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**Sent:** Tuesday, January 01, 2019 7:02 AM  
**To:** Stouder, Heather; Parks, Timothy; Arntsen, Allen  
**Cc:** michael.elliott@edgewoodhs.org  
**Subject:** Support Edgewood Stadium

Hello Ms. Stouder, Mr. Parks, and Mr. Arntsen,

I am writing to express my support for the Edgewood College stadium expansion. I live in the Vilas neighborhood near Bear Mound Park, and am impacted greatly by the UW football stadium, and all of its uses throughout the year. I see this activity as an asset to the neighborhood, not a detriment, and fully support Edgewood's proposal to expand their stadium. As a mother of a West High athlete, I wish that there was more athletic activity at the West campus too, not less. Our community should be doing everything in our power to support healthy activities for our young people, which includes providing safe places for them to participate in sports at or in close proximity to their schools. This should not be at odds with urban living. I am confident Edgewood and the neighborhood can come to a solution that provides Edgewood with the resources their athletic program needs, while also recognizing the needs of those neighbors in closer proximity who have legitimate concerns.

While I do not live on Woodrow or in close proximity to the proposed stadium expansion myself, I am an ardent supporter of Edgewood College and high school, and believe they have been decent neighbors, bringing vitality, and energy to our neighborhood.

Despite the fact that those opposing the stadium claim that my home would be impacted by the noise of a new stadium, I say bring it on! I love being able to hear the Badger game from inside my house. It's a daily reminder that I live in an active, vibrant, sports minded community. Obviously, the proposed stadium will pale in comparison to the neighborhood impact of the Badger stadium, but this stadium can and should be viewed as a neighborhood asset, rather than a huge inconvenience and community tragedy.

Please continue to support Edgewood's goal to provide a higher quality sports venue on their own property.

Thanks for your consideration,

Brenda Baker

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Paul Mueller <p.l.mueller@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 01, 2019 10:44 AM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen; Stouder, Heather; Parks, Timothy  
**Subject:** Edgewood stadium

Hello Alder Arntsen

I'm writing in opposition to Edgewood's new stadium plan. I live at 1911 Adams St, Madison Wisconsin 53711 and am not in favor of Edgewood's continuous growth. More parking, more trash, more lights and noise. The neighborhood agreed to a practice field, not a money-making venue. Please enforce the original agreed to master plan while this proposal wines through our decision making process. I would also suggest waiting to finalize this issue until this spring's alder election is completed  
Thank you. Paul Mueller


Sent from my iPhone

**From:** yvette jones <yvettedesigncraft@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 01, 2019 11:23 AM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen; Stouder, Heather; Parks, Timothy  
**Subject:** No to Edgewood's Stadium

As a 35-year resident of West Lawn Avenue I am alarmed by the proposed stadium. The noise, lighting and traffic will impact this neighborhood negatively. We deserve a quiet, residential neighborhood and shouldn't be subjected to Edgewood's continued demands for expansion.

Thank you  
Yvette Jones

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Yvette Jones  


**From:** Michael Oliva <mgoliva@wisc.edu>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 01, 2019 12:01 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Edgewood master

Hello Mr Arntsen,

I am writing to provide my opinions regarding the Edgewood proposed amendments to their master plan as part of the public hearing process.

I do not believe that the proposal should be accepted unless Edgewood is willing to recognize certain limiting provisions as a compromise with the strong neighborhood opposition to the stadium, lighting and amplified sound system. I would support the proposal if Edgewood was willing to specifically limit the use of nighttime lighting to a fixed number of sports events, such as 10 sports games, and limit the use of an amplified sound PA system to only sports events with attendance over 200 spectators.

Edgewood and their public relations consultants appear to be quite duplicitous in publishing misleading public information regarding their proposal. Three primary items lead one to doubt Edgewood's veracity:

1.) Edgewood claims that the stadium may create average sound in the area that that would measure in the 60 decibel range. Their statement to that effect is incredibly misleading. An "average" sound level is meaningless. If you were to stand at the Dane County Airport and measure sound for an hour you would find a similar "average" sound level in the 60 decibels range, but for that 45 seconds when a military fighter jet takes off from the runway the "peak" sound level would reach a disturbing 90 decibel range. It is that peak sound that affects humans, not an "average".

2.) The number of events described by Edgewood at the large Fall public neighborhood information meeting varied between 8 and 24 at different times, but I understand Edgewood is requesting an amendment allowing as many as 40 events. Clearly Edgewood gave the participants at the meeting false information. Since Edgewood is already in violation of their previous master plan that included improvements to the sports facility for "a practice field" that is now being used for competitive sports events, can the City trust Edgewood to limit the number of future events?

3.) Though Edgewood held a large public neighborhood information meeting this Fall at which the majority of neighborhood speakers opposed various aspects of their proposal, Edgewood appears to have ignored those comments and refused any compromise. The publicity items Edgewood has been sending out regarding the stadium provide the impression that Edgewood always works with the neighborhood in their decisions.

As a U.W. engineering faculty member I have measured sound levels, been involved in research regarding the impacts of sound, have published research results, and have acted as an engineering consultant on the impact of construction sound on the U.W. Hospital and research facilities. From that work I am very familiar with the impact of sound on humans as well as primates and rodents. Citing average sound levels, rather than peaks, is a completely unprofessional and misleading conduct in Edgewood's description of the stadium's impact.

The stadium will sit in the middle of an attractive and lively city neighborhood. The neighborhood residential taxpayers and Monroe Street business property owners contribute financial support for Madison's government, city infrastructure, and public education. Their opinions on neighborhood events should be closely considered. Will Edgewood's proposed stadium and systems provide its share of financial support to the city if the amendment to their master plan is approved?

Michael Oliva  
2446 Commonwealth Ave.  
Madison

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Pat Williams <pat.patwilliams@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 01, 2019 1:25 PM  
**To:** Stouder, Heather; Parks, Timothy; Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Opposition to Amendment of Edgewood's Master Plan

I purchased my home in 1982 on Keyes Avenue, a few blocks from The Edgewood campus. Part of the reason for choosing this house was that the neighborhood was quiet, with good public schools, and bordering Lake Wingra and Vilas Park.

I strongly oppose Edgewood's proposed amendment to their Master Plan. It is my understanding that our Interim Alderman Allen Arntsen (who does not live in the neighborhood) believes that noise is "part of living in a city." I disagree. There is a reason for Madison's noise regulations. Edgewood needs to recognize that the need for quiet is "part of being situated in a residential neighborhood." It appears that Alderman Arntsen prioritizes Edgewood's needs for bleachers, lights and sounds in their athletic program over the desires and needs of the neighborhood.

Alderman Arntsen states that "Edgewood's amendment sets forth technical information as to its proposed light and sound system that will limit the impact on neighbors and surrounding natural areas." However, the Concerned Engineers in the Edgewood's Neighborhood make a compelling case that Edgewood has misrepresented the impact that the proposed stadium will have on the neighborhood. The Concerned Engineers group have outlined facts on noise levels and lights based on actual measurements that contradict Edgewood's claims. Is this something that can be ignored and only rely on Edgewood's claims? I think not.

Edgewood's argument that their proposed athletic complex will serve as a community-wide asset for greater Madison. That is questionable. Only a fraction of the school's enrollment comes from the neighborhood and nearly half of the student population is from outside Madison city limits. Neither West nor East High Schools have attached stadiums, they have a City of Madison large student population, and the students are from the neighborhood. My daughter went to West. The lack of a stadium didn't affected her high school experience. Nor should it for Edgewood.

I understand that Edgewood has already violated the noise levels which has had a negative impact on the neighborhood. My understanding is that on November 20, 2018 the city's building inspection division issued a letter informing Edgewood that they would be receiving a formal notice of violation for this non-conforming activity unless their master plan was amended. There is a lack of trust in Edgewood.

In a 2015 Wisconsin State Journal article, Edgewood High School President Mike Elliot was quoted as saying that the neighborhood has been "vehemently opposed to us having lights or playing games here" and that what was being built then was for outdoor practices. That was the intent of the Master Plan and it should remain as a practice only field with no lights or a sound system.

Patricia Williams  
1916 Keyes Ave  
Madison, WI 53711

Sent from my iPad

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Leif Mogensen <leifmogensen@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 01, 2019 1:27 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Edgewood Stadium

Dear Allen,

Please support the Edgewood Stadium project.  
Don't let the NIMBYS crush progress

Sincerely,  
Leif Mogensen  
1912 Adams St.

Sent from my Galaxy Tab® E

**From:** Tracy Simonson <tracysimonson@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 01, 2019 1:55 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Edgewood Stadium

Alder Arnsten:

We are writing to express our opposition to the proposed amendment to the Master Plan to allow Edgewood High School to construct a stadium with lights, amplified sound and expanded seating.

We have lived on Edgewood Ave (across from the Edgewood academic campus) for 14 years. We feel lucky to be part of a vibrant urban community. Although there are many drawbacks to living on Monroe Street (houses very close to each other, limited street parking, increased traffic, noise), we have always thought of these as part of the price for living here. In the time we have lived here, the density of the area has increased. A number of buildings have been torn down and replaced with mixed-use buildings each including several apartments. We have seen an increase in traffic and parking issues as a result. We are concerned that expanding Edgewood's stadium to host up to 40 events of up to 1000 spectators will add increased traffic in an area that is already congested. Although Edgewood has argued that they have ample parking for spectators and there will be no additional traffic, this defies simple logic. Currently, cars from the Edgewood campus routinely park in front of our house – this is before the increased spectators that would come from a new stadium.

Although we understand your effort in negotiating a compromise (only five evening football games and no increased daytime use), Edgewood has proved in the past that they are not honorable in keeping their promises. When the fields were originally upgraded, Edgewood was clear that the fields would only be used for practice and that they understood the neighborhood's opposition to lighting and sound amplification. Now, four years later they are asking to add lighting and sound. In fact, they currently aren't following the agreement they made in the Master Plan and are hosting games as well as renting it to outside customers. Although Edgewood has couched their request in terms of being able to have their football teams play on a home field, this is not completely honest. Hosting up to 40 events makes the stadium a revenue generating venue with little to no benefits to the neighborhood or city. No tax revenue will be generated, and a majority of students come from outside the city of Madison.

As residents of the Monroe Street neighborhood, we reap the benefits of living in an urban area. We also understand that living in densely populated area requires us to make accommodations so as to be good neighbors. Edgewood needs to understand this as well. The construction of this stadium is in clear violation to this.

Tracy and Martin Simonson

715 Edgewood Ave

**From:** Allen W. Clark <allenw.clark@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 01, 2019 5:18 PM  
**To:** Stouder, Heather; Parks, Timothy; Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Edgewood Stadium  
**Attachments:** Engineering Survey.pdf

Heather Stouder, Tim Parks, & Allen Arntsen,

At last we have real data about the consequences of the proposed Edgewood stadium.

Living in the 2500 block of Gregory, we were not initially that concerned, for ourselves, about the noise pollution from the proposed stadium. NOW WE ARE! As you can see from the attached, we will be adversely affected, let alone the retched direct neighbors to the stadium.

Our initial concern was about parking pollution. That very much remains. During home Badger games, our block of Gregory Street is jammed from end to end. The fans from those cars park for free and use the bike path to walk to Camp Randall.

The bland assertion by the Edgewood administration that they will have adequate parking is nonsense. Do you imagine that parking will be free? Who is kidding whom? Instead, their fans will use our street and other neighborhood streets for free parking.

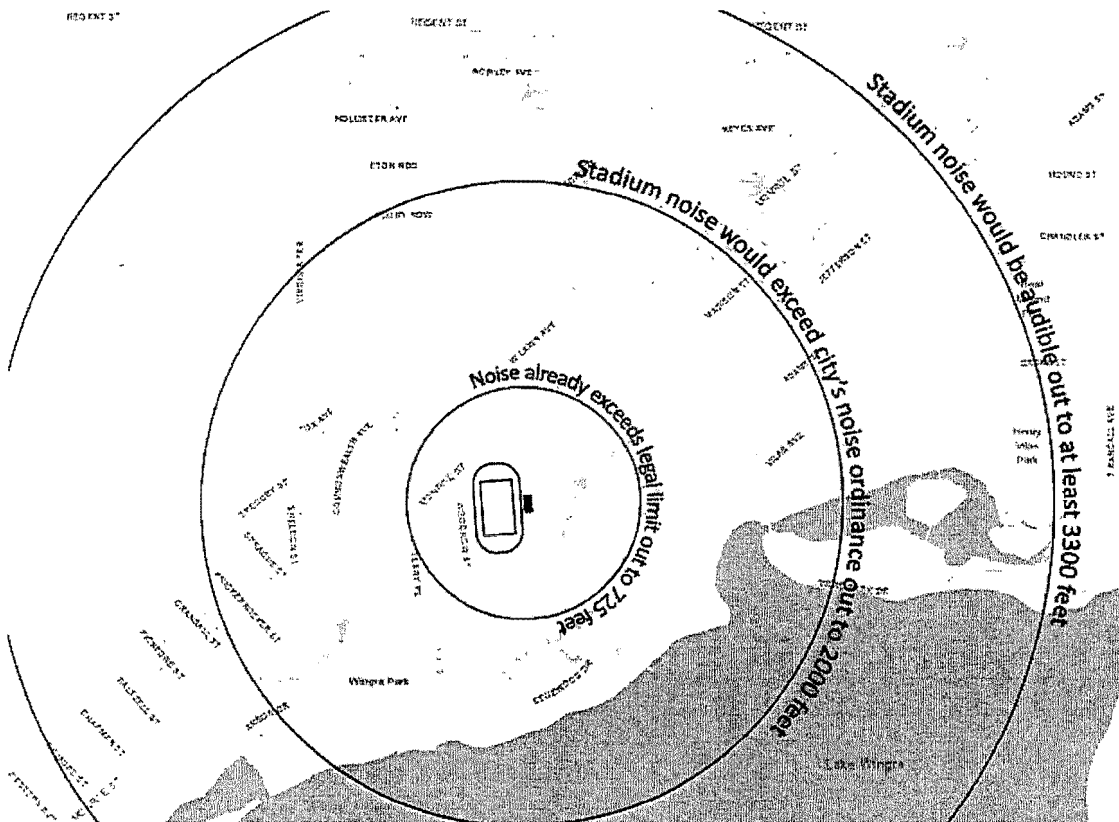
This stadium is not acceptable. It is a violation of previous agreements between Edgewood and the adjacent neighborhoods. You must deny Edgewood permission for this stadium.

Respectfully,  
Allen & Ann Clark  
2525 Gregory Street



# Protect your neighborhood!

You may have received a mailing from Edgewood High School, trying to convince you that their proposed stadium will have a minimal impact on the neighborhood  
 Edgewood High School has misrepresented many facts about their proposal – they are not telling the truth to you or to the city.



- Noise levels would regularly exceed 80 dBA for homes on Woodrow, Monroe, Terry, and West Lawn
- Noise levels would occasionally exceed 90 dBA for events near to the stadium's proposed 1000-seat capacity
- These noise levels would be experienced **inside** people's homes with windows open
- Even with windows shut, noise levels would be so loud as to interfere with conversation
- These noise levels are comparable to being 50 ft from a chainsaw, lawnmower, or tractor-trailer at highway speeds
- Noise levels exceeding 70 dB would affect large areas of the DMNA, Vilas, and Regent neighborhoods
- These noise levels would be loud enough to interfere with spoken conversation and disrupt sleep
- The sky glow from the stadium lights would impact everywhere on this map

**Edgewood High School has gone to great lengths to mislead the community  
 Don't be fooled! If this stadium is built, there is no going back!**

**The time to act is now!**

**Public Comments Due: January 4**

Write or email your opposition to:

Heather Stouder (Planning Division Director)  
 hstouder@cityofmadison.com

Tim Parks (City Planner)  
 tparks@cityofmadison.com

Allen Arntsen (District 13 Interim Alder)  
 district13@cityofmadison.com

and speak up for your neighborhood in person  
 at the Planning Commission meeting:

**Public Hearing: January 14**

City County Building  
 210 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Room 201  
 (attendees will be allowed 3 min testimony)

**Speak up or be drowned out!**

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Concerned Engineers in the Edgewood Neighborhood  
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## Edgewood High School claims “technological improvements” mean their stadium won’t impact neighborhood. Don’t fall for it!

**Claim:** “Sound levels [would be] around 60 dB at adjoining streets”

**Fact:** Noise levels of 69 dBA have **already** been measured at the front door of a neighboring home during a JV game on the practice field with only around 50 fans in attendance and no PA or band. Therefore, simple physics predicts noise levels of about 80 dBA for a crowd of 500. Sound measurements taken during a game at Waunakee with a sub-1000 crowd showed noise levels of 87 decibels. Noise levels will **exceed 80 decibels inside people’s homes on Woodrow, Monroe, Terry, and West Lawn.**

The conditions in Edgewood’s formal proposal to the city set **no** limit on noise levels that they may create. If approved, this proposal would revise Edgewood’s zoning to give them *carte blanche* to generate any level of noise that they please, with no recourse from neighbors or the city.

**Claim:** “Sound levels will meet or exceed all applicable city standards”

**Fact:** The city’s noise regulation prohibits the generation of noise that causes levels in **excess of 65 dBA in neighboring residentially-zoned properties.** Edgewood is **already** violating this and neighbors have complained repeatedly about excessive noise. Edgewood talks about “complying”, while they are really asking **to be exempted from the city’s noise ordinance** – if they were to get this, then “The provisions of [the city’s noise ordinance] shall not apply to... events for which a permit or license is required and obtained”. This would both make their current violations legal and allow them to further increase their noise levels.

