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Watch Out for Each Other

There has been at least one burglary and several attempted burglaries in our neighborhood in the past month. Police say most of the burglaries in this area are carried out by groups of teenagers. It is difficult to catch them and more difficult to recover stolen items.

Police recommend:
Make your house look occupied-leave some lights on.

Keep all your doors locked.

Keep your car locked, even when in the garage.

Take your keys and garage door remote with you, and don't store them near the garage door.

Report situations to the police.

Watch out for each other: Let neighbors know if their garage door is open or if you see suspicious activity.

- If you have thoughts about safety in our neighborhood, respond to this newsletter or email jmondrejka@gmail.com

See The Brightest Star this Monday



If you want to see the brightest "star" in 800 years, this Monday, December 21, is the date. Jupiter and Saturn will pass so closely together that they'll look like a giant star. This will be the closest these planets have come since Galileo saw them in 1623. The "star" is so bright it can be seen with the naked eye. Astronomers call this phenomenon the Great Conjunction.

Look west, just above the horizon. at sunset. The brighter "star" is Jupiter; the dimmer one, Saturn. Here's hoping for no clouds!



Remember, if you miss it, your next chance to see the Great Conjunction is 2080!

Include Businesses in Your Holiday Plans

As you prepare for the holidays, don't forget to support our neighborhood restaurants and other businesses.

The owners and employees of local businesses are part of the JR family. Even if you can't dine out or shop in person right now, you can buy gift certificates for yourself, family and friends.

Imagine how much you'd enjoy pampering yourself at Float or Diamond Nail Spa, then heading to dinner at Benvenuto's or Outback. Or for a quiet evening at home, get wine at Steve's and snacks at Pick'n'Save.

Check out the directory on page 7. These businesses have supported JRNA through the years. There is no better time for us to show our appreciation for their support.

Adventures in Reading:

LFL Adds Games and Gifts



The Holiday season is upon us! As you make plans for the holidays, don't forget to include time to read.

Visit the library during December to find candy canes and grab a sheet of JRNA Reading Bingo! You can also use the Bingo! sheet included with this newsletter. Designed for kids and adults alike, the Bingo! challenge is sure to add cheer to your holidays. Follow the instructions on the sheet to receive a holiday gift right at your doorstep!

Our library now has its very own email address. Send us an email at junctionridge.lfl@gmail.com with ideas, feedback, and to share *your* adventures in reading!

Thank you for your contributions towards making our Junction Ridge Little Free Library a reality this year. I hope that everyone who visited the library found something of interest.

Happy Holidays!
-Mukta, your LFL steward

You're Invited to Madison School and Community Rec's Virtual Pottery Sale!

Due to the pandemic, we have moved the entire sale online. Sale runs from 8am on Thursday, December 17 until 9pm on Sunday, December 20. Pick up your purchases on Tuesday, December 22 at MSCR Hoyt. View over hundreds of unique pieces of pottery created by MSCR instructors, participants and local artists. Find the perfect gift this season and support the arts from the comfort of your home! Please visit mscrvirtualpotterysale.squarespace.com for more information.

The graphic features a yellow banner at the top with the text "MSCR VIRTUAL POTTERY SALE" in blue and black. Below the banner are four colored boxes with icons and text: a yellow bowl icon with "NOW ONLINE! mscrvirtualpotterysale.squarespace.com", a purple plate icon with "VIRTUAL SALE 12/17-20/20 PICK UP AT MSCR HOYT ON 12/22, 9AM-6PM", a cyan vase icon with "SHOWCASING WORKS BY MSCR POTTERY INSTRUCTORS, LAB PARTICIPANTS AND LOCAL ARTISTS.", and a yellow cup icon with "ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT THE MSCR POTTERY PROGRAM." The MSCR logo is in the bottom right corner.

The advertisement has a red roof graphic at the top. The text reads: "PROTECT YOUR DREAMS FOR LESS THAN YOU THINK. Better service, better coverage and better value with our great lineup of discounts. Call today for a competitive quote. Your dream is out there. Go get it. We'll protect it." Below this is a photo of Michael Kittoe and his contact information: "Michael Kittoe Agency, 334 Junction Rd, Madison, WI 53717, (608) 827-9788, mkittoe@amfam.com". The American Family Insurance logo is at the bottom with the tagline "All your protection under one roof®".



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Ice Dams can be Costly
From: Madison Gas and Electric

A few inches of snow, freezing temperatures and warm air leaking into your attic are a perfect combination for ice dams. What's an ice dam, and why should you be concerned if you have icicles hanging from your gutters?

