



# Madison Meadow News

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## **PURCHASE COMPLETE!!!**



The last dollar has been raised!!! All of us who love the Meadow can rejoice! Thanks to past and present board members, voting members, lawn signers, t-shirt wearers, quiet meadow lovers, and everyone else who gave so much time, energy, support, and financial help (large and small) to reach this amazing goal. All of you saved Madison Meadow. We are planning a neighborhood celebration in the spring and welcome ideas that anyone has for the event.

### **Calling All Leaders for Meadow's Next Phase!**

Our exciting next phase includes creating a master plan for the Meadow's future. This project requires volunteers with skills in web design, landscaping, native plant habitat, architecture, organizing community events, facilitating meetings, identifying and addressing neighborhood wishes and concerns, as well as attracting and coordinating volunteer efforts. Have you wanted to get involved, but were not into fundraising? Well, now is your time to shine! We are looking for volunteers and potential board members. For board members, commitment includes attending board meetings once a month (or possibly less). Call **683-3430** or e-mail [info@madisonmeadow.org](mailto:info@madisonmeadow.org).

### **Is The Fundraising Really Over?**

Madison Meadow needs to meet minimal annual expenses (detailed below). We also would like to expand our educational and community partnerships involving native plantings, wildlife habitat, neighborhood get-togethers, and acting as an "outdoor classroom" for nearby schools. Please keep the Meadow on your donation list. Even small contributions make a big difference.

- \$300 Insurance
- \$300 Tax Return
- \$125 Attorney Retainer
- \$ 45 PO Box
- \$ 50 State of Oregon Corporation Fee
- \$ 65 Web Page

\$885 total for 2008

## Butterfly Update



When last we left the Monarch Meadow Project, the larvae were hanging in their cocoons, maturing into butterflies. Eating had slowed and the cool weather was coming. We were not sure any of them would make it. As it turns out, one did survive and formed a pupa, out of which, two weeks later, a beautiful adult emerged. After struggling up a bamboo pole, it hopped onto an offered finger and managed to take off from there, landing in the nearest tree. After taking a few sips from Asclepia blossoms, it took flight, up and across the Meadow! Success!!!

The story of the Monarch Project has been immortalized on the World Wide Web by Lora Byxbe. Pictures documenting the project from the creation of the butterfly garden to the very first Monarch Butterfly emerging from its cocoon can be found by going to [www.madisonmeadow.org](http://www.madisonmeadow.org) and clicking on “**View Album**” under “**Madison Meadow Monarch Project**”. Thank you for all your devotion to this project Lora!

### Who is Madison Meadow?

Madison Meadow is the name of the non-profit, 501(c)(3), corporation that was formed in November of 2003 to preserve the two-acre historic, remnant orchard and meadow at 22nd and Madison in Eugene, OR. Madison Meadow is also the name of this two-acre parcel. Now that we have raised the funds to fully purchase the Meadow, we are focused on preserving the beauty and tranquility of the Meadow for decades to come. Please call 683-3430 or write P.O. Box 50743 Eugene, OR 97405 to request further information.

## Thank You!

To Kris Stenshoel and the EWEB crew for volunteering to mow the Meadow this fall. Kris and his crew do this as part of EWEB's Day of Caring projects. We are grateful!

## What To Do With Madison Meadow Yard Signs?



What else WOULD we do but recycle them? Doug Yook will come and get your sign if you call him at 729-2884. You can also make arrangements with him to drop the signs off at his home. Thanks, Doug!

## What To Do With The Poop?

On August 28, 2008, The Eugene Weekly ran an article titled, “The Scoop on Poop,” by Jeremy Ohmes. His story offered eco-pros and cons on various ways to dispose of, arguably, the least favorite thing our furry friends give us. Among the interesting findings were these:

- **Not Recommended** - Biodegradable poop scooping bags don't break down any faster in the landfill because of a lack of oxygen.
- **Not Recommended** - Composting can result in high levels of pathogens in piles.
- **Recommended** - Dog waste can be buried by digging foot-deep holes away from vegetable gardens, streams or wells, filling the holes halfway with dog waste and covering with six inches of soil.
- **Recommended** - The most eco-friendly method was flushing dog waste using flushable, water-soluble dog poop bags available at local pet stores.