**Claim:** “Our new lighting technology prevents sky glow”

**Fact:** There have been no major recent advances in lighting technology that reduce sky glow, and it is widely recognized that sky glow is impossible to eliminate. The City of Madison has had a dark-sky ordinance since 1993, and any stadium lighting installed since then has complied with it – you can look at any lighted stadium in the area and see what it would be like. The sky glow from Breitenbach Stadium at Middleton High School can be seen from 1.5 miles away – at that distance the glow appears brighter than nearby streetlights. Is that what we want over Lake Wingra and the arboretum?

**Claim:** “[Our lighting] meets/exceeds City lighting requirements”

**Fact:** The city only has specific design requirements for lighting in “parking facilities and outdoor merchandising areas”, with only two “General Requirements” that apply to other outdoor lighting. One sets standards for outdoor lighting fixtures with output over 1,000 lumens, which is “equivalent to a single 70-Watt incandescent bulb”, and is completely inadequate for regulating the 4.5 million lumens of stadium light that Edgewood is proposing to install – this would be “equivalent to 315,000 Watts of incandescent light bulbs”. The other sets a limit for “light trespass” that is thousands of times brighter than natural nighttime light levels. Even if they were to comply with that limit, they would be destroying the darkness of the night sky for a large radius around their property.

**Claim:** “Edgewood is committed to adhering to [limits on use] and all of the agreed-upon restrictions will be fully enforceable by the City of Madison”

**Fact:** Edgewood has been routinely violating the legal zoning of their property since immediately after their Campus/Institutional Master Plan was approved. They have been using an area that is formally zoned for “team practices” and “physical education classes” to conduct varsity games as well as renting it to outside customers. The zoning language was not an oversight – it was an agreement negotiated between Edgewood, surrounding neighborhoods, and the city, and has the force of law. Edgewood is aware that their current use is non-conforming, but it has been an on-going issue that has had a negative impact on the neighborhood, subjecting neighbors to noise levels in violation of city regulations. On November 20, the city’s building inspection division issued a letter informing Edgewood that they would be receiving a formal notice of violation for this non-conforming activity unless their master plan was amended.

Edgewood High School has shown blatant disregard for city zoning law and agreements that they’ve made with the city and the surrounding neighborhoods. How can neighbors trust anything that Edgewood claims when they so flagrantly break the law already?

**Claim:** “It’s only 5/18/26/27/40 nights a year!”

**Fact:** Edgewood’s formal amendment requests that lights be permitted for up to 40 games per year, plus unlimited practices. They are setting no conditions or limits on the number of games or outside events at which amplified audio would be permitted. The “compromise” proposed by the alder appointed for our district by the city would limit the use of lights to five football games, but still allow Edgewood unlimited use of amplified audio at other times, and permanently allow Edgewood to continue what they are currently getting away with by violating their zoning.

**Claim:** “Edgewood hosted neighborhood listening sessions to share our ideas and gather feedback. Those sessions helped identify... areas that we have specifically addressed as we move through the process”.

**Fact:** This is half-true. They did host neighborhood meetings and issued various press releases and other documents, but have done nothing to actually address the core neighborhood concerns about stadium lights, amplified sound, and crowd noise. The process has been characterized by Edgewood telling us their intentions, neighbors expressing their concerns and objections, and Edgewood dismissing those concerns as overblown or irrelevant and saying that they’re going to do it anyway. This does not demonstrate “a commitment to positive neighborhood relations” – it is demonstrative of an attitude of entitlement that has generated an enormous amount of discord and distrust in the neighborhood.

In a 2015 Wisconsin State Journal article, Edgewood High School President Mike Elliott was quoted as saying that their project to resurface the practice field ‘has received the support of area neighborhood groups that have balked in the past at the idea of turning the facility into a competition site for Edgewood’s many athletic programs’, and acknowledging that “We’re between two neighborhood associations. They have been **vehemently opposed** to us having lights or playing games here. We’re really building this to be able to give our athletes the practice facilities that provide the best surfaces possible and to expand the amount of outdoor practices we can hold especially in the spring.”

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** jcg186@charter.net  
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**To:** Stouder, Heather; 'ajstatz2@madison.k12.wi.us'; 'bacantrell@charter.net'; 'jpolewski@charter.net'; 'jshagenow@yahoo.com'; 'ken.opin@gmail.com'; Zellers, Ledell; 'melissaberger2@gmail.com'; 'hiwayman@chorus.net'; Carter, Sheri; King, J Steven  
**Cc:** 'josh.napravnik@gmail.com'; 'josh.napravnik@gmail.com'; 'fieldsrac@gmail.com'; Baldeh, Samba; Arntsen, Allen; Soglin, Paul  
**Subject:** Letter from Josh Gettle regarding Edgewood stadium proposal  
**Attachments:** Letter to Madison planning board - Josh Gettle.pdf

Madison Planning Board,

Please see my attached letter regarding the Edgewood's Stadium Proposal - Happy to discuss.

Thank you

Josh Gettle

2356 West Lawn Ave

Madison WI 53711

To: Madison Planning Board  
From: Joshua Gettle – 2356 West Lawn Ave, Madison WI 53711  
Subject: Edgewood Stadium Proposal

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Edgewood is a private non-profit tuition-based school campus that resides in the Dungeon Monroe neighborhood ([www.dmnna.org](http://www.dmnna.org)). I attended multiple meetings for the proposed Edgewood Stadium with my neighbors and Edgewood. Edgewood wants to have a permanent stadium playing field immediately adjacent to its neighbors on Woodrow and Monroe Streets in Madison. You must see the “practice field” location to truly appreciate what they are proposing to visualize the effect a permanent stadium will have on the Dudgeon Monroe neighborhood.

Personally, I believe you should be able to do whatever you want to do on your own property as long as it is not to the detriment of your neighbors. For example, I may want to divert rain water away from my house to prevent flooding in my basement, but I should not be able to divert my rainwater downspouts to my neighbor's house and routinely flood their basement. Edgewood is proposing to do something very similar to the analogy above. My concerns about crowd noise, lighting and parking are below.

I have heard everything from the stadium will only be used for the High School Football team for a few games at night; to it will be used for 40 night games for various events; to it would be a great asset for the neighborhood and benefits many other organizations in Madison. I have a hard time believing that this stadium is only going to be used by the Edgewood High School which is why in the past I have asked the question concerning the number of events projected. Edgewood is going to want to maximize the return on the investment of this privately held asset.

I am very concerned about crowd noise. If we get lost in the technical solution provided in the presentation, it is easy to lose sight of the human impact (e.g. a crowd cheering for their team). It can be a vicious cycle of cheers of joy supporting your team when you are winning or being the “twelfth man” trying to prevent from your opponent's team from being able to communicate. The average volume provided in the presentation (average over duration) is not a good representation of what my neighbors are going to experience from peak noise levels. If this is allowed to move forward, crowd noise is not enforceable, and the community residents will have to live with noise. This will have serious effects on my neighbors to the point I fear we will not be able to enjoy our residential properties, so this private, tuition-based institution can have a stadium in our neighborhood. We should be allowed to make enhancements to our properties, but not when they are to the detriment of our neighbors.

Personally, I do not want to see this neighborhood change. We chose this neighborhood because we recognized it was special. We do not want the noise and light pollution and other challenges the stadium is going to bring. Edgewood's presentation was for 30 fc based on what they received from the group trying to sell them the solution. We saw members of the sales team once, and they were more Account Executives than engineers who would or could honestly answer questions when challenged on what was presented. Edgewood's presentation was modeled for 30 fc of lighting.

I am disappointed there was not verification of the study provided to Edgewood to certify the results and assumptions made by the sales team trying to make the sale. The sales team is selling a solution and will assure Edgewood it will work for their application. Edgewood will implement the solution, and when it does not work as projected. Edgewood will request

additional changes that will invalidate what Edgewood presents to you and will continue to negatively impact its neighbors. For example, Edgewood will cite something like student athlete safety requiring the light illumination level to be raised to a higher value (50 fc is the NCAA recommendation). I do not want to see anyone get hurt due to poor lighting on the field because Edgewood decided to believe what is was presented.

I am also concerned about parking based what is proposed. Edgewood would like us to believe parking will not be a problem because they have sufficient parking stalls based on their estimates, but once people who are not local to the Dudgeon Monroe community figure out that it is faster for them to park in our neighborhood and walk to the stadium, they will park in our neighborhood, and they will walk to avoid parking on Edgewood campus and the associated traffic issues to them when they try to either get to a game or leave from a game. There is a reason we have 2-hour enforceable parking limits without a residential permit during the day on our streets near Edgewood's campus.

Finally, a point was made concerning what happens to property values if this moves forward. We have something special here today. Once it is gone, it is gone forever and there is no turning back. I firmly believe if this change is allowed to move forward what makes our neighborhood special will be gone. As a result, I believe property values will decline because of the negative effects presented, noise, parking, lighting, etc. The neighborhood will become a less sought location for families and the result is property values will decline. Who is left to absorb the financial impact when the revenue generating property taxes for the Dudgeon Monroe neighborhood public school drop?

It would be financially irresponsible for Edgewood to invest additional funds to the existing "practice field" to see what the impact would be to neighborhood. Based on what the existing practice field looks like today they may have already been financially irresponsible, or maybe they always had the intention to have a permanent stadium in Dudgeon Monroe even though this was not what was presented in its 10-year plan. Perhaps this was always the plan despite the damage Edgewood would cause to their neighbors. It is impossible for me to know what is in the hearts and minds of the people behind Edgewood, but it does not feel like they are living to up to their values.

Based on past their past performance with promises made (e.g. practice field used for games), Edgewood cannot be trusted to implement a solution that will not create problems for its neighbors. There are other places not in this peaceful, treasured, densely populated residential community where this private tuition-based institution can have a sports facility that would not be immediately adjacent to a dense residential community. We have something special here. Once it is gone, it is gone forever. Please vote no on the Edgewood stadium proposal.

I am disappointed I will not be able to attend the planning commission meeting personally. I will be out of state due to military commitments.

Thank you for your attention to my concerns,



Joshua Gettle  
2356 West Lawn Ave

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Lisa Burdulis <lburdulis@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 01, 2019 9:55 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** No Stadium Please!

My husband and I vote no stadium please!  
Thank you, Lisa Burdulis and Steve Sadoff

**From:** Mary Jones <mvjones@wisc.edu>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 01, 2019 3:58 PM  
**To:** Stouder, Heather; Parks, Timothy; Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** please no new stadium

When my husband and I moved into a house a block away from Edgewood the college was a small girls collage. Most of the students lived in the dormitory. There was also an elementary school and high school both with limited enrollment.

Now that the college has expanded and has taken in day students our street is parked full of cars on both sides so much so that at times we can hardly get out of our driveways and emergency vehicles can barely get through.

If the high school has a stadium the street will be parked full day and night bringing more noise and commotion. The truth is that Edgewood has become too big for the community. No new stadium please.

Mary V.H. Jones

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Rob Williamson <iijwsr@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 02, 2019 7:14 AM  
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**Subject:** Opposition to changes to master plan enabling build of Edgewood stadium with lighting and sound

Mayor Soglin, President Baldeh, Alder Arntsen, Ms. Fields, Mr. Napravnik, Ms. Stouder, Mr. Parks, and members of the city planning commission,

In anticipation of the forthcoming public hearing, I am writing to reinforce my strong opposition to Edgewood's proposal to build a stadium and associated infrastructure.

Edgewood High School, embedded in our community, adjacent to hundreds of homes, dozens of businesses, and one block away from Wingra Park, is not a compatible location for a stadium with amplified sound and lighting system. I live a few blocks away and our neighborhood will be significantly affected by the noise and lighting emanating from the proposed stadium.

When stadiums like this are built in new "green field" communities, they are part of an wholistic and specifically-designed community plan, which would include appropriate buffer distances and land zoning to accommodate the noise and light pollution from the stadium in relation to residences and businesses. Edgewood is in an established, century-old neighborhood with no possibility for light or sound buffer zones or other natural barriers to enable the stadium to coexist peacefully with residences.

The master plan that was put into place many decades ago carefully considered how to successfully integrate a high school and college campus within the residential Monroe Street neighborhood. This document and the community growth plans derived from it have benefitted both Edgewood and the surrounding community, resulting in improved quality of life for residents and those attending Edgewood College and High School. It has also resulted in continued positive financial growth as reflected by the wealth in increased property values and tax revenue that benefits the city.

Edgewood has proposed a fundamental change to the master plan to enable them to build a facility that is larger, louder, and more disruptive to the community than anything previously proposed. Nothing fundamental has changed in the neighborhood structure, community, or circumstances that warrant a change to a foundational document that has proven successful in guiding decades of community growth and change.

What has changed is that Edgewood College and High School has a strong desire and substantial private funding to build a structure and related systems that are fundamentally incompatible with the location and structure of the campus within a close residential community.

Students and families of Edgewood are the sole beneficiaries of this change and are the ones providing the funding for it. Those who attend Edgewood and benefit from the project are in large part not from the surrounding community but from Madison suburbs. Those who benefit from the stadium will not suffer its negative consequences.

Backed with substantial private funding, Edgewood has launched a publicity campaign attempting to diminish the perceived impact of the stadium, lighting, and sound on the community. The assertions made in their literature are highly misleading and are not backed by scientific fact. The stadium is immediately adjacent to neighborhood residents whose lives will be regularly and uninvitedly interrupted by the visual impact of 4.5 million lumens of light and sound levels exceeding 80 dBA inside their private homes.

The proposed stadium and related infrastructure are simply not compatible with the neighborhood and will have substantial negative impact on the quality of life of its residents, businesses, and parks and diminish residential property values.

I urge you all to oppose the Edgewood stadium proposal and any changes to the master plan.

Thank you,



Rob

Robert S. Williamson III, Ph.D.  
2730 Gregory Street  
Madison, WI

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**From:** Alejandra Huneus <januka@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 02, 2019 8:15 AM  
**Subject:** Opposition to Edgewood HS stadium

Greetings,

I live in the Vilas neighborhood and write to express my concern over the proposed Edgewood stadium project. I oppose the project due to the noise and light pollution it would create in our neighborhood, affecting also the Wingra Lake environment. The project also comes at a time when we know that football is a dangerous sport, creating lasting damage to many young players. It does not seem a good time to invest in the sport, until we figure out how to make it safe.

Please vote against this project.

Sincerely,  
Alexandra Huneus, 2001 Jefferson St.

**From:** kim barovic <butterball102@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 02, 2019 9:43 AM  
**To:** Stouder, Heather; Parks, Timothy; Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Edgewood High School Stadium

Hello,

I live at 2112 Madison St. and have lived in this neighborhood for almost 30 years. Edgewood cancelled Edgefest because of noise complaints. A stadium would be both noisier and more frequent than Edgefest was.

When Ken Kopp wanted to sell his parcel to Walgreens, the neighborhood rallied to quash that plan. This is a neighborhood of action. We have been pro-active when plans threaten the peace and well-being of our environment.

As you can see, signs of opposition have multiplied via the red yard signs opposing the stadium. Edgewood High School needs to be a good neighbor. The school does not NEED a stadium. Just because they can afford it doesn't mean it's a good idea. We do not need or want more noise, lights, or car traffic around here. The impact of Badger home games is intense. I want less, not more, especially in the name of football.

Please be responsive to the neighborhood reaction against this plan.

Thank you,  
Kim Barovic

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**From:** kathy gerhardt <k\_gerhardt@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 02, 2019 10:02 AM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** edgewood stadium

Dear Allen,

I live at 1518 Drake Street and as a nurse I get overwhelmed every time there is a UW football game by noise pollution/game announcements. I am not a fan of a sport that causes irreversible brain injury. Football is a game of the past and the sooner we realize that the more money/brains we can save. Property values will decline. I think rather than invest in such destruction we could invest in our community environmental issues so we have clean air and water, the basics of life. This stadium would destroy the peace and quiet of this neighborhood. The owls will leave. The stars will not be visible in the night sky. Property values will decline. People have already put up their for sale signs to get out before the stadium gets built. This is not a step forward. This is a mistake we won't be able to undo. Please vote no for the stadium at Edgewood. And while you are at it, ask that the volume of the UW game announcements be lowered so I don't have to listen to the game inside my house with the windows closed. Thanks you, Kathy Gerhardt

**From:** Sally Lehner <sa\_lehner@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 02, 2019 10:44 AM  
**To:** Parks, Timothy; Stouder, Heather  
**Cc:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** No New Stadium

Dear Mr. Parks and Ms. Stouder:

As a Vilas Neighborhood resident, I am writing to ask that you oppose the Edgewood Stadium Proposal. The proposed stadium is not a compatible use with the existing and established surrounding neighborhoods.

The benefit from having the stadium is outweighed by the negative health impacts it will have on the surrounding neighborhood due to light and noise pollution. Noise and artificial light pollution has been shown to negatively affect health, increasing risks for obesity, depression, sleep disorders, diabetes, breast cancer, hyper-activity in children and more. The impacts are especially acute for vulnerable groups.

If approved, amplified sound and noise from the new stadium will be heard inside peoples homes on a regular basis, preventing families from enjoying the peace and quite of their own home. It will also disrupt sleep, especially for children who generally go to bed much earlier than 9pm--the time I've seen proposed for games ending.

The sky glow from the stadium will also impact a much broader area of our community, and it is well-established that artificial light exposure has been shown to negatively impact both humans and wildlife. Not only will those living in the neighborhood be subjected to an significantly brighter sky at night and the scientifically proven negative health impacts associated with that, but our city's treasured arboretum and it's wildlife will be negatively impacted as well.

