Ronald & Elinor on Springwood Circle  
Devon on Walnut Grove Drive

## Send In Your Directory Updates

In 2021, WGHA will be publishing our Neighborhood Directory. If you have updates for the Directory, please email [WalnutGroveMadison@gmail.com](mailto:WalnutGroveMadison@gmail.com) at your earliest convenience.



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