

MNA MEMBERSHIP FORM

Become a member of the Marquette Neighborhood Association

Household membership: \$5/year

Business membership: \$20/year

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Add me to the MNA Yahoo list serve.
(We will not share your email address.)

I would like to be a Board member or
serve on a Committee – please contact me.

Make check payable to MNA. Return to:

Marquette Neighborhood Association
PO Box 3223
Madison, WI, 53704
Or call Michael Jacob at 712-5475.

All persons age 18 and over and who live or
own businesses in the area are eligible for
membership in this Association.

The borders of the area served by MNA are:

- North: East Washington Ave.
- South: Lake Monona
- West: Blair St.
- East: First St, from East Washington to
Eastwood to Division to Lakeland to Dunning

The purpose of the Marquette Neighborhood Association is to improve the neighborhood through citizen involvement and participation utilizing all appropriate means including:

- Foreseeing and calling attention to emerging trends and problems before they reach crisis proportions.
- Serving as the neighborhood's voice for those policies and programs that are in the neighborhood's best interest.
- Providing means for widespread study and discussion of all pertinent issues and questions.
- Educating citizens, members and non-members, in the processes, problems and potentials relating to the neighborhood's development.
- Fostering neighborhood interest and participation in planning.
- Generating and sustaining a spirit of neighborhood and community among area residents.
- Recognizing the special relationship between the Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center and MNA and encouraging participation and financial support of the important programs the Center provides for neighborhood residents.

Marquette Neighborhood Association

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Madison, WI 53703

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The Marquette Neighborhood

A PLACE FOR ALL PEOPLE

A BRIEF HISTORY OF MNA: FOUR DECADES OF ACTIVISM

The Marquette Neighborhood Association (MNA) is one of Madison's oldest and strongest; it was founded in 1968 to deal with threats to neighborhood schools, address traffic concerns, and oppose inappropriate development.

Early MNA members built many of our important neighborhood institutions – the Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center, the Willy St. Co-op and Common Wealth Development. Neighborhood festivals were established to support them.

More recently, MNA has worked to help keep our schools intact (again), create neighborhood development guidelines and affordable housing options, and save historic buildings. MNA hosts two of the Marquette neighborhood's four highly successful summer festivals which provide critical funding for many local activities and programs. MNA's community activism remains a strong unifying force as we continue to:

- Promote a dynamic & diverse neighborhood.
- Support a vital & sustainable business district.
- Preserve and promote affordable housing.
- Encourage historic preservation.
- Improve and maintain parks and open space.
- Continue beautifying Williamson Street.
- Encourage appropriate development.
- Establish neighborhood plans.

ORTON PARK FESTIVAL



Photo by Bob Queen

EASTSIDE EXPRESS



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COMMUNITY BUILDING GRANTS

MNA's neighborhood events raise funds to support our **Community Building Grants**, which make contributions to:

- Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center
- Marquette Elementary School
- The O'Keeffe Foundation
- Eastside Express summer camp for kids
- Common Wealth Development (CWD) Youth-Business Mentoring Program
- Williamson-Marquette Gazette newsletter
- Neighborhood parks
- Transition Program for Homeless Students
- MNA Peat-Piper Scholarship Fund
- Neighborhood Improvement Grants

NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS

March	Chili Dinner – funds MNA High School scholarship
June	Waterfront Festival – at Yahara Place Park
July	La Fête de Marquette – hosted by Wil-Mar Center & Willy St. Co-op
August	Orton Park Festival
September	Willy Street Fair – hosted by Wil-Mar Center & Common Wealth Development
October	MNA Annual Membership Meeting – at Marquette Elem. School

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MNA's Board directs the activities of the Association, maintains its membership, and establishes the annual budget. The Board's Committees conduct its operations; Committees include:

- Schools
- Traffic
- Values & Planning
- Community Development & Preservation
- Festivals, Fundraising & Finance
- Membership and Communications

The MNA Board meets every 3rd Thursday of the month at the Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center, 953 Jenifer St., 7-9 pm. Meetings are open to the public.

WE NEED YOU!

We face many pressures: a real estate market that prices many people out of our neighborhood; threats to neighborhood schools; and declining funding for Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center while demand for services increases.

MNA needs your help to work on these and other important neighborhood issues. Please consider:

- **Participating on a Committee** – you don't need to be a Board member to serve on a Committee. Time commitments vary depending on the Committee.
- **Joining the MNA Board of Directors** – Board members meet monthly, participate in a half-day annual retreat, and must serve on at least one Committee and volunteer at our festivals. Members are also needed to serve as liaisons to other neighborhood organizations. Board member elections take place at the annual meeting in October.