Further, it is my understanding that if the noise and light levels exceed projections, there is little or no recourse. This is especially concerning because Edgewood is already violating and showing blatant disregard for currently applicable zoning laws, disrupting neighbors. As recently as November 20, 2018, they were issued a warning for non-conforming activity.

Edgewood told us in 2015 that they were building the field to give their athletes practice facilities with the best surfaces possible. This is a compatible use, and should be the one that continues--not a new stadium.

Sincerely,  
Sally Lehner

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**From:** Fred Rouse <fred@rousemgmt.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 02, 2019 10:57 AM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Edgewood High School Goodman Athletics Complex

General Information

Name: Fred Rouse  
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State: WI  
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Work Phone: [REDACTED]  
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Should we contact you?: Yes

Message:

Dear Alder Arntsen:

I am writing to let you know that I would like to register in support of the upgrades to the Edgewood High School Goodman Athletics Complex.

It is my sincere hope that you will support these upgrades as well.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss my position please email or call me.

Sincerely,  
Fred Rouse

Recipient:  
Allen A. Arntsen

**From:** David Seth Gevers <dsgevers@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 02, 2019 11:43 AM  
**To:** Parks, Timothy; Stouder, Heather; Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** NO NEW STADIUM

Dear Alder Arntsen:

I am writing to you to strongly oppose the new stadium at Edgewood. As a Vilas Neighborhood resident, I am very concerned about the negative health impacts it will have on the surrounding neighborhood due to light and noise pollution. Noise and artificial light pollution has been shown to negatively affect health, increasing risks for obesity, depression, sleep disorders, diabetes, breast cancer, and hyper-activity in children. Amplified sound and noise from the new stadium will be heard inside peoples homes on a regular basis, preventing families from enjoying the peace and quite of their own home. It will also disrupt sleep, especially for children who generally go to bed much earlier than 9pm! The sky glow from the stadium will also impact a much broader area of our community adding to the light pollution problem we are currently having in the area.

Thank you,  
David Gevers



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**From:** Ginnie Bessert <bessertvirginiak@charter.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 02, 2019 12:09 PM  
**To:** Stouder, Heather; Parks, Timothy; Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** No Edgewood stadium!

I ask you to oppose Edgewood's proposal to build a new stadium. Edgewood should be required to adhere to the previously agreed to plan and to all City rules and regulations.

Entire neighborhoods should not be subjected to light, noise, and traffic pollution so a few kids can play football.

This is a long established section of the city and a very poor place to add an athletic stadium with public address system and lights.

Virginia K. Bessert  
1929 Regent St.  
Madison, Wis. 53726

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**From:** Amy Kinast <kinastwrites@charter.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 02, 2019 12:13 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Edgewood Stadium

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Should we contact you?: Yes

Message:

Hi Madison Alders,  
I am opposed to Edgewood Stadium. Football is antiquated sport that harms athletes. Do not promote it! Maybe Edgewood could rethink their sports program and come up with a commensurately less impactful proposal all-around.  
-Amy Kinast of Spring Harbor Neighborhood

Recipient:  
All Alders

**From:** Rima Apple <rdapple@wisc.edu>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 02, 2019 12:29 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Edgewood High School proposal

Alder Allen Arntsen:

I am writing to let you know of my opposition to the proposed Edgewood stadium expansion. I don't mean to sound "nimby" but .... The neighborhood has seen extensive expansion of the Edgewood campus over the recent past. This proposal will have a disastrous effect on the neighborhood. I am not confident about the Edgewood's claims about the noise level and the light pollution. Given the cost of the stadium, I find it unlikely that Edgewood would actually limit its use to only a few days a year.

Thank you for your attention to my concerns.

Rima Apple  
2013 Madison Street

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**From:** Barb Sanford <barbsanford@charter.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 02, 2019 1:06 PM  
**Subject:** Edgewood High School stadium

TO: Madison Plan Commission members  
FROM: Barb Sanford, 1211 Garfield St

As a past president of the Vilas Neighborhood Association and longtime Madison resident, I am deeply concerned about Edgewood High School's proposal to build an athletic stadium on the Edgewood campus and urge you to vote against this proposal at your upcoming meeting. My specific concerns are as follows.


- The proposed project does not conform to the Monroe Street Commercial District Plan and master plan agreed upon by Edgewood.
- The excessive noise and light levels at athletic events will negatively impact the residents on neighboring streets, the nearby Park and Pleasure Drive, the Arboretum and Lake Wingra.
- The increased traffic resulting from these events will negatively impact Monroe Street and the adjacent neighborhoods.
- Edgewood High School is a private institution that does not contribute to the city's tax base. Nor do a majority of its students reside in the adjacent Vilas, Dudgeon Monroe or Regent neighborhoods.

I feel that the Vilas Neighborhood Association Council's vote in favor of this project did not take into account its members' widespread opposition to it and thus did not properly represent its membership. Likewise, Alder Arntsen's positive vote did not reflect the will of his constituents.

Through the years, our neighborhood association has worked closely with Edgewood in ensuring that its campus plan is acceptable to both the school and neighborhood. The relationship has been a good one. It is only now that I feel that their proposal exceeds acceptable guidelines and is injurious to the quality of life in our neighborhood and city.

I trust that you will take citizens' views into account and vote against this proposal. Thank you for the good work you do on our behalf.

Barbara Sanford Editorial LLC  
Barb Sanford  
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Madison WI 53711

  
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**From:** Jen Roth <jlrothmadison@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 02, 2019 1:07 PM  
**To:** Stouder, Heather; Parks, Timothy  
**Cc:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Opposed to new Edgewood stadium

I add my voice to the chorus expressing opposition to the proposed new Edgewood High School stadium. Thank you for considering my opinion.

Through various public platforms — including articles and letters in the WSJ, the “nonewstadium” web site, the DMNA position paper — the negative impacts of the project have been effectively articulated:

- \* Amplified sound, as well as crowd noise, will disturb the peace of neighborhood residents and visitors enjoying the beautiful Wingra lake, park and paths;
- \* Light pollution will affect every creature (human and non-human) in the vicinity, including across the lake;
- \* Traffic to and from the games will clog Monroe Street; drivers wanting to avoid waits and fees at Edgewood lots will take spaces on side streets.

Another impact is aesthetic: the tall poles supporting the light fixtures will be an eyesore, not only during night games, but at all times.

Stadium sound, lighting and crowds will surely also impact other activities at Edgewood — music and theatre events, lectures, library study.

I don't believe that EHS has adequately addressed these concerns, nor made a winning argument for the necessity of a new stadium. Take for instance the issue of commuting to games. If the majority of EHS students do not actually live near the school, as I understand is the case, they will have to drive to the school for games. How is this an improvement over the status quo, where they have to commute to a stadium elsewhere?

To significantly and permanently alter the quality of life of a community and environment is a serious matter, as all stakeholders agree. But if this decision were put to a vote, it seems to me that priority should be given to those most directly and routinely affected — nearby residents and businesses, and those who spend time at Wingra park and lake.

And what about the Wingra wildlife? Too bad they can't have a say in the debate.

Thanks for reading my comments.

Jen Roth  
Madison, WI

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Dave Borski <dborski11@att.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 02, 2019 1:24 PM  
**To:** Parks, Timothy; Stouder, Heather; Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Edgewood stadium

I live at 1628 Jefferson Street and I am in favor of the Edgewood stadium.

I have recently received a hysterical piece of propaganda in the mail from the "no New stadium" folks.

It is laden with false information and meant to frighten people.

Sure, there will be more noise and congestion, but I think it just adds to the vibrancy of the neighborhood.

Living 2 blocks from Camp Randall, I have never been unable to carry on a conversation because of stadium noise. It is just bunk.

Pretty soon they will be saying that it is negatively affecting the animals in the zoo.

Let Edgewood have the stadium.

Perhaps some neighborhood activities could happen there.

Janice Busse Borski

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Ruth Mueller <ruthgutowski@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 02, 2019 2:07 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Edgewood Athletic Field

General Information

Name: Ruth Mueller  
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City: Madison  
State: WI  
ZIP: 53711  
Phone: [REDACTED]  
Work Phone: [REDACTED]  
Email: ruthgutowski@aol.com  
Should we contact you?: Yes

Message:

Hi Alder Arntsen, we live on Monroe Street and we support the proposed changes to the Edgewood High School Athletic Field. In fact, we live on Monroe Street so that my daughter could attend Edgewood and so that we could be involved with all the other great things that the neighborhood offers. We understand that living in the city includes athletic events, we understand that the UW Stadium and all the affiliated events can be noisy and inconvenient, but we embrace the community. Honestly, I find it a challenge to understand why anyone would argue this issue since the area is so close to the UW Stadium and the Edgewood Football Games and other events will pail in comparison to the UW Weekend events. Edgewood schools have been at this location for a very long time and games can bring even more success to an already vibrant neighborhood.

Please know that we support and treasure the present and future value of this neighborhood and thus vote a strong yes in support of the Edgewood High School plans to build a football stadium to host football games and other varsity events.

Sincerely,  
Ruth Mueller

Recipient:  
Allen A. Arntsen

**From:** Jeanette F <jetbrey@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 02, 2019 2:25 PM  
**To:** Parks, Timothy; Stouder, Heather; Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Edgewood stadium

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed stadium at Edgewood. The neighborhood would be poorly impacted by the stadium, and in my opinion, a neighborhood is much more important than any sports program. Edgewood has proved itself a poor neighbor winter after winter by clearing their parking lots of ice and snow while neglecting their sidewalks. I can't believe they'd be any better at following through on the promises they've made to the neighborhood regarding the stadium.

Thanks for listening.

Jeanette Froehle



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**From:** Gail <gail\_glasser@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 02, 2019 5:02 PM  
**To:** Stouder, Heather; Arntsen, Allen; Parks, Timothy  
**Subject:** Comment on Edgewood Proposal—Opposition

I've lived at 2265 Fox Avenue for 44 years, and in my view Edgewood has ordinarily been a good and participating part of the area, both in relations with the neighborhood associations and in principle. It now seems to have abandoned such principle and practices. It's hard to understand how Edgewood can persist in such an inflated plan and such belligerent response to neighborhood concerns, including concerns for Lake Wingra.

Gail Glasser

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** james macdonald <fschmert@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 02, 2019 5:13 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Edgewood stadium

Allen Arntsen

I live at the corner of Edgewood and Vilas Avenues and have lived at this location for 75 years. The new stadium will be within 2000 feet of my house.

I am opposed to the building of the new stadium at Edgewood. I object to the noise but I will suffer less from the noise than the parking pressure and the dramatic increase in auto traffic. The lights from the stadium will have a major negative impact on the night time use of Vilas Park, Lake Wingra, and the UW Arboretum. The effects of this new stadium will reduce the calm neighborliness of this area and negate the very reason we chose to live here. As a former member of the Madison Park Commission, I strongly object to the building of this new stadium

Betty N MacDonald

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**From:** Doug <draubal@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 02, 2019 6:38 PM  
**To:** Bidar-Sielaff, Shiva; Arntsen, Allen; Stouder, Heather; Parks, Timothy  
**Subject:** Edgewood Stadium

I am a resident of District 5 (Rowley Avenue). I am writing in opposition to the proposed stadium expansion at Edgewood High School. After having studied the matter and listened to the stances of the projects opponents and proponents, I have found the position of Edgewood High School to have likely misrepresented the extent of impact not only on the immediate neighborhood, but in adjacent areas as well. I am deeply concerned over the long-term impacts on the entirety of the Dudgeon-Monroe, Vilas and Regent neighborhoods. I find the Edgewood position to disingenuous; if this stadium is built, I have no doubt it's use will expand well beyond what is currently represented. Please keep in mind this is a residential neighborhood where people move for the quality of life, the impact will affect literally thousands of residents who didn't bargain for these changes.

Douglas Raubal  
1826 Rowley Ave, Madison, WI 53726

**From:** Matt Stoner Fehsenfeld <dmatthewstoner@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 02, 2019 9:47 PM  
**To:** Stouder, Heather; Parks, Timothy; Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Edgewood Stadium Comments

Hi,

My name is Matt Stoner Fehsenfeld and my wife and I own a house on Terry Place. We are writing to you to express our strong opposition to Edgewood's proposed plan to build a stadium.

We live on the East side of Terry Place at 815 and already experience noise from the existing "practice," especially during weekend events when we are in our back yard with our two young kids. While the current levels of noise are not significantly intrusive, the prospect of that noise being much louder, more frequent and in the evenings as well as the day time, is very concerning. Also, I worry evening games would prevent us from having our windows open in the summer, especially with two young kids who go to bed early.

We chose to purchase a house on a dead end street three years ago in part because it is so quiet and peaceful. We regularly eat dinner on our back deck together as a family in the evening to unwind and connect during the warmer months on our back deck. Stadium noise would significantly harm our ability to enjoy this sort of back yard activity and affect our quality of life negatively.

I am also concerned that Edgewood is not planning any additional parking for this new stadium. Our street is completely full of student cars every day there is school at Edgewood and so their claim that their current capacity for parking is sufficient to cover this additional demand does not ring true.

Lastly, I have significant concern about Edgewood's commitment to operating in good faith to respect any limitations on the number or type of events they are allowed to host if a stadium is built. They already host outside groups for games on a regular basis on what is supposed to be a practice field, some of which bring in their own amplified sound systems which we can hear at our house. Barring the creation of a new enforcement mechanism, what would keep Edgewood from once again agreeing to a set of use conditions on the new construction and then violating them once it was complete.

In summary, we as a family are strongly opposed to allowing Edgewood to modify their zoning/master plan and granting them exception to city noise ordinances. We feel that it would hurt our family's quality of life, potentially lower our property value and place too great a burden on our neighborhood with questionable or no offsetting benefit.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Matt and Clare Stoner Fehsenfeld  
815 Terry Place

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**From:** Carol Mitchell <carol\_l\_mitchell@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 02, 2019 10:10 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Against Stadium

General Information

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Work Phone:  
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Should we contact you?: Yes

Message:

This is third email in which I protest the proposed Edgewood and urge you to do the same. I have not heard anything that convinces me the addition benefit resident and merchants. I see no benefit. Unlike restaurants and housing that add to the character of the street, the stadium will drive those who are regulars always. The school has already added considerable traffic and congestion more will only devalue our homes.

Recipient:

Allen A. Arntsen

**From:** Jeff Huebner <jeffahuebner@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 02, 2019 10:24 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Cc:** Stouder, Heather; Parks, Timothy  
**Subject:** Edgewood Stadium Support

Dear Mr Arntsen and City of Madison Planning Department:

We're writing to express our support for the Edgewood High School stadium expansion plans. We acknowledge our neighbors' valid concerns, but we know many of our neighbors are supportive of the stadium or neutral, on this issue. The opposition has received more press and made their voices heard with their signs, website, and campaign. We've been heartened to see some more supportive letters to the editor recently in the press.

We know Edgewood to be a wonderful neighbor and vital presence in this neighborhood. We have two kids who are elementary school aged, and likely will attend West High, but we know and appreciate that Edgewood has supported other schools and groups using their facilities. We acknowledge their efforts to mitigate noise and light from the new stadium, and we appreciate that the compromise solution being discussed would limit the number of nights per year that it would be used.

We live in Vilas and experience heavy traffic related to the zoo and Badgers football games. When we moved here from Seattle, we did not realize the impact this growing traffic (especially the zoo) would have in the neighborhood, but we treasure these Madison institutions that enrich our neighborhood, city, and economy. We chose to live in an urban neighborhood, and a high school sports facility certainly seems to be a reasonable part of that fabric. We also are grateful for whatever our city and community can do to expand opportunities for teamwork, sports, and physical fitness.

We wish the energy and resources put into this campaign and debate could be focused on other issues that need attention to continue to make Madison a vibrant community, with an attention to equity. Affordable housing, hunger, and disparities in education and health all would benefit from the same vibrant debates in our neighborhoods.

Thank you for your work on this issue and for helping make Madison a great city.

Sincerely,

Jeff Huebner and Christine Kirsch  
1418 Drake St

**From:** john bayley <redgreenjohn666@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 02, 2019 11:09 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** My opposition to the Edgewood stadium proposal

Dear Allen Arntsen,

I want you to know that I strongly oppose Edgewood's proposed stadium. I believe they are fully aware of the negative impact the stadium would have on the neighborhood including the parks and the Arboretum. I am sure they also anticipated our neighborhood's bitter opposition to their plan.

I am flabbergasted that Edgewood leadership is choosing to poison the school's relationship with the neighborhood with such an absurd proposal.

Sincerely,

John Bayley

717 Chapman St.

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**From:** Mischa Wagner <wagnermischa@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 03, 2019 12:19 AM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Stadium

Dear Mr Arntsen,

I received a letter in the mail concerning a new stadium at the Edgewood Campus. If the information in the letter regarding noise levels and light pollution is true, then I would like to voice my opposition to the project.

You may contact me anytime.

  
Thank you for your time,  
Sincerely

Mischa Wagner  
3630 Cross St



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**From:** Tim stick Szczykutowicz <gistick@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 03, 2019 7:14 AM  
**To:** Stouder, Heather; Parks, Timothy; Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Yes new stadium

Dear city officials and elected representative,

I'm writing this email to express my support of the new stadium for Edgewood High School.

Edgewood staff were very nice to me when I contacted them about their open track policy, a policy UW-Madison and many local schools do not have. The current track complex is a community asset which will only improve with these proposed changes.

The arguments against this plan that involve "physics" are laughable (I'm a PhD physicist on faculty in the UW Department of Radiology). Please have an expert (perhaps a sound recording expert) provide advice if arguments are going to be made similar to those in the mailing titled "Protect Your Neighborhood".