Ice dams form when heat in the attic melts the snow on the roof and water runs down to the overhang and refreezes. The ice starts to build up, holding water which can then flow back up the roof under the shingles. This often results in serious water damage to the ceiling and walls inside the home. Often, the damage can't be seen until it's too late, and repairs can be expensive.

Warm air leaking into your cold attic through attic bypasses (the small holes and paths by which heated air flows into the attic) is usually the culprit. Some sources include electrical boxes, exhaust

fans, lighting fixtures including recessed lights and wiring penetrations and attic hatches/entrances.

These warm air bypasses have to be fixed first to eliminate the problem. A lack of ventilation and/or not enough insulation can add to the trouble.

If you think you have a problem, your best bet is to have a home energy audit performed. An energy professional can do a blower door test to find the leaks and seal them. He also can tell you if you need more attic insulation or ventilation. Remember, this problem is not going to just go away. It will continue to happen year after year when conditions are right.

Contact [Focus on Energy Home Performance with ENERGY STAR® program](#) at 1-800-762-7077 or visit focusenergy.com to request an energy audit. (Focus on Energy also has a separate program for the income-qualified.)

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COVID Cases Fall in Dane County: Emergency Order #11 In Effect

The new order allows indoor gatherings of up to 10 people, with physical distancing and masks. The order is in effect until January 13.

“The number of people being diagnosed with COVID-19 in the recent weeks has fallen significantly, and for that we are thankful, but our burden of illness is still very high and hospitalizations are high. We ask that everyone continue to limit gathering with others for the health and safety of the community,” said Janel Heinrich, Director of Public Health Madison & Dane County.

A summary of provisions in [Order #11](#) include:

- Allows indoor gatherings of up to 10 people with physical distancing and face coverings
- Allows outdoor gatherings of up to 25 people with physical distancing.
- Businesses continue to be limited to 50% of approved building capacity and must have written [cleaning and hygiene policies](#).
- At restaurants, indoor dine-in capacity is still limited to 25% of approved seating capacity levels, with physical distancing between parties. Individual tables must all be from the same household or living unit.
- There is no Indoor seating at taverns. Customers may enter taverns only to order, pick-up, and pay for food or beverage.

See the full [order](#) for all details or see this [blog post](#) summary.



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Many Madison Parks Offer Winter Activities

The Parks Division has released a list of all the activities going on at various parks, including hiking, ice skating, sledding, and snowshoeing. You can rent equipment at many of the parks. Junction Ridge Park is not among the winter sites, but Elver Park and Owen Conservancy are two nearby parks with many available activities. For detailed information, go to <https://www.cityofmadison.com/news/winter-recreation-in-madison-parks>

Madison Receives Grant for Guaranteed Income

Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway is part of [Mayors for a Guaranteed Income](#), a coalition of mayors focused on ending poverty by advocating for guaranteed income policies.

A guaranteed income is a monthly, cash payment given directly to individuals with no strings attached. A guaranteed income is meant to supplement, rather than replace, the social safety net and can be a tool for racial and gender equity.

Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey made a \$15 million contribution to support the launch of guaranteed income pilot programs across the country. Madison will receive \$500,000 grant to design a pilot program, and we hope to build on that amount with other charitable contributions.

This concept has been steadily gaining traction. After Congress approved sending \$1,200 checks to qualifying Americans through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, the idea is gaining a broader base of supporters that believe that direct cash aid payments the best way to help struggling families, especially those who many not qualify for traditional unemployment benefits.

For more information on Mayors for a Guaranteed Income, please visit their website: *MGI – Home:* <https://www.mayorsforagi.org/>

Madison Offers Free Financial Hotline

Madison residents who are having financial concerns due to the COVID-19 pandemic can now call a free hotline to talk to someone to help them through their issues.

[“Financial Navigators”](#) are available by phone at no cost to provide guidance to help residents access programs and services to manage income loss and other financial concerns. The calls are meant to help address any personal financial issues, illustrate immediate steps to be taken and then make referrals for other resources to help.

Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway was grateful to the city for being able to provide this service to the public, noting the increased financial strain on many households during the pandemic. “I hope it will help connect people get connected to the resources they need,” she said.

