

# WALNUT GROVE HOMES ASSOCIATION

## News In A Nutshell - Summer 2021 Newsletter

Recently, the WGHA Board sent out a survey to everyone in our neighborhood, and we were so pleased to see that the #1 thing that Walnut Grove neighbors appreciate is... our kind and friendly neighbors! Especially as we continue to bounce back from the COVID-19 pandemic, it is such a lovely reminder that it is the people who make our neighborhood great.

Read on to find out more about what folks are up to in Walnut Grove this summer!

### 2021 WGHA Summer Social Events



#### Walnut Grove Garage Sale June 10-12

With restrictions lifting in Dane County, we are excited to announce the 2021 Walnut Grove Garage Sale will be taking place June 10th to June 12th!

If you have some items you want to see headed to another neighbor's home, join in and hold a sale on those dates to take advantage of this joint effort. Contact neighbor Derek Pavelec at [pavelec@uwalumni.com](mailto:pavelec@uwalumni.com) for more information.

#### July 4th Bike Parade: 9am on July 4th

Please join us for the return of the annual Walnut Grove 4th of July Parade!

Meet at Walnut Grove Park at 9:00 a.m. on July 4th for a parade around the park. Bring your bikes, strollers, wagons, and more decorated with patriotic creativity. Following the parade, light refreshments will be available in the park pavilion.



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## Meet The Walnut Grove Block Captains

If you have a question about a neighborhood event or an idea for your block, your Block Captain is here to help!

Block Captains are neighbors who have volunteered to help keep the lines of communication open so you can get the latest news and information about WGHA Board initiatives, neighborhood events, or safety and security issues.

A full list of the 2021 WGHA Block Captains is below. If you have a question about Walnut Grove or want to get more involved, reach out to your Block Captain! You can also contact Danielle Bashirullah, our new Block Captain Chair, at [BlockCaptains@WalnutGroveMadison.org](mailto:BlockCaptains@WalnutGroveMadison.org).

If your street/house number is:	Your block captain is:	Can be reached at:	
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2-34 Stonecrest Cir	Kim O'Brien	krobrien101@gmail.com	220-6020
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7301-7322 Whitacre Rd	Jennifer Braico	jbraico@gmail.com	239-9271
6-30 Winterset Cir	Ken Sadeghian	ksadeghi@wisc.edu	833-5822

## Updated Architectural Control Committee Rules and Procedures

As part of the ongoing process to update and modernize our neighborhood covenants and bylaws, the Architectural Control Committee has updated its rules and procedures to help all of us navigate them as we work with the ACC on any physical exterior changes to lots or homes in Walnut Grove.



The new rules and procedures are available on the Walnut Grove website at: <https://walnutgrovemadison.org/architectural-control-committee>

On our site, you will now see a link to the fully updated Rules and Procedures document, a summary of the covenants and deed restrictions, links to appendices with guidance on common types of projects that the ACC reviews, an Application Form to use to apply for ACC approval for a project on your lot, and an Appeal Form to use if appealing an ACC decision to the WGHA Board.

Our thanks to the Architectural Control Committee for undertaking this detailed update!

If you have any questions about the Architectural Control Committee, contact Architectural Control Committee Chair Jeff Vanderpool at [architecture@WalnutGroveMadison.org](mailto:architecture@WalnutGroveMadison.org).

### Meet Our New Alder - Nikki Conklin

In the April 2021 Spring Election, District 9 elected Nikki Conklin to represent us on the Madison Common Council. For the last decade, Alder Conklin has lived in Wexford Ridge, and her campaign focused on quality affordable housing, equity and justice, and safety for all.

Alder Conklin was sworn in on April 20th, and she has been appointed to serve on:

- The Community Development Block Grant Committee
- The Disability Rights Commission
- The Landlord and Tenant Issues Committee

If you would like to contact Alder Conklin, her official contact information is:

Phone: 608-616-5059

Email: [district9@CityOfMadison.com](mailto:district9@CityOfMadison.com)



You may also contact Alder Conklin by using this form through the City of Madison website: <https://www.cityofmadison.com/council/contact/?alder=5577>

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## WGHA Surveys

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Thank you to everyone who responded to our first 2021 neighborhood survey!

As mentioned on the very first page of this newsletter, this survey really emphasized that we all value our kind and friendly neighbors here in Walnut Grove! Close behind was our appreciation for the greenways, paths, mature trees, and open spaces that make our neighborhood so unique.



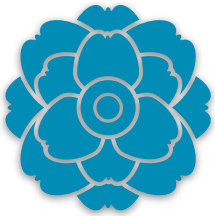
The WGHA Board plans to send around additional surveys as the year goes on to explore neighborhood opinions on various topics from our greenways to social events and more! We were so pleased to see the high level of engagement from neighbors, and we hope to use the upcoming surveys to best align Board initiatives with the interests of the neighborhood. Watch your email for the next survey soon!

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## Garden Club

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Flowers are in bloom and planting season is here! Maybe you have a problem area in your yard and could use some advice. Maybe you want to help share your passion for gardening. Maybe you want to talk to other neighbors who also love making our neighborhood beautiful. If any of the above is you, consider joining the Walnut Grove Garden Club!



Did you know that at one time, our neighborhood had a very active garden club? The club consisted of people with all levels of gardening experience. Meetings were held throughout the year and members were able to share ideas, attend outings, learn, and socialize.

Neighbor Julie Webber would like to connect with other neighbors interested in a Walnut Grove garden club. Please contact Julie if you are interested in joining or would like more information.