-tim szczykutowicz

Tim Szczykutowicz, Ph.D  


Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

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**From:** Scott Spoolman <sspoolman@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 03, 2019 7:16 AM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Opposing Edgewood Stadium plan

Dear Mr. Artsen,

I am strongly opposed to Edgewood High School's proposed new stadium, because the benefits it would bring to the relatively transient community of Edgewood students and parents do not outweigh the harm it will bring to the larger and far more vested and permanent population of Edgewood's neighbors. If you want my more detailed argument, please read the letter below, which I'll send to newspaper editors. Along with the rest of the 75% or more of Edgewood's neighbors who oppose the stadium, I strongly urge you to vote against approving this plan. Thanks for your consideration.

Scott Spoolman

2317 West Lawn Ave.

  
sspoolman@gmail.com

Dear Editor:

In local and social media, we who oppose Edgewood High School's proposed stadium have been portrayed as stingy, over-privileged west-siders who should quit protesting and accept the stadium as a beneficial development. But no number of email lectures and political cartoons will negate the fact that adding a 1,000-seat stadium with lighting and amplified sound will change the nature of the neighborhood fundamentally for the worse. It's unlikely that many of our critics would accept that kind of change their neighborhoods.

Some have scorned stadium opponents for having a not-in-my-back-yard attitude, but that's easy to say that if the offending development is not in your back yard. We live a block away from Edgewood's practice field (where the stadium would be), which is essentially in our back yard. Those who live closer would have the stadium in their front yards. I'm not ashamed to say I don't want a stadium in my back yard, let alone in my front yard.

Edgewood has made much of its proposed technology for low-impact lighting and sound. Whether or not it would work as advertised, no technology will control crowd noise, which we already experience, often early on weekend mornings. Edgewood is using its practice field—which it promised would be used only for practices—for competitions attended by very loud crowds, and their seating now is a lot less than 1,000.

Edgewood claims there will be just 40 events per year in the new stadium. Remove the winter and mid-summer months from the calendar (24 to 28 weeks), and that amounts to an average of more than one event per week. Edgewood has shown it's not afraid to expand use of its facilities beyond what agreements allow for, and it will be tempted to grant requests for use by other institutions. Can Edgewood guarantee that we will not be seeing three or four events per week in the noisy stadium?

For these and other reasons, 75% or more of Edgewood's neighbors are opposed to the stadium plan. Edgewood should find a solution (another location) where a new stadium will not disrupt whole neighborhoods. The current stadium plan promises benefits for Edgewood's students and families—a transient community—but Edgewood's neighbors have invested greatly in the neighborhood for the long run. The benefits of the stadium for the Edgewood community don't outweigh the harm it will bring to the larger population of Edgewood's neighbors.

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**From:** bolz1@aol.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 03, 2019 7:20 AM  
**To:** hstouder@cityofmadison.om; Arntsen, Allen; Parks, Timothy; planning@cityofmadison.com:district17@cityofmadison.com; Mayor; arosin@dermatology.wisc.edu  
**Subject:** Opposed to Edgewood Stadium

Anne Rosin, my wife, and I are opposed to the building of a new stadium at Edgewood College. We are also opposed to any proposed compromise that allows for building the stadium. Please vote against the construction of a new stadium.

Anne and I live in a single family, owner occupied home one and one-half blocks from Edgewood College at 2009 Madison Street. We will be directly impacted by the noise and additional congestion created by the stadium. We ask that the planning commission and city counsel oppose the stadium.

Our neighborhood is already impacted by congestion and noise from Camp Randell in the fall on multiple Saturdays. We can hear the crowd and music 5 blocks from Camp Randal on a Saturday afternoon. The local home owners and families should not be subject to additional loud noise and disruption caused by events at an Edgewood Stadium.

The proposed compromise that Edgewood be able to build the stadium with limited use during the current city master plan approved for Edgewood is also unaccepted. Seven years or any other limited duration with future possible changes is a very short period of time. Our house was built 119 years ago. Seven years or any other compromised time will go very quickly. The City needs to take a long term view for protecting the neighborhood. The stadium should not be built.

The city recently raised the assessment on our house to over \$980,000 with a property tax bill for 2018 of \$21,812.64, roughly \$60 per day. The City of Madison is obviously benefiting greatly from the quality of this neighborhood. A link to the City Property Tax page is attached:

<http://www.cityofmadison.com/assessor/property/propertydata.cfm?ParcelN=070922333045>

Why would the City allow for the building of a Stadium that would negatively impact the value of the homes and property in the area? The neighborhood should be a source of pride. It is certainly a source of significant revenue based on property taxes. It is an outstanding near west neighborhood that the City of Madison needs to protect, if for no other reason that to protect the very significant property tax revenue that the City already receives from neighborhood home owners.

For all these reasons, the City of Madison should not allow Edgewood College to build the proposed stadium. The people living in the neighborhood are opposed. We ask that each of you vote against the building of a stadium.

Please feel free to call me at [REDACTED] if you have any questions.

Terry Bolz and Anne Rosin  
2009 Madison Street  
Madison, WI 53711

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**From:** Steve Klaven <stevek098@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 03, 2019 8:23 AM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Edgewood Stadium

Allen,  
I live at 2339 Keyes Avenue. I am opposed to Edgewood's Stadium Plan because I can already hear occasional crowd noise, coaches whistles, etc from the existing from the practice field. I don't have an issue with that - or the occasionally parking on our street. However I am opposed to the Stadium. The noise, lights, and parking situation would impact our home more than I am willing to tolerate. Thanks.

**From:** Hayden Thompson <liveloveart@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 03, 2019 9:02 AM  
**To:** Parks, Timothy; Arntsen, Allen; edgeinfo@edgewoodhs.org  
**Subject:** Not all of us are opposed to the stadium

I live right by the stadium and I think it will be terrific for neighborhood businesses and culture of the neighborhood. The neighbors speaking up have made it so those of us “in favor” don’t feel comfortable speaking up. They have sent out a letter asking people to voice their opposition.. not even suggesting we are allowed to voice our feelings of support.

It’s a pure embarrassment of riches to live in this neighborhood... I’ve been here all my life. Change happens. I used to walk to buy milk at ken kopps and get out eat from the butcher. Guess what? Madison grew and we went with it.

So they opposed Trader Joe’s, the Laurel, new street lights.. ( it would hurt the star gazing ) ... some of us love the urban feel of this neighborhood. Some are just complainers. If we had a vote, im sure you’d see most of us either don’t care ... or support it.

**From:** Patty Haeger <pattyhaeger@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 03, 2019 9:42 AM  
**To:** Stouder, Heather; Parks, Timothy; Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Vote NO on the Edgewood Stadium Proposal

Hi Heather, Tim and Allen,

I am writing to add my voice to the chorus of my neighbors in opposition to the Edgewood High School Stadium Proposal, for a number of reasons:

- Noise pollution from the proposed sound system with its sports announcer and broadcast of pre-recorded music
- Light pollution from the proposed high-mount night lighting
- Traffic and parking issues
- Negative environmental impact on not only the neighborhood, but the nearby lakes, parks, walking/running paths and the Pleasure Drive

In 2015, Edgewood promised that their proposed athletic field would just be a practice field. This promise has been broken, which calls their credibility into question and makes it very difficult to believe their figures, estimates, statistics and assurances.

Please vote NO on this proposal.

Thank you,  
Patty Haeger

**From:** Jessica Lindner <jlindner8@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 03, 2019 10:01 AM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen; Soglin, Paul; Baldeh, Samba  
**Subject:** Proposed Edgewood stadium

Dear Alder Arnsten, City Council President Baldeh, Mayor Soglin

I am writing to offer my strong opposition to the proposed Edgewood stadium and to encourage you to oppose and prevent its passage. The stadium will be bad for the neighborhood. The benefits will accrue only to Edgewood; the rest of us will receive no benefit at all. In fact, we will suffer all and only the negative aspects of the stadium: noise, lights, traffic, litter, etc.

Over the years, Edgewood has proven itself an unreliable neighbor when it comes to keeping its promises. Thus, its claims concerning the benign nature of the stadium are suspect. In addition, other schools - larger schools - such as West High, do not have a stadium and their athletic programs seem to have survived for many years - as has Edgewood for close to 100 years.

Please VOTE NO on the Edgewood Stadium Proposal. A NO vote is the greatest good for the greatest number.

I look forward to seeing how you vote on this issue.

Thank you.

Jessie Lindner  
19034 Jefferson St

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**From:** Carol and Steve Email <sobekcs@charter.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 03, 2019 10:04 AM  
**To:** Stouder, Heather; Parks, Timothy; Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Opposition to Edgewood High School Stadium Plan

To: Heather Stouder, Planning Division Director  
Tim Parks, City Planner  
Allen Arntsen, District 13 Interim Alder

As a resident of the Regent Neighborhood I am writing to add my opposition to the Edgewood High School stadium plan to the record.

1. Edgewood has proven, based on past actions, that they do not negotiate in good faith with the neighborhood associations and the city.
2. The research of the neighborhood groups provides data to prove that the noise and lighting claims Edgewood includes in their proposal are inaccurate and not realistic.
3. West HS and East HS both reside in the middle of city neighborhoods. Both of these schools have operated successfully without stadiums that include sound systems and stadium lighting next to their school. Edgewood is located in the middle of residential neighborhoods. Edgewood must operate under the same conditions as our non-private city schools with respect to their neighbors and city laws.

Sincerely,  
Carol Sobek  
2247 Rowley Ave.  
Madison, WI.

Sent from my iPad



**From:** Harry Harrison <wrharrison@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 03, 2019 10:15 AM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Cc:** Parks, Timothy; Stouder, Heather; Soglin, Paul  
**Subject:** Edgewood High School stadium proposal

Hello our Alder!

I am Harry Harrison living at 1904 Jefferson Street. After reading and discussing this issue with both sides (for and against), I have decided that I am against this proposal as it has been presented by Edgewood.

While I am very pro sports and like the programs that all of our high schools have developed for our students to participate in, I feel that this stadium which has not been clearly defined and is possibly misrepresented in the descriptions of the impacts on the surrounding communities (sound, lighting, environmental impacts) should not to be approved just because Edgewood wants it. There are others impacted by this. The noise levels are very likely to be more intrusive than Edgewood predicts. Sound does not contain itself unless enclosed within a structure. To say otherwise is misleading and disingenuous.

Even the statement by the president that "Edgewood has been up front about the desire to have a true home field by ... hosting night games as required by the Badger Athletic Conference... Actually that conference only includes universities, not high schools. There is a high school conference too, under a different name, but the "requirement " to have night games is an allegation that I could not find online after searching the high school's conference site. This is overkill with negative impacts upon the neighborhood which you represent.

Based on past behavior: I have seen Edgewood curry favor with the city and neighborhoods in order to get their approval for projects before, seeming to be sensitive with others concerns and then going ahead anyway without concessions to the valid objections raised by the larger community. Regulation without enforcement is meaningless.

I urge you and the council and the Plan Commission to vote down this proposal.

Harry Harrison

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**From:** PJ Patrello <pjpatrello@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 03, 2019 11:03 AM  
**To:** Stouder, Heather; Parks, Timothy; Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Edgewood Stadium Proposal

Hello,

I am writing to support the Edgewood stadium expansion proposal.  
These type of facilities is what makes a city great.  
I hope that a compromise can be found with the opposing neighbors.

Sincerely,

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Patrick Patrello  
3607 Cross St, Madison, WI 53711

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**From:** Lisa Goldman <lgoldman@daveygoldman.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 03, 2019 11:06 AM  
**To:** Stouder, Heather; Parks, Timothy; Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Edgewood stadium opposition

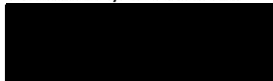
Ms. Stouder, Mr. Parks, and Mr. Arntsen:

Please be advised that I live in the Regent Neighborhood, 2121 Commonwealth Ave, and am opposed to lights and sound at Edgewood and certainly opposed to 40 evenings of activities at the field with lights and sound. Frankly, it's not necessary at all as there are many venues available for high school games in existing locations. Moreover, with varsity start times at 7 p.m. there is no reason for Edgewood to have those games in our neighborhood. Kids on varsity teams with 7 p.m. games leave school on game days, go home, and then drive to the game site for warm-ups at 6 p.m. (having had 2 kids go through this process already, I am very familiar with this routine). Since most Edgewood families do not live in the neighborhood it really doesn't matter to where they drive for their home games. In some circumstances the home field may be closer to their homes if it is not at Edgewood. So, the only rationales for having games at Edgewood is to save the rental costs, to increase rental revenues from other groups, and to have a field at their school, none of which are compelling reasons to diminish the property values in our neighborhood, increase noise pollution, light pollution, and traffic in our neighborhood. The school has managed just fine without a home field for decades.

Edgewood's request is particularly insulting to me as it doesn't include an offer to West to use it as their home field too for free in perpetuity. Obviously, it makes no sense in theory to have 2 high school home fields in the neighborhood and Camp Randall. If you follow Edgewood's rationale, then you would work to provide another stadium for West High for the same reasons Edgewood articulates are compelling for its stadium. But, most would agree that the creation of 2 high school stadiums in the neighborhood with lights and sound is overkill. Edgewood asserts its request is important and necessary. Yet, it does not acknowledge West High would have the same need and importance for such a stadium. And, Edgewood does not even offer West High free use in perpetuity of its stadium as a concession to the neighborhoods affected by their plan. If they were a good neighbor and really thought every high school should have a home field in the neighborhood of their school then wouldn't Edgewood offer WHS free use forever? But, Edgewood isn't making any such offer. Why not? Because, at the end of the day, it's all about Edgewood: it's school; it's kids; it's revenue. It has nothing to do with our neighborhood excepting the need to coax our consent. As stated previously, I do not consent. I oppose their plan to add lights, sounds, and night games.

Respectfully,

Lisa C. Goldman  
Attorney  
Davey & Goldman Law Firm  
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<http://daveygoldman.com/>

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**From:** jheilizer@aim.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 03, 2019 11:19 AM  
**To:** hstouder@cityofmadison.comtparks@cityofmadison.com; Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Edgewood Stadium

I strongly object to the building of this facility based on the significant negative impact this will have on our surrounding community. See comments by Harry Harrison.  
Judith Heilizer.

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**From:** Kathryn Johnson <tjkjmj@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 03, 2019 12:16 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** EHS Athletic Facility

We are writing in SUPPORT of the proposed Edgewood High School Athletic Facility.

In trying to educate ourselves on both sides of the issue, we feel that EHS should be able to build and use the proposed facility as they have proposed. We personally would be happy to have an opportunity to walk to a high school football game and/or other athletic event. We feel that it fits with the vibrancy and walkability of our urban neighborhood.

We feel that EHS has been a good neighbor to the Dudgeon Monroe neighborhood. They have listened to our concerns and have made efforts to lessen the impact on neighbors. They have reduced the seating capacity, will limit music played over the PA system to the national anthem, and will limit night games to a possible 32 that will be finished by 8:30 pm and a possible eight that will be finished by 10:00 pm. This does not seem like an unreasonable request. There have obviously been concerns voiced by neighbors and it seems that EHS has done its best to alleviate sound, light and parking concerns. We feel that what EHS is proposing, after making accommodations for neighborhood feedback, is fair.

EHS has been a good neighbor and member of our community, now we feel it is our turn to do the same.

Sincerely,

Todd and Kate Johnson  
645 Pickford Street  
Madison WI 53711

PS In much of the literature distributed by stadium opponents, it states that “two-thirds” or “80%” of DMNA community survey respondents are opposed to the stadium improvements. We live in the Dudgeon Monroe neighborhood and have attended some of the information sessions on the proposed stadium. We have never received any type of survey to complete, either in person or through the mail. Just want to make you aware that we’re not sure how this data was collected, and consequently are unsure of its accuracy.

**From:** Jeffrey Jerred <jcjerred@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 03, 2019 12:47 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Edgewood stadium

Dear Allen Arntsen:

I urge you to vote against a new stadium use on the Edgewood Campus at the Jan 14th Planning Commission meeting. The crowd noise, amplified sound, field lighting, car congestion is incompatible with the adjacent residential neighborhood and the natural tranquility on nearby Lake Wingra.

Edgewood school has solved their athletic needs without their own stadium for decades. They can continue to do so. Edgewood owns remote athletic fields on Allen Dr. adjacent to Marshal Park. Similarly they could purchase and construct 10 minutes from their campus, a new stadium in agricultural or industrial zoning that does not have effected residential neighbors. Sticking a stadium in an established residential neighborhood is not their only solution. Please vote no.

This is what a high school stadium sounds and looks like. Would you want one across from your house?  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zZeodcKUTiQ>

Jeffrey Jerred  
860 Woodrow Street

**From:** Julie Whitaker <whitaker.julie@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 03, 2019 12:55 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** opposition to proposed Edgewood HS stadium

Dear Alder Arntsen,

I am writing as a concerned neighbor who lives near Edgewood High School. Although our family would not be as affected as some others who are much closer, we are within a zone that would be impacted by excessive noise, light and traffic from the proposed expansion of the Edgewood Stadium.

I feel that the PR people from the school have not acted in good faith, giving us partial and inaccurate information about the impact of the proposed stadium.

The neighborhood has very little to gain from this stadium, as the school draws much of its students population from outside our neighborhood. There is a great deal of biking and walking that happens in this area, and the safety and enjoyment that we currently are afforded would be disrupted by an increase in traffic for games (by the need for students and their families to drive to games) and made worse by noise and light pollution.

I do not feel that this kind of negative impact is worthwhile for the sole person of expanding opportunities for high school football. This may be outside the scope of the conversation , but, it deserves to be said: in an era where high school football is on the decline due to heightened awareness of long term damage to young people from repeated head injuries, I do not think it's a good investment of resources. .

