

# WESTHAVEN TRAILS

SPRING 2023 NEWSLETTER

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## A Fresh Start

We are excited to relaunch our Westhaven Trails CSA, Inc. newsletter with a new Spring 2023 edition. If you remember these communications from the past we used the spring newsletter to relay association updates, to notify members of the upcoming annual meeting, and to share any relevant Madison/City updates that may impact our association members.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the Members of Westhaven Trails CSA, Inc. will be communicated in this document via electronic, written communication on March 31, 2023. All information in this document will be posted on the neighborhood website [westhaventrails.org](http://westhaventrails.org).

## Introduction of Board and Committee Members

The overall purpose and mission of our HOA was set for us during development of the neighborhood and focused on maintaining and managing the many parks, green spaces and private courts owned by the association's members (all of us). Managing these covenants are the responsibility of the volunteer Board of Directors made up of association members. Their responsibilities include: (1) maintaining association owned property (neighborhood parks, common areas and private courts), (2) billing, collecting and administering association assessments, (3) ensuring effective Architectural Review, and (4) serving as a resource for the association members and residents.

Contact information for all board and committee members may be found on [westhaventrails.org](http://westhaventrails.org). The best way to contact us is by sending an email to [board@westhaventrails.org](mailto:board@westhaventrails.org).

## What is the Architectural Review Board (ARB)?

The ARB approves new construction, landscaping or updates to Westhaven Trails homeowners' projects. This would include all home construction, decks, patios, fences, landscaping and play structures. For regulations for building a fence please see [ARB Requests](#) page on the website.

Please contact the ARB directly at [arb@westhaventrails.org](mailto:arb@westhaventrails.org) before undergoing constructions or landscaping projects. Include detail project plan and photos of existing structure and sketches of proposed structure.

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## [City of Madison Updates](#)

### **Bus Rapid Transit Construction (West Side)- Public Info Meeting**

Tuesday, March 14, 2023 6pm to 8:30pm

Zoom Registration Link

[https://cityofmadison.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_04yr3l3mQCelazsp9-ahCw](https://cityofmadison.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_04yr3l3mQCelazsp9-ahCw)

Work is about to begin on Mineral Point Road, Whitney Way, and University Ave. starting the week of March 6, 2023. Construction will take place in stages between 2023 and 2024. Attend the public information meeting to learn about road work, construction timelines, and effects on traffic. Much of the work will require traffic control and lane closures.

### **Greater Madison Music City (GMMC)**

The GMMC report is available on the Madison Arts website ourgmmc.org. It gives an overview of economic impact and a regulatory assessment of our music scene. It concludes with recommendations to build inclusivity, create jobs, and drive sustainable tourism across all communities and demographics in the Greater Madison Area.

### **Street Division Updates**

The 2023 trash & recycling collection calendars are available at this website:

[www.cityofmadison.com/CollectionSchedule](http://www.cityofmadison.com/CollectionSchedule)

Holiday tree collection is ongoing! You have missed the first round, so don't miss the second. :) Here's the link to learn more about when to set out your trees:

<https://www.cityofmadison.com/residents/winter/residents/tree.cfm>

Are you salting your sidewalks and driveways correctly? You can learn more about the right way to do it so you are not wasting salt and also hurting our waterways. Check out Wisconsin Salt Wise's page for more information:

<https://www.wisaltwise.com/>

### **City Updates Salt Use Ordinance for Public Sidewalks**

The City of Madison new ordinance limits the use of salt or other melting agents to the amount necessary to treat the ice so it can be removed. The new change also allows the City to educate and enforce salt standards to property owners who use too much salt or melting agents. The goal of the ordinance change will keep sidewalks safe for pedestrians and also help the community cut down on salt use, which helps our area waterways. When salt moves into local waters, it contributes to making the City's lakes and groundwater saltier, which is a public health concern.

- Excess salt and chemical melting agents may not accumulate on the sidewalk and must be removed following ice or snow melt.
- The owner of each lot or part of lot shall remove all snow and ice upon the sidewalk abutting the premises owned no later than noon of the day after the snow or ice has accumulated on the sidewalk, regardless of the source of accumulation.
- The owner of property abutting sidewalks on two intersecting streets shall remove all snow and ice from the sidewalks of both streets, including that portion of the sidewalks bordering the crosswalk, including the curb ramp. City Fines, First offense: \$124; second offense: \$187

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## Treasurer's 2023 Spring Report

For the full financial picture please visit our website: <https://westhaventrails.org/financial/>

Here are some highlights from the Treasurers 2023 Spring Report.

- Year to date we are slightly overbudget in general operating expenses, mainly due to unforeseen legal fees. Snow removal is over budget for private courts. It is far too early in the year to know how this will impact this year's overall finances.
- 82% of dues have been collected to date, typically we are about 83% collected compared to same time prior years, so we are generally on track.
- This year we piloted an online payment option, this was not widely shared because we needed to limit the number of transactions so we could test the system and ensure the needed information was being provided. Overall this was a success and we will continue to offer this option and will provide details on next year's invoices.

## Annual Meeting Announcement

### Meeting Information

In person: Community Room  
Madison Police West District  
April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
6:00pm-8:00pm

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81469056745?pwd=dFRJMkdMcyszR0g3QjdVhVhTDI5QT09>

Meeting ID: 814 6905 6745  
Passcode: 185648

Agenda Items:

- Neighborhood safety update by Madison Police Department
- President's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Discussion: Review potential voting and assessment change to the covenants
  - During last year's annual meeting many residents voiced their concern regarding the current voting and assessment structure. The board heard this feedback and has worked to confirm the process for changing the covenants voting and assessment structure. We will review this process and discuss if the membership wants to move forward with attempting to change the covenants to equalize voting and assessments across all members equally.

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## Neighborhood Safety & Community Building

### Safety Review

We periodically receive reports of break-ins and thefts within the neighborhood. The Madison Police Department recommends all neighbors adhere to the following:

- All cars should be **parked in garages, not driveways.**
- Lock your cars while both inside and outside of the garage.
- Lock the service door from your garage to the house.
- Keep keys and valuables out of your car and away from your service door.
- Keep your lights on all night.
- Report something if you see something - even if you don't think anything is missing.
- Help out neighbors by letting them know if a garage door is left open.
- Make sure guests lock their cars and keep valuables out of sight.

Please help us with the following as we receive several complaints from neighbors. Per the neighborhood covenants: **Parking of service vehicles owned or operated by residents is prohibited unless such vehicles are kept in garages. The parking of boats, travel trailers, mobile homes, campers and other recreational vehicles is prohibited unless kept inside garages.** This shall not prohibit the temporary parking of such vehicles described for the purposes of loading or unloading for a period not to exceed forty-eight (48) hours. No cars or vehicles may be parked on lawns or yards at any time.

### Community Building Committee

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Community Building Team please contact Don at [donewton@gmail.com](mailto:donewton@gmail.com) to get involved.

## Upcoming Events

### Greater Madison Area Smoke Alarm Day

Hosted by the American Red Cross

When: Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> 9am to 2pm

Sign up at [www.redcross.org/Wlsmokealarms](http://www.redcross.org/Wlsmokealarms) or call 888-376-4056



### National Prescription Drug Take Back Day

Hosted by Safe Communities and the African American Opioid Coalition

When: Saturday, April 22 from 10am to 2pm at Elver Park, Warner Park and Mt. Zion Baptist Church

There will be free medication lock boxes and at-home disposal kits available.