Julie Satala-Webber  
[julieannwebber@gmail.com](mailto:julieannwebber@gmail.com) or 608-469-5534

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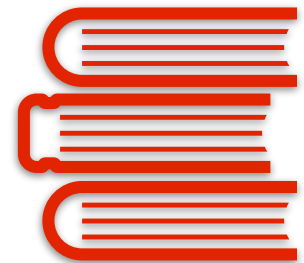
## Book Club

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Need to find your next favorite book? What about getting a different perspective on the books that you're reading? Want a new way to explore your love of literature? Consider joining the Walnut Grove Book Club!

Neighbor Jack Coe is looking for Walnut Grove neighbors interested in reading and discussing books together! Please contact Jack if you are interested in joining or would like more information.

Jack Coe  
[jackcoe@chorus.net](mailto:jackcoe@chorus.net) or 608-833-3624





## Help Keep Our Greenways Looking Great!

Our neighborhood owned Greenways are one of the most unique features of Walnut Grove - and they were the second highest thing that neighbors identified loving about Walnut Grove. These ~6.7 acres, including just over a mile of paved paths, provide a pleasant sense of open space and add value and desirability to our neighborhood.

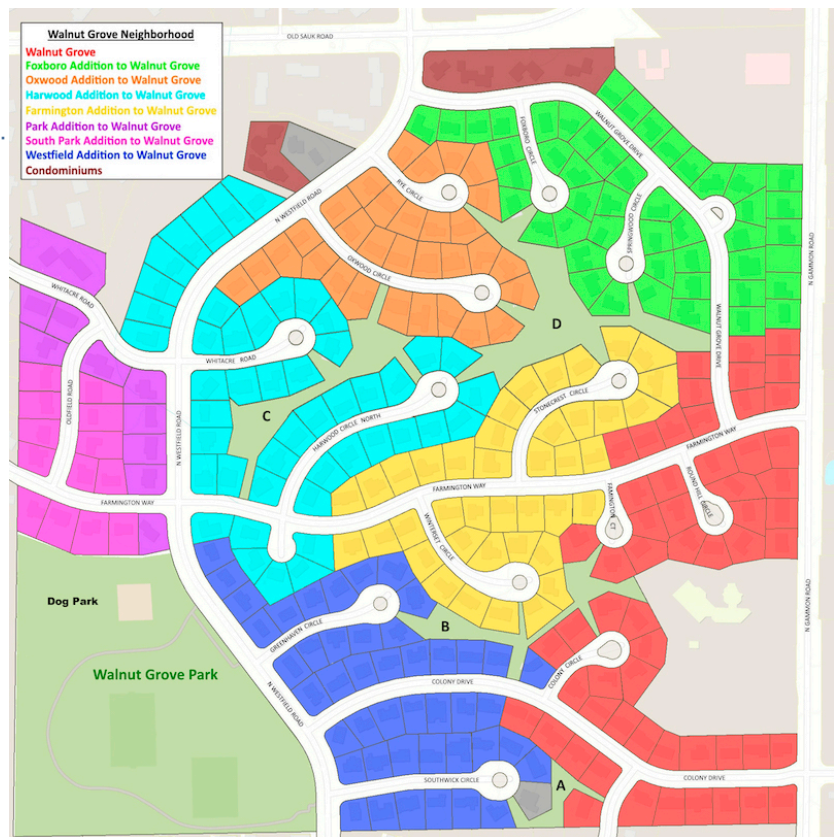
The Greenways Committee is responsible for overseeing mowing, tree maintenance, path maintenance and lighting along the four greenways. Please contact the Greenways Chair to report any concerns including lighting outages. When reporting a concern, please include the Greenway description (A,B,C or D - see the map below) and the nearest light post number or home address. If you would like more information, or are interested in helping keep the greenways beautiful, contact Paige Hawkins, Chair of the Greenways Committee at: [greenways@WalnutGroveMadison.org](mailto:greenways@WalnutGroveMadison.org)

### Circle Grants Available

Resources are also available to homeowners to maintain the 14 circles in our neighborhood. The Greenways Committee is responsible for large tree removal and replacements within the Circles. Homeowners are responsible for Circle mowing, weeding, and general maintenance. Each Block Captain is available to assist in coordination of maintenance for each Circle.

Every year, one \$50 reimbursement is available for each Circle for maintenance. This reimbursement should be coordinated through your Block Captain.

\$500 Circle Grants are available on a rotating basis to allow for larger Circle maintenance projects. These grants must be approved by the Board. A plan detailing improvements and associated costs should be sent to the Greenways Chair for presentation at an upcoming Board Meeting. Budget dependent, up to three grants may be approved each year. These will be granted on a rotating basis, with criteria for approval determined by the Board. Contact your Block captain if you are interested in coordinating a Circle Grant Application!



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## Yard Waste and Trash Reminders

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The City of Madison has stopped collecting curbside yard waste for the spring of 2021. Instead of putting yard waste out at the curb, you will need to take yard waste to a City approved drop-off site. Curbside yard waste will resume in the fall. Visit [bit.ly/MadisonYardWasteInfo](https://bit.ly/MadisonYardWasteInfo) for more information from the City.

Additionally, beginning on June 1st, 2021, you will need to complete a work order in order to have large items picked up that will not fit in a trash container. Visit [bit.ly/MadisonLargeItemInfo](https://bit.ly/MadisonLargeItemInfo) for more information from the City.

Finally, as a reminder, the City of Madison requires that all trash and recycling containers are removed from the curb and stored within 24 hours after the day of collection and trash and recycling containers should not be stored in front of a home. Visit [bit.ly/MadisonBinInfo](https://bit.ly/MadisonBinInfo) for information from the City.

## Send In Your Directory Updates

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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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