Thank you taking the time to read this and for your consideration.

Julie Whitaker  
2417 Fox Avenue

**From:** charkt@charter.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 03, 2019 1:54 PM  
**To:** Stouder, Heather; Parks, Timothy; Arntsen, Allen; 'charkt@charter.net'  
**Subject:** Amendment to Edgewood 10 year plan

I do not think the City should approve the proposed amendment as it does not meet the approval standards. The proposal will be detrimental to public health, safety and welfare. It will also substantially impair and diminish the uses, values and enjoyment of other properties in the neighborhood for which purposes already are established. It also is not in accord with the Monroe St District Plan. Let me elaborate.

Public health includes less stress which can be caused by noise - you have information on that which unless the City has other means to verify, I believe the data provided by Edgewood are not correct projections

Safety includes the ability to traverse ones neighborhood. The increased traffic and parking issues will diminish that. General welfare includes the concept of viable neighborhoods and trust among neighbors. That will be lost in this case if approved. In the past we had a very good working relationship.

Uses, values and enjoyment of property is not just about tax and sale dollars. Wingra lake is a city wide resource and the dark sky is also critical beyond ones yard.

Monroe Street Plan was to ensure appropriate redevelopment in such a way that keeps Monroe St special. If built this would change the character in a way that is not a complementary use.

New structures do not solve all problems. Inadequate efforts have been made to seek alternatives in time and places to support the proposed activities. Like the movie - if built they will come so let's rethink a better solution. It would be difficult for the City to enforce number of events, noise and light levels.

While some students may benefit (hopefully without head injuries) the immediate and larger community will not if this amendment goes forth.

Thank You for your consideration  
Char Thompson



**From:** Bob Growney <growney33@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 03, 2019 2:28 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** A Good Neighbor Past, Present & Future

General Information

Name: Bob Growney  
Address: 601 Ozark Trl  
City: Madison  
State: WI  
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Phone:  
Work Phone:  
Email: growney33@gmail.com  
Should we contact you?: Yes

Message:

Dear Alder Arntsen,  
I hope this note finds you doing well in this "exciting" Madison environment.

I wanted to first thank you for the support that you have given to the Edgewood H.S. community. It is greatly appreciated.

The following is a note that I wanted to make you aware of that I have sent to the Wisconsin State Journal. If you have any question, please keep my contact information email confidential. Best wishes. -Bob Growney

A Good Neighbor Past, Present & Future

Having recently retired from Edgewood High School, I have read and observed with great interest the dialogue regarding the proposed upgrades to Edgewood High School's Goodman Athletic Complex. I wholeheartedly support these upgrades.

In my 34 years at EHS, including twenty as Principal and nine as Dean of Students, my experience with our neighbors was overwhelmingly positive. EHS has always viewed itself as a supportive and contributing member of our neighborhood, the city of Madison and surrounding Dane county. For example, if informed by a concerned neighbor regarding a particular student's behavior, we addressed it immediately. We worked with all relevant parties to resolve these matters. I know that this practice is still in place today.

When it comes to the various events that are held on our campus throughout a typical school year, the question of how events will affect our neighbors is always at the forefront of consideration and planning. Principals and Athletic Directors of the 16-team Badger Conference continue to meet monthly to share ideas in crowd management, traffic control and other solutions to issues that arise throughout the school year. Many of the best ideas are adopted by EHS. In addition, the school has always had an excellent relationship with the Madison and Dane County Police Departments, working proactively to assure that our parents, staff, students and neighbors are informed of the ever-changing trends, especially in Madison. A community of trust and healthy dialogue is essential for all to succeed and thrive.

I believe the school and the neighbors want the same outcome: a thriving, safe and secure place in which to live, learn and grow. The vibrancy and positive energy created by athletic events, to which neighbors are always welcome, combined with EHS's vigilance in respecting its neighbors, will benefit everyone involved.

Bob Growney  
Madison

Recipient:  
Allen A. Arntsen

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**From:** Bob Growney <growney33@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 03, 2019 2:36 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** A Good Neighbor Past, Present & Future - Edgewood High School

General Information

Name: Bob Growney  
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City: Madison  
State: WI  
ZIP: 53705  
Phone:  
Work Phone:  
Email: growney33@gmail.com  
Should we contact you?: Yes

Message:

Hope all is well in managing Madison's multiple challenges.

Best wishes for a Happy & Productive New Year!

Bob Growney

p.s. You may contact me if needed.

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Bob Growney

Madison

Recipient:  
All Alders

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**From:** Joan Nugent <jfnuge@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 03, 2019 3:18 PM  
**To:** Andrew J. Statz; Bradley A. Cantrell; James E. Polewski; Jason S. Hagenow; Ken Opin; Zellers, Ledell; Melissa M. Berger; Michael W. Rewey; Carter, Sheri; King, J Steven; Parks, Timothy; Stouder, Heather  
**Cc:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** NO to Edgewood Expansion

As a neighbor in the Vilas Neighborhood for over 33 years, I am opposing the Edgewood Stadium athletic field expansion.

Edgewood is a private school surrounded by neighborhoods, Lake Wingra and Vilas Park.

It is naive to think that this area will not be affected by 80 foot lights, amplified sound, and seating for up to 1,000 people (adjusted down from 1,300 capacity).

Edgewood plans to rent out this stadium to make money. There is little regard for the quality of life of it's neighbors.

Edgewood wants to alter their 2014 Master Plan.

This plan was accepted by the neighborhoods but did not include the above additions.

If this is passed, it will set a precedent for altering the Master Plans of all neighborhoods.

The UW already has a large stadium in our area that causes increase noise, traffic and parking congestion/problems.

During UW football games we can sit in our living room with the windows and doors shut and still hear the announcing from the stadium.

There is already increased traffic that flows through Monroe and Regent street corridor, regardless of an event.

I encourage you to stand outside of your home and look across the street and your neighborhood.

Then, imagine a stadium built like the one proposed by Edgewood within a 100 foot range of your home.

A field that proposes over 40 games a year, many at night. Is this what you would want?

This is our home.

If this project goes forward, it will diminish the quality of life for many people.

Please vote no.

Thank you.

Joan Nugent  
1521 Vilas Ave.

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**From:** Jan O'Neill <jano1855@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 03, 2019 3:25 PM  
**To:** Stouder, Heather; Parks, Timothy; Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** thoughts on Edgewood controversy

Hello,

I am unable to attend the Jan. 14 public hearing, so am writing to you instead.

I am a longtime resident of the DMNA neighborhood (23 years), living on Fox Ave. While our home isn't directly impacted by the proposed Edgewood stadium, from what I've read of the original proposal and of the numerous critical comments, including those from engineers in our neighborhood, it looks like the expansion will have a significant impact on noise, sky glow and traffic.

While I understand Edgewood's business reasons for expansion -- they have been steadily losing enrollment over the years and developing their property to attract students probably makes sense from a strategic sense -- the longterm impact on the neighborhood is not something that can be ignored. I think, however, this is an opportunity for both sides to step back and evaluate our **interests vs. positions** so that a better solution can be found. For example, if Edgewood's viability as a campus is dependent on more student enrollment, then what else could they do to ensure more students? (Of course, they would need to admit this is the case -- internal staff knows this to be true but it's not being talked about publicly.) If noise and light are the biggest issues, what could Edgewood do to protect the neighborhood (e.g., a covered stadium, limit # of night games, no sound system, etc.). If the interest is to serve student athletes and their families, as stated in the proposal, why not develop another space (e.g., near Wright School on Fish Hatchery) and then open it to other schools to use as well, and make some revenue in that way? Just some initial thoughts here.

There are some wonderful conflict resolution facilitators in town and I think this situation would be a perfect opportunity to practice civil discourse and disagreement differently. I hope that as leaders caught in the middle, you'll perhaps consider a "third path." As it stands now, the blood is so bad between the neighborhood and Edgewood, while we could use Edgewood for a public meeting I'm leading for another organization, I'm looking for other space because I'm not sure people will come. Finding a win-win is essential if we're to heal this close neighborhood relationship!

Thank you for your leadership on this important matter shaping our neighborhood infrastructure and dynamic.  
Jan O'Neill

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*Make it a great day!*

Jan O'Neill  


**From:** DAN R ANDERSON <dranders@wisc.edu>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 03, 2019 4:31 PM  
**To:** Stouder, Heather; Parks, Timothy; Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** VILAS NEIGHBORS DO NOT SUPPORT THE EDGEWOOD STADIUM

I am a Vilas neighbor since 1974.

I oppose the construction of the of Edgewood Stadium.

Since many others will elaborate on reasons for the opposition (e.g., noise, lights, disruption, violation of trust of the 2014 Master plan, adverse environmental impact), I will offer insight on how the Vilas Neighborhood Association (VNA) happened to endorse the Edgewood Stadium.

I will argue that while, technically the VNA endorsed the Stadium, the Vilas neighbors are strongly opposed to the Stadium.

At the November 28, 2018 meeting of the VNA, where a vote was to be taken on the Stadium, The President of the VNA said that the VNA Council desired to be neutral of the Stadium. The President said that Dugeon Monroe Neighborhood Association asked the VNA to vote. The VNA bylaws call for only the Council member to vote. After discussion, the 19 neighbors of the Vilas neighborhood (attending but not on the Council) called for a straw vote with results, 16 opposed, 3 to support, and 0 to be neutral. The Council then voted 5 to support, 2 to be neutral and 0 opposed.

The neighbors argued that the voting Council members should have voted neutral to honor their original intent. The President acted rudely, disrespectful, and argumentative with the the neighbors. It appeared that the Council had already made up their minds prior to the meeting.

At the next VNA meeting on December 19, 2018, election of four of the Council members was held. Around 70 neighbors attended, and voted to replace the President and another Council member, both of whom had supported the Stadium. Two of the Council members who voted neutral retained their seats. It was obvious to all in attendance that the Vilas neighbors were overwhelmingly opposed to the Stadium.

To conclude, these two meetings provide evidence that the Vilas neighborhood strongly opposes the Stadium, despite the technical VNA Council vote to support.

Thank you for your consideration.

Dan R. Anderson  
1521 Vilas Ave.  
Madison, WI 53711

**From:** Scott Webb <scott@aquamagazine.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 03, 2019 5:44 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** support the stadium

Hi Allen,

I live on Commonwealth Avenue, fairly close to the stadium. This neighborhood has always had an extremely vocal minority making odd demands and taking strenuous opposition to commonplace ideas such as lights on the bike path and now high school football games on Friday nights.

I know it's not easy - nobody knows that better than their neighbors - but please ignore them and let these kids play their football games if they want.

Scott Webb and family  
2216 Commonwealth Avenue  
Madison



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**From:** Jennifer Spence <jenniferspence@mac.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 03, 2019 6:04 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** No Edgewood Stadium Proposal

Hello Alder Arnsten,

We wrote to you below on November 4th, but we wanted to reiterate that we are **NOT** in favor of the new stadium that Edgewood is proposing, especially after the the recent facts regarding the sound and light levels that would be associated with it.

Please drive the neighborhood and take note of all the red signs against this stadium.

Thank you,  
Jennifer Spence  
1813 Vilas Avenue

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Jennifer Spence <[jenniferspence@mac.com](mailto:jenniferspence@mac.com)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Edgewood Stadium Proposal  
**Date:** November 4, 2018 at 9:59:07 AM CST  
**To:** [district13@cityofmadison.com](mailto:district13@cityofmadison.com)

Hello Alder Arntsen,

My husband and I live in the Vilas neighborhood and our daughter was a graduate of Edgewood High School. We believe that the students there have all they need to become educated adults without having to have a huge stadium. West High students don't need a stadium and they seem to make due without one. While we support sports activities for students we do not think that the stadium is necessary, nor will it be a positive thing for the residents of the surrounding neighborhoods.

Our neighborhoods already have to deal with the traffic and parking issues along with the blaring music and commentary from Camp Randall. We have Badger pride, but there are some people who may not like football or the excessive traffic, parking issues, and noise that comes long with it. We also have to think of all the residents who happen to be tax payers for this area, and how that stadium will affect their property values when they are in the shadow and ear-shot of it.

Thank you,  
Jennifer Spence

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Emily Bugg <emily.bugg.design@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 03, 2019 6:33 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Edgewood Opposition

Hello,

I'm writing to speak out against the Edgewood Stadium, for the reasons of light pollution and noise levels. It's my special concern that lake wingra and the arboretum will have sky glow and forever be changed.

Thank you for your consideration,

Emily Bugg

**From:** Scott Prater <sprater@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 03, 2019 7:26 PM  
**To:** Stouder, Heather; Parks, Timothy; Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Opposed to the Edgewood High School stadium

Hello,

I am a homeowner in the Dudgeon-Monroe neighborhood. I live at 2426 Commonwealth Ave. I reside a few blocks away from the Edgewood campus.

I oppose the amendment that would allow Edgewood High School to build a new stadium. I am not convinced that their proposed changes would 1) be observed, or 2) have as little impact as they claim. Nor am I convinced that any violations of city ordinances would be punished severely enough to serve as a deterrent, or that there would be any way to enforce the low levels of noise, light, and traffic that they promise, once the stadium is built and in active use.

In short, I see the new stadium as a foot in the door; once built and in use, there are few, if any, guarantees that they would keep the promises they have made to the local community regarding minimizing impact. Even if their stadium does initially keep a low profile, there is nowhere to go but up and out. Given past experience with Edgewood and the neighborhood, any promises made today will most likely fade in the next few years, as they seek to constantly tweak and amend their plans and promises to erode the few brakes that are in place against further expansion, all in the name of "compromise".

The neighborhood has resoundingly opposed the stadium on multiple occasions in the past; I see no reason to support it this time around. One of the great charms of this neighborhood is that it is primarily a residential one, with small businesses that fit the profile of area. I'd like to keep it this way. Please vote no to approve their new amendment.

thank you,

Scott Prater

**From:** Jacob Notbohm <jnotbohm@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 03, 2019 8:14 PM  
**To:** hstounder@cityofmadison.com; Parks, Timothy; Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Opposition to Edgewood Stadium

Dear Heather, Tim, and Allen

I own the property and live at 2314 Monroe St, which is across the street from the proposed Edgewood Stadium.

I am strongly opposed to the proposed stadium. My opposition is primarily due to crowd noise, which Edgewood has left unaddressed in its proposal. Edgewood's proposed plans will direct crowd noise directly at nearby residences, including mine.

Even the small crowd sizes in recent athletic events held at Edgewood's field have produced substantial noise levels that can be heard inside my home when windows are shut. The crowd noise has been far louder than the sound of traffic on Monroe St, and the crowd noise has become a frequent disruption.

Larger crowds and more frequent games will amplify these disruptions, which will substantially harm my family's quality of life. No doubt the same is true for the quality of life of my neighbors.

In comparison, the benefit Edgewood will gain by hosting athletic events on its campus is modest--without a stadium, Edgewood will still be able to play athletic events at other locations, just as other Madison high schools do.

The decrease in our quality of life substantially outweighs the modest benefit of Edgewood's preference to host athletic events on its campus.

Jacob Notbohm

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Rachel <talkdr1@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 03, 2019 9:42 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen

Dear Alder,

I am against this proposal for a new stadium as it has been presented by Edgewood.  
I am concerned about the impact on the surrounding community.

I urge you and the council and the Plan Commission to vote down this proposal.

Rachel Heilizer  
1719 Madison St

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Allison Malecek <ammotszko@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 03, 2019 10:02 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** No new Edgewood stadium

Dear Alder Arnsten,

I sent an email previously with concerns about the impact of the Edgewood proposal for a new stadium. I want to reiterate that I continue to have strong concerns about the increased noise and light that the stadium will bring.

It is important to our family to live in a quiet and safe neighborhood. My young daughter is in bed around 7pm each night, so I am concerned that increased stadium noise could affect her sleep. I know you are suggesting a proposal with more limited use than the original Edgewood proposal. However, I am concerned that once the stadium is built the use will only increase over time.

I ask you to consider the impact of this stadium not only in the short term, but also the long term. I do not think this stadium will enhance or add value to the neighborhood.

Please consider reassessing your position and oppose the Edgewood stadium proposal.

Thank you,  
Allison Malecek  
2320 West Lawn Ave.

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Kristin Branch <kjbranch@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 03, 2019 10:20 PM  
**To:** Stouder, Heather; Parks, Timothy; Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Oppose Edgewood stadium

I am concerned about the noise and it's impact on our neighborhood - both for the people and the wildlife (lake Wingra, aboretium, etc).

Thank you for hearing my concerns.  
Kristin Branch  
2810 Gregory St

**From:** John Norsetter <jnorsetter@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 03, 2019 10:35 PM  
**To:** Stouder, Heather; Parks, Timothy; Arntsen, Allen  
**Cc:** Bidar-Sielaff, Shiva  
**Subject:** Edgewood Stadium

Dear Ms. Strouder, Mr. Parks, and Alder Arntsen,

As members of the Regent Neighborhood Association, and myself a lifelong resident of Madison's near west side-Keyes Ave., Virginia Terrace, Vista Road, Kendall Ave., and now Rugby Row for 44+ years, we oppose the Edgewood Stadium proposal. Even back in the Edgefest days, noise from that event was noticeable and unwelcome.

It feels like Edgewood has been either disingenuous, the most likely explanation, or was doing poor planning when the track was renovated, acknowledging that the neighborhood was then strongly opposed to a stadium, and now saying new technology of which they were unaware makes it, or should make it, acceptable. Furthermore, the notion that Edgewood is *entitled* to have an on-campus stadium to help build school spirit is absurd. I graduated from West High School in 1963. None of the Madison high schools that existed then had an on-campus stadium, and the two that remain, West and East, still don't.