Residents can access the hotline [online](#) and fill out a short interest form. They can also call 608-315-5151 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday to sign up. A financial navigator will then call the person back within 48 hours, Monday through Friday, of the sign-up. Each session will last about 30 minutes, but residents are allowed to sign up for as many sessions as they want. They may not however, be matched with the same navigator each time. For more information, go to <https://www.cityofmadison.com/news/city-of-madison-launches-financial-resources-hotline>

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<p>JRNA Board</p> <p>Jennifer Ondrejka President Lynn Wiskowski Vice-President Lori Scarlet Secretary Steve Biedermann Mary Belle Heindel Marty Keller</p> <p>JRNA Block Captains</p> <p>Augusta, Castle Pines, Oakmont: Kathie Newman Blackwolf: Sue Jahn Elderberry: Need new captain Hawks Ridge: Robyn Rannow Condos at Junction Ridge: Sonja Keeseey-Berg Prairie Point: Betty Ptacek Samuel: Jane Wendricks Businesses and apartments: Steve Biedermann</p> <p>Block Captains are ambassadors to neighbors in their area. They hand-deliver JRNA newsletters and flyers two-three times/year.</p> <p>Your Board at Work: JRNA board meeting minutes Nov 10, 2020</p> <p>The meeting was called to order at 7:05p by President, Jennifer Ondrejka, via Zoom. Board members in attendance: Lori Scarlett, Lynn Wiskowski, Mary Belle Heindel, Steve Biedermann. Absent: Marty Keller.</p> <p>Previous minutes from Sept, 2020 were approved. Financial report: Lynn updated us for the year-to-date. We had deposits of \$1781 (dues, including MG&E, Little Library bake sale)</p>	<p>and expenses of \$1565 (printing & supplies, postage, Halloween treat bags, PO box, and other event costs).</p> <p>We now have a PayPal account, which has a surcharge for every transaction. Discussed whether to charge a “convenience fee” of 50 cents. Discussion was tabled for now. Approved Treasurer’s report.</p> <p>President’s Report Jennifer contacted Mary Ann Drescher about changing the boundaries on the Nextdoor app and moving the Tuscany Apartments out of the Prairie Point neighborhood and into Junction Ridge. Jennifer is waiting on a reply.</p> <p><u>Old Business</u> Halloween project - went well! Thanks to Lori and Lynn for coming up with the idea, to Jennifer for ordering all the stuff, to her husband Tom for helping fill the bags, and to the board for delivering the bags. 151 bags were distributed: 134 to JRNA members, 10 for new residents, and 7 for new residents of Prairie Point (who are encouraged to join JRNA).</p> <p>Membership - the email list has been updated, but there are still 5 people who haven’t updated their email addresses.</p> <p>About half of the Junction Ridge Neighborhood Nextdoor members live in apartments. Discussion about encouraging them to join JRNA.</p>	<p><u>New Business</u> Holiday celebration: Still unable to hold anything in person, so no Christmas party this year Discussed delivering something to all the members.</p> <p>Welcome bags for new neighbors: The Halloween pens and flashlights were well-received. Would be nice to have a “welcome to the neighborhood” bag to distribute as new families move into Junction Ridge</p> <p>Parks project: Looking to improve the area around the Free Little Library, with a patio, bench, flower garden, etc. We will need a group of neighbors interested in working on the project.</p> <p>Jennifer is looking into City grants. Neighborhood Enhancement grants have been available in the past, with awards up to \$10,000. These grants have funded park improvements, gardens, and programs. Announcements as to what grants will be available will come out mid-Dec.</p> <p>Logo for the neighborhood? Lori has a graphic designer who charges \$100 for the design. Jennifer suggested having a logo-design contest. We need to discuss what would exemplify Junction Ridge.</p> <p>Next meeting set for Jan. 12 at 7:30p.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 8:30p.</p>
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Business Member Directory

Support our Business Members. They Support our Neighborhood!

Food & Beverage	Health & Well Being
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JRNA Winter Reading Challenge!



Happy
Holidays!

Instructions:

- Finish a line-in any direction
- !Write your name and address on the bottom of this paper
- By January 3rd, drop your Bingo sheet at 8409 Castle Pines Drive (leave in the folder by the door) or send a picture of your sheet to junctionridge.lfl@gmail.com
- Wait for the gift on your porch!

B	I	N	G	O
Read about a different country	Read in your pajamas	Read a comic book	Draw a picture of a book character	Read a poem
Read a book that's part of a series	Read a non-fiction book	Visit a different Little Free Library	Read a book that's been made into a movie	Read under a blanket
Read to a stuffed animal	Read a favorite book	Free Space	Read a biography	Write a short story
Read a fairy tale	Complete a word puzzle	Read about an animal	Read with hot cocoa	Read to a friend or family member
Write about a book you read	Read in bed	Read with a flashlight	Read a recipe	Read a mystery book

Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact information (optional): _____