The assertion that this won't disrupt the neighborhood, including the tranquility of the Lake Wingra/UW Arboretum area is, I think, simply not accurate.

Edgewood has "moved the goalposts", acknowledging in 2015 that the neighbors didn't want a stadium, and at that time asserting that Edgewood just wanted an upgraded practice facility. They have routinely violated the noise ordinance, even without a stadium. This whole scenario reminds me of the old adage "give 'em an inch and they'll take a mile." Keeping in mind the goal of maintaining the character of the neighborhood, we hope this stadium, for the benefit of an entitled private school, does not become a reality.

Regards,  
John and Rhonda Norsetter

Sent from my iPhone.



**From:** CARMEN M THOMPSON <cmthomps@wisc.edu>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 04, 2019 7:52 AM  
**To:** Stouder, Heather; tiparks@cityofmadison.com; Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Edgewood stadium proposal

Good morning,

I live on Terry Place and am already annoyed by the noise that now comes from the athletic field that borders on Woodrow. I have lived here since 1979, and I am well aware of the nearby presence of the college and high school! Their sprawl has definitely increased over these years, and enough is enough. The instructive flyer of the Concerned Engineers in the Edgewood Neighborhood is taken very seriously by neighbors and is of great concern to us. Our property taxes are very high, and I do not believe we should absorb yet another avoidable Edgewood-related growth impact. Noise and light issues are big, but additionally, the traffic congestion increase in the neighborhood is a factor that would effect us, esp. since Monroe St. is already a very busy streets. We have already absorbed the increases in street parking from the college for 10 months of the year. Please, do not endorse this unnecessary stadium proposal to be approved. Thank you.

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Bonnie Mackesey <bmackesey2@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 04, 2019 8:55 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Edgewood Stadium

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Should we contact you?: No

Message:

I hope you vote yes to the stadium at Edgewood. We bought a home on Terry Place for the sole purpose of sending our sons to Edgewood all 12 years. I believe the Edgewood Campus is an asset to that neighborhood. As a widow I now live in a condo that backs up to Hwy M/SouthPleasant view Rd. That road is still under construction and noisy. No one is guaranteed that a neighborhood will always remain quiet. Thank you for any consideration on this matter.

Recipient:  
All Alders

**From:** Ann Duncan Kinsley <aeduncan98@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 04, 2019 9:27 AM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Writing to express concern and opposition to the Edgewood High School stadium proposal

Dear Alder Arntsen,

I am writing to express my concern and strong opposition to the proposed Edgewood High School stadium. I am resident of the Dudgeon Monroe neighborhood (I reside on Fox Avenue) and would be directly impacted by the proposed stadium.

The proposed stadium -- particularly the frequency of events and accompanying sound disturbances and light pollution -- would be incredibly detrimental to the neighborhood and the natural environment of the Wingra Park area. The anticipated lighting levels which will exceed the City's lighting restrictions and resulting light pollution, an area which has been researched extensively and shown to disrupt ecosystems and have adverse health effects on both humans and animals, is particularly alarming. While I am sympathetic to the High School's desire to have night games and multiple amplified, lighted events per year, the costs to our larger Madison community as a whole in my opinion far exceed the benefit to this one population.

I ask you to please oppose the stadium proposal.

Thank you,  
Ann Kinsley  
2317 Fox Avenue

**From:** David Gulisano <dgulisano@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 04, 2019 9:31 AM  
**To:** Stouder, Heather; Parks, Timothy; Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** opposition to Edgewood Stadium

Dear Heather, Allen and Tim,

I am writing to you to express opposition regarding the changes that Edgewood High School has proposed in regards to their stadium. As a resident of the neighborhood, I am very concerned about the impact that these changes would have on the parking/traffic, pedestrian safety, noise levels, property values, and wildlife/environment in close proximity of the stadium. The formal amendment submitted by Edgewood requests that lights be permitted for up to 40 games per year, but sets no conditions or limits on the number of games or outside events for use; forty plus events with traffic, noise and lights will have a very meaningful impact on the safety, environment, and livability of this neighborhood. Having just survived a year of construction detours through our neighborhood, the residents of this area keenly understand what increased traffic looks like and the impact it has on our quality of life and the safety impact it has on our families. Parking is already a routine challenge in this area on a typical day between the parking for West High, Edgewood, and the use of Camp Randall in the fall -- it is hard to envision where more parking will get pushed for vehicles associated with FORTY PLUS more events. Furthermore, several Madison environmental groups have expressed their concern regarding the impact this could have on the nearby environment of Lake Wingra and the Arboretum; our family shares this concern. Quite frankly, I am shocked and disgusted that a private school's desire to have fancier sports facilities (this is not a NEED but a WANT) should outweigh the significant potential negative impact that these facilities will have on thousands of families and the surrounding environment. Nothing I have heard proposed by Edgewood so far sufficiently addresses my concerns in these areas, therefore I remain opposed to Edgewood's proposed stadium changes.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my concerns,  
Rebecca Minsley  
431 Virginia Terrace

**From:** Peter Kinsley <peterkinsley@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 04, 2019 9:36 AM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Opposition to the Edgewood High School Stadium Proposal

Dear Alder Arntsen,

I am writing to express my concern and strong opposition to the proposed Edgewood High School stadium. I am resident of the Dudgeon Monroe neighborhood (I reside on Fox Avenue) and would be directly impacted by the proposed stadium.

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I ask you to please oppose the stadium proposal.

Thank you,  
Peter Kinsley  
2317 Fox Avenue

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Charlie Olson <charlespatricko@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 04, 2019 9:37 AM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Edgewood High School Athletic Field

General Information

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Should we contact you?: Yes

Message:

Good Morning Alder Arntsen

My current "mailing address" is Verona but my home is in the City of Madison, and as such, I am a tax payer of Madison. I have been a life-long resident of Madison and lived in a home just 2 blocks from Edgewood HS for 23 years and actively assisted my parents to continue to live in that same home for 46 years 2116 Fox Ave. Thus, I am intimately familiar with the Monroe-Dudgeon and Vilas park neighborhoods. Among the benefits living in that neighborhood, I also had to hear the UW band practice daily, I had to hear our windows rattle as trains passed through our back yard in the afternoon, I watched as our street filled with cars every morning as UW faculty/students parked to start their trek to the UW campus, and I experienced all of the things that come with living near Camp Randall on UW football Saturday. It all was an innate part of the experience of living in that area and oh what great years those were !!! And as a testament to how attractive this all was, my parent's home was sold for a king's ransom. With such a strong history and understanding of what it is like to be part of the Monroe-Dudgeon community, I really think that allowing Edgewood HS to utilize lights & sound to enhance the athletic experience of so many students will have nothing but a positive effect on both the High School and surrounding community. I cannot imagine a scenario where the proposed amended plan will represent a disruption to the area. Monroe St is now a busy, vibrant area with that has grown exponentially in those 46 years with so many new businesses, rental units, bike traffic, and old houses being renovated. Monroe St is a gateway for thousands of commuters in and out of Madison and of course is the main corridor to Camp Randall Stadium. The addition of advanced technology lighting and sound to this field will just weave into the fabric of the area and the evening visitors to the athletic events at Edgewood will discover the wonderful businesses of Monroe St and return to explore and enjoy all the area has to offer. My siblings and I split our HS experiences between Edgewood and West High School to take advantage of both great institutions. With the exception of tennis, we could not play daytime outdoor sports at West, much less evening sports, because the parcel of land that West HS occupies is woefully too small to accommodate a real track, baseball, or football facility. However, Edgewood has the space and by very thoughtfully and thoroughly addressing logistic concerns has set the stage to model how to implement state-of-the-art lighting and sound on an athletic facility located in a residential neighborhood. This project will do nothing but complement the busy, vibrant area that I fondly remember and plan to continue to enjoy for so many years to come.

Regards, Charlie

Recipient:  
Allen A. Arntsen

**From:** Matthew Turner <mdturner2104@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 04, 2019 9:39 AM  
**To:** Stouder, Heather; Parks, Timothy; Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** my opposition to Edgewood's stadium proposal

Dear Ms Stouder, Mr. Parks and Mr Arntsen,

I am writing to express my opposition to Edgewood's proposed lighting and loudspeaker improvements at its sports field located at the intersection of Woodrow and Monroe Streets. I write as a local resident (890 Woodrow St) and the father of a Edgewood High School graduate who played varsity soccer there. I also write as someone who has not generally followed my more outspoken neighbors about prior Edgewood expansion plans -- recognizing the need for any school to have the possibility to expand and update its facilities. I also recognize that some of the current dynamic has been shaped by the history of distrust between neighbors and Edgewood with blame for this deterioration shared both sides.

All this said, I have to say that I strongly oppose the current proposal. I will not speak of light and sound levels. I am sure you have heard a lot on this. Instead, I will raise two primary reasons for my opposition:

1. From the perspective of the city of Madison, the benefits of the stadium to the school do not exceed the costs borne by the broader neighborhood. As a former parent of an Edgewood student, I would say that the stadium is as much about pleasing Edgewood alumni boosters with deep pockets who are preoccupied with the Edgewood sports dynasty and thus the recruitment of student athletes to their school. While a stadium will help with this recruitment, it will not provide measurable benefits to the vast majority of Edgewood students. I would have to say that statements, editorials, and letters in local media by these boosters painting local residents as elites with little concern for the needs of Madison students maddening. I don't have the data but if you compare the incomes of residents closest to the stadium along Monroe and Woodrow Streets with the incomes of Edgewood parents (many living outside of Madison), the income disparity would be strongly tilted toward Edgewood families. Finally, while sports is an important part of a high school student's experience, the obsession of Edgewood toward stadium improvements suggests that this is more about making an investment to obtain greater donations from its alumni boosters than about the educational experience of their students.

2. On this proposal by Edgewood (not others), I have grown to feel that Edgewood is not negotiating in good faith. I know that this has been raised before but we have seen a succession of "incremental" proposals for improvements to the stadium with each one presented by Edgewood as "this is all they need" only to see several years later an additional proposal. Moreover, we have experienced violations of prior understandings of stadium use by Edgewood. Given this history, I have grown to not trust that Edgewood, given its need to recoup its investment, would abide by a restricted number of night-time events.

Edgewood argues that the stadium is necessary for student recruitment while at the same time arguing to local neighbors that attendance at these events will be minimal. I urge you to push Edgewood to clarify its recruitment needs and how the stadium will significantly increase recruitment of non student-athletes who make-up the majority of their student body. I also urge you to think of ways to better hold Edgewood to an agreement that is more lasting rather than have all parties revisit these issues every 3 years or so. In my mind, the almost constant set of expansion proposals coming out of the Edgewood campus (high school, college, grade school), is what has contributed significantly to neighbor distrust and knew-jerk resistance.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Matthew Turner

**From:** Jane Corkery <madcitycorkerys@charter.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 04, 2019 11:19 AM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Edgewood stadium

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Should we contact you?: No

Message:

I am requesting that you vote against the Edgewood stadium plans. I am a long term resident of the Vilas neighborhood and I have seen many expansions of the Edgewood campus and have been watching the current situation with concern. I am not only concerned about the lights and the noise of events that may occur if this stadium were allowed but I am also concerned about the potential impact on Monroe Street traffic with an increase in number of events pouring out into the street which I have not seen addressed yet.

There was a letter in today's Wisconsin State Journal from a resident of Fitchburg that described Monroe Street as a major corridor. I would consider East Washington, University Avenue and Mineral Point Road as a couple of major corridors but not Monroe Street. Monroe Street is a 4-lane street but after 5:30 p.m. parking is allowed on both sides of the streets which often narrows the street down to 2 lanes. An increase in the number of large events held at Edgewood stadium would create a bottleneck on this heavily -traveled street that is used to travel downtown and to campus events. If an Edgewood stadium event would be held on the same evening as an event at Kohl Center, UW fieldhouse or Camp Randall, this could potentially create a gridlock on the street. This would not only create congestion for residents of the surrounding neighborhoods but also for anyone outside of these neighborhoods trying to access the businesses in the area. Frequent increased congestion would discourage people from attempting to drive to the area to use Monroe Street businesses.

The Edgewood campus is located in an urban setting and the Edgewood community needs to realize the limitations of this setting. Their neighboring high school, West High, has very similar limitations with an increased and higher-need population.

There was another letter submitted by a West High parent that mentioned how her child played soccer and how the soccer team did not have a home field on the West High premises. All three of my children played in sports and West High. West High School actually has 5 girls soccer teams, 5 boys soccer teams and at least 2 girls softball teams that need to have access to off site practice areas on a near daily basis in addition to off site games. This is in addition to the more obvious needs of hockey and golf teams of which there is at least 3 teams. And West needs to find offsite locations for games for many other teams including football, baseball, track and cross country.

I do not understand the necessity of our neighborhoods to accommodate a home field for Edgewood when we are unable to accommodate home fields for our own public school with a much larger, complex and proportionally less affluent population.

Again, I urge you to vote no for this. Please feel free to contact me with any questions and thank you.



Jane Corkery

Recipient:  
Allen A. Arntsen

**From:** rand valentine <j.rand.valentine@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 04, 2019 11:23 AM  
**To:** Stouder, Heather; Parks, Timothy; Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Against the Proposed Edgewood High School Sports Stadium  
**Attachments:** Valentine Note on Stadium Jan 2019.pdf

Dear Madison Planners Parks and Stouder, and Alderman Arntsen,

I thank you for your service to our community. I have attached a PDF of the note below, in case that might have some value, concerning my opinion regarding Edgewood High School's proposal to convert its sports track into a stadium. Thank you.

Rand Valentine  
2901 Monroe Street

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January 4, 2019

Dear fellow citizen of Madison,

I am writing in strong opposition to the proposed Edgewood High School sports stadium. I live on Monroe Street, approximately 10 blocks west of the area where Edgewood desires to install its sports stadium. I am writing in strong solidarity with my neighbors living closer to the epicenter of this proposed *permanent* disruption to our community.

Living in an urban environment, one realizes that the greatest impact on our transient psychological well-being is probably noise. Just think of one's reaction to a vehicle alarm system going off for even a couple of minutes, sanitation trucks picking up garbage, or having a neighbor play invasive music too loudly for an hour. Since we in Dudgeon-Monroe live so close to Camp Randall, we also sometimes have the misfortune of having loud pre- and post-game tailgate parties nearby. All of these scenarios involve noise, technically defined as sound that is experienced by people who did not produce it. Even Beethoven can be obnoxious if it is not our choice to listen to him. A sporting event typically involves hours of intermittent, unpredictable, loud noise. It is a perfect recipe for psychological stress for the uninvested within earshot.

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Life on Monroe Street is different from that of a typical residential street in Madison, because despite our residential status, we are a main commuter channel, accommodating something on the order of 13-20,000 commuter vehicles

per day during the week. Almost all of these commuters speed, creating increased noise and physical hazards for local residents. To make matters worse, many alternative residential routes in the area have speed bumps, such as West Lawn and Gregory, in order to *channel* traffic onto our street, which has exactly the same (unenforced) speed limit as other residential streets, 25 mph. Everyone living on a street connecting to Monroe is well aware of the burdens of convenience and safety created by the vast amount of impatient, speeding commuter traffic. This includes everyone living adjacent to Edgewood on Monroe Street, as well as those living on Woodrow, West Lawn, Terry, and other streets near the proposed Edgewood site. The proposed stadium will bring yet more traffic into the area, and as a result, create even more nuisance and hazard. We have *enough* as it is, we *already* make substantial sacrifices to the broader Madison community. What other residential street in the city has our level of pass-through nuisance?

Many have noted that as a private institution, less than 25% of Edgewood's students live in our area. So they already commute, and would thus have to commute to an Edgewood sports event taking place at a stadium on campus. And while one could reasonably object to a new sports stadium being built anywhere, because of these demographics, this stadium will have qualitatively less positive impact on the affected families living in the vicinity of Edgewood. I am very disappointed that the proposal has gone this far, given any measure of consideration for our impact on the quality of life of our neighbors. Let us respect our neighbors.

Sincerely,

Rand Valentine  
2901 Monroe Street

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Life on Monroe Street is different from that of a typical residential street in Madison, because despite our residential status, we are a main commuter channel, accommodating something on the order of 13-20,000 commuter vehicles per day during the week. Almost all of these commuters speed, creating increased noise and physical hazards for local residents. To make matters worse, many alternative residential routes in the area have speed bumps, such as West Lawn and Gregory, in order to *channel* traffic onto our street, which has exactly the same (unenforced) speed limit as other residential streets, 25 mph. Everyone living on a street connecting to Monroe is well aware of the burdens of convenience and safety created by the vast amount of impatient, speeding commuter traffic. This includes everyone living adjacent to Edgewood on Monroe Street, as well as those living on Woodrow, West Lawn, Terry, and . other streets near the proposed Edgewood site. The proposed stadium will bring yet more traffic into the area, and as a result, create even more nuisance and hazard. We have *enough* as it is, we *already* make substantial sacrifices to the broader Madison community. What other residential street in the city has our level of pass-through nuisance?

Many have noted that as a private institution, less than 25% of Edgewood's students live in our area. So they already commute, and would thus have to commute to an Edgewood sports event taking place at a stadium on campus. And while one could reasonably object to a new sports stadium being built anywhere, because of these demographics, this stadium will have qualitatively less positive impact on the affected families living in the vicinity of Edgewood. I am very disappointed that the proposal has gone this far, given any measure of consideration for our impact on the quality of life of our neighbors. Let us respect our neighbors.

Sincerely,

Rand Valentine  
2901 Monroe Street

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Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Justin Vandembroucke <javanden@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 04, 2019 11:42 AM  
**To:** Stouder, Heather; Parks, Timothy; Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Edgewood High School stadium

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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To:  
Allen Arntsen, Alder  
Tim Parks, City Planner  
Heather Stouder, Planning Division Director

Dear Allen, Tim, and Heather,

I am a resident of the Dudgeon-Monroe neighborhood writing to oppose the ordinance exemption that Edgewood High School is seeking to upgrade their playing field to a stadium with bright lights and amplified sound. I am concerned about the impact it will have on neighbors and on wildlife in the natural areas surrounding Edgewood, including those at Lake Wingra, the Southwest Path, Wingra Park, and Vilas Park, all of which are very close to Edgewood.

These natural areas are treasures of our city and must be protected from increased noise and light pollution. As I understand it (this occurred before I moved to the neighborhood five years ago), the school sought such a stadium already about a decade ago, and reached a compromise with the neighbors and the City to complete the field upgrade that was just recently completed. Edgewood then turned their back on that compromise and sought additional expansions before that upgrade was even complete.

I am also frustrated by how the debate has been framed as if the opposition is led by wealthy NIMBY homeowners. The reality is exactly the opposite: Edgewood is a wealthy, expensive private school predominantly serving students from outside the neighborhood, not a public school that serves the neighborhood or the City, and we are neighborhood taxpayers. The public schools in MMSD that we support with our tax dollars are not seeking such exemptions, and two of our prominent public high schools (East and West) also play "home games" at other locations and are not seeking special exceptions to City policy which has been written for good reason. Edgewood meanwhile benefits heavily from its non-profit status and pays zero property tax on its large lakefront property. With this substantial tax break, I believe the City and the taxpayers are already supporting the school and its privileged students more than is appropriate. If the City were to provide an exemption for this private school over the voices of the city's resident taxpayers, while our own public schools are not seeking such exemptions, it would be a clear injustice.

In addition to these direct concerns, I am more generally opposed to supporting with public concessions a private school that encourages young athletes to be "Crusaders", as their official team name does. This is an incredibly tone deaf name to maintain well into the 21<sup>st</sup> century, but apparently it is consistent with Edgewood's attitude toward others surrounding it in the world.

Supporting a school and an athletic complex that raises young "Crusaders" is not consistent with the values of our neighborhood or of our City.

Thank you for considering the needs and wishes of the neighborhood and city residents, constituents, and taxpayers in this important decision.

Sincerely,  
Justin Vandembroucke  
3206 Gregory St



**From:** R CoCle <rebeccacole7@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 04, 2019 12:12 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Please do not approve Edgewood High School Lighting and Sound

Dear Mr. Arntsen,

I am writing to discourage you from supporting the proposal for lighting and sound for the Edgewood High School stadium. The sound levels would be extreme for nearby streets (Woodrow, Monroe, Terry and West Lawn) and in some cases surrounding streets. Light pollution would also be an issue. I attended the listening session that was held at Edgewood last fall and was not convinced the benefit of the field to the Edgewood students should supersede the quality of life for Edgewood's neighbors. The information presented by a sound engineer in the neighborhood indicated that the sound and light disturbance would be considerable. As a private school the benefit to a small number of students is not great enough to disadvantage neighbors. If this were a public school the ability to use the facilities by a broader population might tip the balance in favor of the lighting and sound. Finally, I do not trust Edgewood's statements on the limits of use (number of night time games, no musical events etc) as they have shown that they have misrepresented their intent from the original scope /planning presented when the stadium was improved a few years ago. If they are allowed to proceed will the city cite them for exceeding the City's noise ordinance? If they are allowed to proceed this will certainly be the next issue.

As full disclosure I did have a child attend Edgewood at one time so I am supportive of them in many ways, but not in this case.

Thank you  
Rebecca Cole  
2824 Gregory St



**From:** Don Wilson <donwisconsin11.7@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 04, 2019 12:34 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Edgewood Not Being Honest

**Dear Alder Allen Arntsen,**

**I ran in to Mayor Dave yesterday and asked for his thoughts regarding Edgewood Stadium, we were sizing up each other's stance when he volunteered that Alder Arntsen is competent and thoughtful.**

**That's good to hear — I don't doubt it.**

**Mayor Dave and I wondered though, that high school football has seen it's day and is on the wane. I offered that supporters are ignoring terms like "Injured Reserve" and "Disabled List". More empathetic than me, Citizen Dave said he has stopped watching any football. I haven't given it up yet, but I cringe when I tune-in.**

**It's not for you to judge Edgewood's stand on it's (backwoods) thinking. The neighborhoods will wield that cudgel - - for all our sakes, I'm hoping you can establish a cooling off time before we're forced to accept a conclusion. Seems both factions would be better served with a moratorium, we deserve to have a trial of three or four seasons under temporary lights and public address to see if this is really what anyone wants.**

**Edgewood has other ills and issues they should address first.**

**Until recently I would list a Parking Structure as a start but, with the eventual emergence of AVs (Autonomous Vehicles) a Parking Ramp might be a dinosaur before the concrete cures. So too, for this administration's monument to football.**

**Edgewood Stadium is not inclusive but, exclusive in the very nature of the game.**

**Though ecumenical, the website reads "Edgewood High School of the Sacred Heart".  
Let that sink in.**

**There are few glass ceilings as thick and as inherently male as Catholicism and football.**

**Cinema and Hollywood has depicted numerous heartwarming stories of Priests in cleats with whistles looped around their collars, men flanked by men with clipboards and playbooks and smelling salts barking harangues and encouragements to dutiful and willing boys eager to execute at a higher level than their own-selves across the pitch.**

**And, as it ever has been, roles are limited for girls or women in participation or, leadership in Edgewood's celebration of the male, both on the sidelines or at the Altar.**

**After the hoopla quells, women are given their cue. As always, they lovingly set the boys' broken bones and, rehabilitate the twisted and torn joints. In for the long haul to ponder and deflect the unpredictability of insipid brain trauma.**

**There's a drama in that damage that doesn't play out until years later.**

**We all have much to learn as medical data piles-on, are those who are pro-Edgewood Stadium being dismissive or, is it stubbornness and a blatant disregard of the obvious?**

**There's a feeling of urgency in how adamant the pro-Stadium faction is about sweeping ahead and getting it built. Kinda like they know the window is closing and the need for such a facility will dissipate.**

**Students are wiser than their headmasters in so many areas, I'm certain they're more woke than the suits that make choices for them. Anyone ever ask what the students want?**

**I will be attending the Public Hearing January 14.**

**Don Wilson**



**818 Terry Place  
Madison Wisconsin  
53711**

**From:** Jeff Ford <fordjrf@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 04, 2019 12:35 PM  
**To:** Stouder, Heather; Parks, Timothy; Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Opposition to Edgewood Stadium

I live about a block from the stadium, on the 2000 block of Adams Street, and I am Opposed to the stadium.

I attended a recent neighborhood meeting where a new board was voted in (and the former president voted out). I believe this was in large part because a significant number of neighborhood residents felt surprised and aggravated that the former Vilas neighborhood board came out in favor of the project. When the former president was asked how he came to that conclusion, he said it was based on emails he had received. (I would note that the Edgewood plan has been impressively organized, hiring a consultant and managing to get featured editorials in favor of the stadium in the Wisconsin State Journal by Mitch Hencks, a well known name, numerous letters to the editor, and The Plumb: a featured Wisconsin State Journal editorial strongly in favor, thereby elevating a local issue to regional importance. What?! I would be surprised if they haven't reached out to their alumni list to "help out.". (As a former Catholic I know how deeply embedded and how effective the levers of guilt work). The jury's out on whether their fervor inspired unknown actors to pull out signs opposed to the stadium on Monroe Street, inspiring at least one "victim" to write a handmade sign reminding the thieves that stealing is wrong...)

The outreach Edgewood has done in the neighborhood that i have seen was very rosy and (perhaps intentionally) vague: no mention about the number of games, actual anticipated noise including the crowd (not just the PA system), or other potential negative behaviors, speeding in the neighborhood for one, which already happens during the daylight hours (I called Edgewood once regarding a speeder, some young lady who felt compelled to floor it between Every stop sign, expecting they would have a quiet Word with her that this was not ok and the response was essentially a yawn and a suggestion that i call the police. I did, and this letter to you all is a similar request.

This project has been a well engineered rush to judgement and I respectfully request that you consider opposition arguments equally and carefully explore the implications.

As other critics have noted, Edgewood is a non tax paying entity, a private institution, surrounded by taxpayers. Do they deserve special treatment because they don't pay taxes? The sense of entitlement to a stadium for many reasons does not pass the reasonable man test. The idea that someone or some entity deserves or is entitled to something just because they can afford it? Absurd. The idea that the students are inconvenienced by having to drive to an off-site game? Give me a break. Don't almost 75% of students drive or commute from areas outside the neighborhood already? Do I need to note that either West nor East high school has a home football stadium? If Edgewood can demonstrate that somehow those kids were somehow damaged by not having a home stadium, I would like to hear it. I went to a high school with about 1,700 students. We had a successful football program without a home stadium and never thought twice about it. Even when we had a game against Pulaski, the stadium we used for our home games, it was never an issue as both sides had similar attendance.

Thank you for your consideration,

Jeff Ford

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Derek S <deuce2787@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 04, 2019 3:22 PM  
**To:** Soglin, Paul; Arntsen, Allen; Stouder, Heather; Parks, Timothy  
**Subject:** Conditional support for Edgewood HS stadium plan  
**Attachments:** Mailer Engineers Edgewood Stadium.pdf; Screenshot\_20190104-142236.jpg

Hello Mayor Soglin, Alder Arntsen, Ms. Stouder, and Mr. Parks,

As a homeowner in the West Lawn neighborhood with no affiliation to Edgewood HS or College whatsoever, I express my support for the proposed Edgewood HS stadium plan and/or Alder Arntsen's proposed compromise on the conditions that amplified music be prohibited or extremely limited (e.g. accompaniment to halftime dance routines, etc.) and that consequences for failure to comply with the agreement may be severe including revocation.

While I appreciate concerns raised by neighborhood groups detailed at <https://nonewstadium.org/> and by Concerned Engineers in the Edgewood neighborhood (attached), I ultimately think it would be unneighborly to refuse this reasonable request. After all, we are talking about time honored extra curricular activity which should be encouraged for our young people. It is non-alcoholic and we are not being asked to pay for it.

I concede that my house at 508 S. Prospect Ave. will be less impacted than those who live closer, but my late grandparents' home at 308 Park Ln in Holmen, Wisconsin was right across the street from the dual use football and baseball field for the high school (the football field has since moved to a bigger site). My grandfather, former 94th district Assemblyman Virgil Roberts, believed it was important to support positive activities for young people, to keep them (including me) out of trouble. He was one of many who volunteered to sod the field on the site of the old mill pond, and spent many nights in his lawn chair or at the fence enjoying a game. And because it was also used for baseball, there were far more than 5 games per year. I agree with my grandfather and would be ashamed to oppose reasonable use. (Map of 308 Park Lane, Holmen, WI <https://goo.gl/maps/91iQ8oonbTP2>, choose satellite view)

I love Lake Wingra, the Arboretum, and starry nights, but I think the limited amount of light use proposed is reasonable.

While football and marching bands in Madison date back at least to the 1800s, amplified sound does not and noise is a disruption that is inescapable. I believe that amplified sound for public address at limited decibels is reasonable and even necessary for safety for large group gatherings, but I think the increased use of amplified music to 'hype' the crowd or substitute for the crowd's perceived lack of enthusiasm is a public nuisance we can all do without and should be prohibited (example 50 seconds into first video here: <https://nonewstadium.org/data/>). I think it is reasonable that exceptions be made for musical accompaniment to national anthem or school dance group half-time performances, etc.

Lastly, there appear to be some reasonable concerns about Edgewood's compliance with the practice field agreement and intentions undisclosed at that time (I don't think this stepwise pursuit of a stadium was accidental but may have been necessary given some vehement opposition) so I think it is appropriate that the agreement be specific regarding periods of use, decibels, etc. and that consequences of failure to comply be severe- even up to revocation of permit.

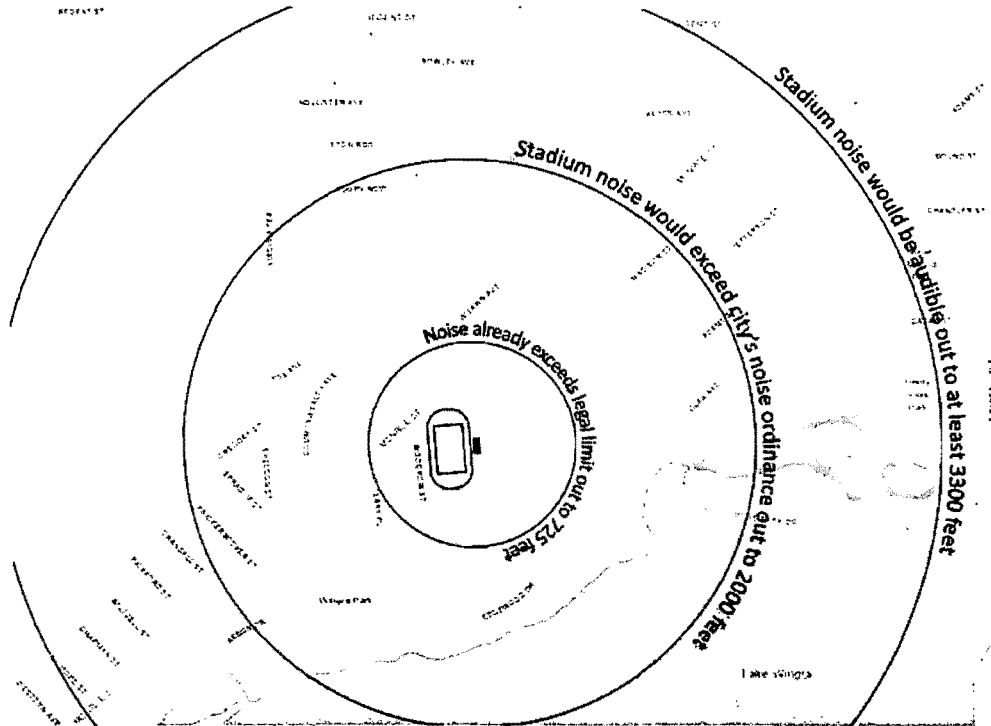
Thank you for reading.

Sincerely,  
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Madison, WI 53711  
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Concerned Engineers in the Edgewood Neighborhood  
P.O. Box 45595  
Madison, WI  
53744

# Protect your neighborhood!

You may have received a mailing from Edgewood High School, trying to convince you that their proposed stadium will have a minimal impact on the neighborhood  
Edgewood High School has misrepresented many facts about their proposal – they are not telling the truth to you or to the city.



- Noise levels would regularly exceed 80 dBA for homes on Woodrow, Monroe, Terry, and West Lawn
- Noise levels would occasionally exceed 90 dBA for events near to the stadium's proposed 1000-seat capacity
- These noise levels would be experienced inside people's homes with windows open
- Even with windows shut, noise levels would be so loud as to interfere with conversation
- These noise levels are comparable to being 50 ft from a chainsaw, lawnmower, or tractor-trailer at highway speeds
- Noise levels exceeding 70 dB would affect large areas of the DMNA, Vilas, and Regent neighborhoods
- These noise levels would be loud enough to interfere with spoken conversation and disrupt sleep
- The sky glow from the stadium lights would impact everywhere on this map

## The time to act is now!

Public Comments Due: January 4

Write or email your opposition to:

Heather Stouder (Planning Division Director)  
hstouder@cityofmadison.com

Tim Parks (City Planner)  
tparks@cityofmadison.com

Allen Arntsen (District 13 Interim Alder)  
district13@cityofmadison.com

and speak up for your neighborhood in person  
at the Planning Commission meeting:

Public Hearing: January 14

City County Building  
210 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Room 201  
(attendees will be allowed 3 min. testimony)

Speak up or be drowned out!

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Edgewood High School has gone to great lengths to mislead the community

Don't be fooled! If this stadium is built, there is no going back!

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## Edgewood High School claims “technological improvements” mean their stadium won’t impact neighborhood. Don’t fall for it!

**Claim:** “Sound levels [would be] around 60 dB at adjoining streets”

**Fact:** Noise levels of 69 dBA have already been measured at the front door of a neighboring home during a JV game on the practice field with only around 50 fans in attendance and no PA or band. Therefore, simple physics predicts noise levels of about 80 dBA for a crowd of 500. Sound measurements taken during a game at Waunakee with a sub-1000 crowd showed noise levels of 87 decibels. Noise levels will exceed 80 decibels inside people’s homes on Woodrow, Monroe, Terry, and West Lawn.

The conditions in Edgewood’s formal proposal to the city set no limit on noise levels that they may create. If approved, this proposal would revise Edgewood’s zoning to give them *carte blanche* to generate any level of noise that they please, with no recourse from neighbors or the city.

**Claim:** “Sound levels will meet or exceed all applicable city standards”

**Fact:** The city’s noise regulation prohibits the generation of noise that causes levels in excess of 65 dBA in neighboring residentially-zoned properties. Edgewood is already violating this and neighbors have complained repeatedly about excessive noise. Edgewood talks about “complying”, while they are really asking to be exempted from the city’s noise ordinance – if they were to get this, then “The provisions of [the city’s noise ordinance] shall not apply to... events for which a permit or license is required and obtained”. This would both make their current violations legal and allow them to further increase their noise levels.

**Claim:** “Our new lighting technology prevents sky glow”

**Fact:** There have been no major recent advances in lighting technology that reduce sky glow, and it is widely recognized that sky glow is impossible to eliminate. The City of Madison has had a dark-sky ordinance since 1993, and any stadium lighting installed since then has complied with it – you can look at any lighted stadium in the area and see what it would be like. The sky glow from Breitenbach Stadium at Middleton High School can be seen from 1.5 miles away – at that distance the glow appears brighter than nearby streetlights. Is that what we want over Lake Wingra and the arboretum?

**Claim:** “[Our lighting] meets/exceeds City lighting requirements”

**Fact:** The city only has specific design requirements for lighting in “parking facilities and outdoor merchandising areas”, with only two “General Requirements” that apply to other outdoor lighting. One sets standards for outdoor lighting fixtures with output over 1,000 lumens, which is “equivalent to a single 70-Watt incandescent bulb”, and is completely inadequate for regulating the 4.5 million lumens of stadium light that Edgewood is proposing to install – this would be “equivalent to 315,000 Watts of incandescent light bulbs”. The other sets a limit for “light trespass” that is thousands of times brighter than natural nighttime light levels. Even if they were to comply with that limit, they would be destroying the darkness of the night sky for a large radius around their property.

**Claim:** “Edgewood is committed to adhering to [limits on use] and all of the agreed-upon restrictions will be fully enforceable by the City of Madison”

**Fact:** Edgewood has been routinely violating the legal zoning of their property since immediately after their Campus/Institutional Master Plan was approved. They have been using an area that is formally zoned for “team practices” and “physical education classes” to conduct varsity games as well as renting it to outside customers. The zoning language was not an oversight – it was an agreement negotiated between Edgewood, surrounding neighborhoods, and the city, and has the force of law. Edgewood is aware that their current use is non-conforming, but it has been an on-going issue that has had a negative impact on the neighborhood, subjecting neighbors to noise levels in violation of city regulations. On November 20, the city’s building inspection division issued a letter informing Edgewood that they would be receiving a formal notice of violation for this non-conforming activity unless their master plan was amended.

Edgewood High School has shown blatant disregard for city zoning law and agreements that they’ve made with the city and the surrounding neighborhoods. How can neighbors trust anything that Edgewood claims when they so flagrantly break the law already?

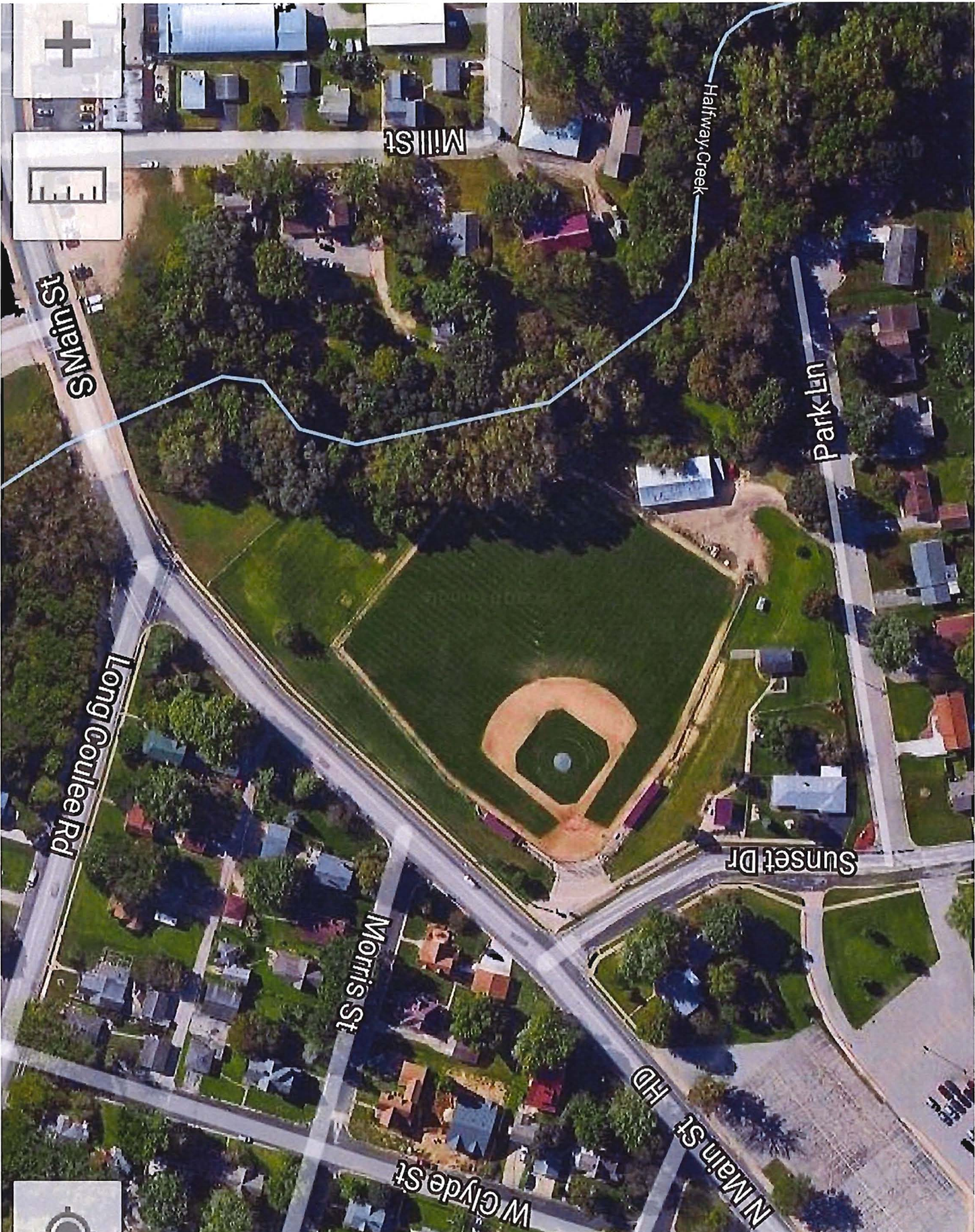
**Claim:** “It’s only 5/18/26/27/40 nights a year!”

**Fact:** Edgewood’s formal amendment requests that lights be permitted for up to 40 games per year, plus unlimited practices. They are setting no conditions or limits on the number of games or outside events at which amplified audio would be permitted. The “compromise” proposed by the alder appointed for our district by the city would limit the use of lights to five football games, but still allow Edgewood unlimited use of amplified audio at other times, and permanently allow Edgewood to continue what they are currently getting away with by violating their zoning.

**Claim:** “Edgewood hosted neighborhood listening sessions to share our ideas and gather feedback. Those sessions helped identify... areas that we have specifically addressed as we move through the process”.

**Fact:** This is half-true. They did host neighborhood meetings and issued various press releases and other documents, but have done nothing to actually address the core neighborhood concerns about stadium lights, amplified sound, and crowd noise. The process has been characterized by Edgewood telling us their intentions, neighbors expressing their concerns and objections, and Edgewood dismissing those concerns as overblown or irrelevant and saying that they’re going to do it anyway. This does not demonstrate “a commitment to positive neighborhood relations” – it is demonstrative of an attitude of entitlement that has generated an enormous amount of discord and distrust in the neighborhood.

In a 2015 Wisconsin State Journal article, Edgewood High School President Mike Elliott was quoted as saying that their project to resurface the practice field ‘has received the support of area neighborhood groups that have balked in the past at the idea of turning the facility into a competition site for Edgewood’s many athletic programs’, and acknowledging that “We’re between two neighborhood associations. They have been vehemently opposed to us having lights or playing games here. We’re really building this to be able to give our athletes the practice facilities that provide the best surfaces possible and to expand the amount of outdoor practices we can hold especially in the spring.”



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**From:** Kurt M. Lindsley, P.E. <klindsley@municipalfilter.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 04, 2019 3:41 PM  
**To:** Stouder, Heather; Parks, Timothy; Arntsen, Allen  
**Cc:** Bidar-Sielaff, Shiva  
**Subject:** RE: Support for Edgewood Plan

PS. Although I do not plan to attend the commission meeting on Jan 14<sup>th</sup>, please feel free to read my email aloud if voices of support are necessary.

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**From:** Kurt M. Lindsley, P.E. [mailto:klindsley@municipalfilter.com]  
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**Cc:** 'district5@cityofmadison.com' <district5@cityofmadison.com>  
**Subject:** Support for Edgewood Plan

Dear Commission Members & Alderpersons,

I continue to see signs and receive mailers opposing the Edgewood High School field expansion/renovation, BUT I for one am STRONGLY IN FAVOR of allowing these improvements to our neighborhood. Edgewood is a strong member of our neighborhood and improvements like the ones proposed seem both reasonable and prudent. I personally think it would add vitality & energy to our neighborhoods, which is also the view of my wife and 2 young children.

PLEASE do not let the organized nay-sayers drown out those of us that support Edgewood & their otherwise reasonable plans.

Kurt Lindsley  
1909 Commonwealth Ave.  
Madison, WI 53726



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**From:** A. Isenbarger <andreaisenbarger@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 04, 2019 3:41 PM  
**To:** Soglin, Paul; Baldeh, Samba; Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Opposition to the Edgewood Stadium proposal

Dear Mayor Soglin, City Council President Baldeh, and Interim Alder Arntsen:

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration for the planning needs of the Madison community, specifically the Dudgeon-Monroe community as it relates to the stadium proposal made by Edgewood High School.

As homeowners living less than a block from the proposed stadium, we are strongly opposed to a stadium being built in this location, and our opposition matches those of our neighbors who also have been supportive of the 18 other expansion projects completed by Edgewood since 1992.

This stadium proposal, however, is different. Our primary reason for opposing this stadium, also known as an 'athletic complex,' is that it is a project that would not be appropriate for any neighborhood with comparable urban density. We, as homeowners living on West Lawn Avenue, a street parallel to the proposal site, seek to preserve the quality of life and character of the Dudgeon-Monroe neighborhood. Maintaining this balance of livability, along with this level of a tax base, are in the best long-term development interests of a municipality such as Madison and in a neighborhood like the Dudgeon-Monroe community, as it currently exists.

This proposal would create a stadium to fulfill the wants of Edgewood's own student and alumni, the vast majority of whom do not live in the neighborhood or in Madison. This is not a development project that would further enhance the needs of the neighborhood or the city, nor the people who live in it. It is not a project that benefits everyone, or even most everyone. It would benefit a few at the cost of many.

For all of the reasons you have already heard, and for those stated here from a homeowner less than a block away, I ask for your support in opposition of this proposal as well, both for the present good and for the future development of the neighborhood and of the City of Madison.

With appreciation,  
Andrea Isenbarger  
2224 West Lawn Ave.  
Madison, WI 53711

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**From:** barb lazaris <blazaris@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 04, 2019 3:56 PM  
**To:** hstruder@cityofmadison.com; Arntsen, Allen; Parks, Timothy  
**Subject:** Edgewood proposed stadium

Greetings,

Please add my voice to those opposed to the 1000 seat capacity stadium, proposed by Edgewood High School. If there are indeed other schools that would like to use this new stadium, why not find another place in the city where even more schools can participate, without polluting the crowded Monroe neighborhood with noise, including the precious Pleasure Park Drive behind Edgewood which is home to Indian mounds and provides people from all over the city some respite from city life.

Sincerely,

Barb Lazaris

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Madison Wi 53711

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**From:** gretchen twietmeyer <gtwiet@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 04, 2019 4:05 PM  
**To:** Stouder, Heather  
**Cc:** Soglin, Paul; Arntsen, Allen; Baldeh, Samba; gretchen twietmeyer  
**Subject:** Material for Plan Commission, January 14 2019

Re: Proposed Amendment to Edgewood Masterplan

3 minutes

I am Gretchen Twietmeyer, 2260 West Lawn, 44 years here, back in history I was on the DMNA council for a number of years. I love my home and neighborhood.

I am now in my golden retirement years, supposedly, had planned to age in place til I get doddery.

If Edgewood wants to get me to leave my home, I can't imagine a better way to push me out. I physically responded to their October presentation with sleep disturbance, distraction, persistent high levels of stress, and more. Why?

SOUND I am sensitive to sound and hearing loss makes me progressively more sensitive. I do enjoy positive sound, like singing in choirs, good music and sounds of nature. General urban sound, especially the sound of kids playing freely on our block, is fine.

But distorted sound from announcing, blaring music and hyped crowds disturb me to the extent that I want to flee. My hearing aids only aggravate a loud or obnoxious sound (and they are state of the art). Trying to hear clearly and avoid damage to my existing hearing takes a lot of energy. (It's not only about decibels. See below, More on Hearing)

I'm often outside gardening during times when games would be played, likely to hear a lot of what is sent over. I often eat 3 meals a day out on my deck in good weather. My master bedroom, front sunroom, and living room windows directly face the practice field. I would be the unwilling recipient of sound thru open windows in warmer weather, as I don't have AC. I paint and sketch at home and

that requires a quiet environment. If it is not quiet, where is the remedy for me?

Already the 'practice field' in place produces louder sounds than previously, even above the traffic noise on busy Monroe St., even though the events do not seem to be miked. We do not need more.

LIGHT As I age, my photosensitivity increases. Bright lights at night, flashing lights, bright lights in a dark sky cause my eyes to water and hurt. I need darkness to sleep well. I normally go to bed early because I get up early. 80 foot towers strike me as grotesque and the light I might be able to directly see intrusive. Edgewood already presents an unpleasant glare in the night sky. I want it dark when it is night.—

I do not want to feel like a prisoner in my own home subjected to inescapable light or unrelenting sound.

I never expected Edgewood to attempt to impose a stadium on us. This proposal is totally out of character with the neighborhood. It would impact my quality of life to the point that I don't think I can continue to live here and that is a devastating loss to me.

No new stadium

\*\*\*\*\* Additional material\*\*\*\*\*

NEIGHBORHOOD The City tells us that neighborhoods are building blocks vital to the city. What are the elements that make this a great neighborhood to live in? Though urban, our houses are varied in style and design, with smaller yards. We have lots of families with children who play freely and safely together and are a joy to see and hear. Many neighbors are friendly, helpful and interested in making the world a better place, we generate block parties and other gatherings, hang out on our porches and yards. There seems to be respect for a great variety of lifestyles. And we are walkable, bikeable, busable, so we have choices as to how we get places. Why mess with a good thing?

MORE ON HEARING The New York Times had an article January 1, 2019 by Jane Brody, Science Times section ([Untreated Hearing Loss is Linked to Costly Ills](#)). It said that hearing loss is a quality of sound issue, where parts of words and speech drop out and speech sounds like mumbling. The brain works harder trying to decode and clarify the garbled message. Information not clearly heard impedes memory. Noise pollution is the most common complaint in NYC; over 50% of people in their 70's have hearing loss and 80% in their 80's.

THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT I am told the Plan Commission does not want to hear about the natural environment but Lake Wingra, Wingra Park and the Arboretum are an integral part of this neighborhood for a lot of us. When I need to get away from the urban setting I often walk or bike to the bit of Arboretum near Honeum which I consider part of my own back yard, often with binoculars, or to phone my Dad (Sundays at 7) from Wingra Park, or I kayak in or bike around Lake Wingra stopping in the arboretum. When I use the Edgewood College Library (nice and quiet) I sit facing the Park and Pleasure Drive, and nearly every day in summer I bike there on my way to Goodman Pool to swim. Coming home about 9am, I am an observer of what's happening on the Edgewood 'practice' field.

PARKING. For 44 years, I have 'hosted' Edgewood High School parkers, as I am very near Leonard St., across from the entrance to the school. This continues even with our 2 hour parking (which, incidentally was initiated by folks in the middle of my block whose main concern was speeding in an area where there are a lot of small children). I expect that many more parkers would descend for games, for why would they wish to contend with traffic jams in and around Edgewood itself? Will the concessions include alcohol? Back in the days of Edgifest throngs of kids congregated on my corner, making a lot of noise and leaving behind a number of beer cans. I cannot help but expect a reprise, given that No New Stadium yardsigns have been stolen from me 3 times.

**From:** Jim Lorman <lorman@edgewood.edu>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 04, 2019 4:15 PM  
**To:** Andrew J. Statz ; Brad Cantrell ; James E. Polewski ; Jason Hagenow ; Ken Opin ; Zellers, Ledell; Melissa Berger ; Michael Rewey ; Carter, Sheri; King, J Steven  
**Cc:** Arntsen, Allen; Soglin, Paul; Stouder, Heather  
**Subject:** Statement of opposition to EHS proposed revision to Edgewood Campus Master Plan

I respectfully ask the Plan Commission to reject the revision to the Edgewood Campus Master Plan proposed by Edgewood High School. I live in the Greenbush Neighborhood and my home would not be directly affected by the negative impacts of noise and light, but I feel the proposed stadium expansion and use are not appropriate for any residential neighborhood with so many homes so close. And, as a frequent paddler on Lake Wingra, I am concerned about noise and light spill-over compromising enjoyment of that unique natural area.

In addition, Edgewood High School has not operated in good faith on this issue and has not exhibited sufficient trustworthiness for the community to take the risk on approving a permanent stadium expansion with lights and amplified sound. The “No New Stadium” group has documented a series of false or misleading statements and actions by leaders of EHS, and I will not detail them all here. But I will mention two that I see are particularly egregious:

- 1) It is well-documented by statements from the High School itself that they recognized the potential for the proposed stadium changes well before the completion of the 2014 Edgewood Campus Master Plan, yet there was no mention of a stadium in that plan. It is clear (from the history of discussions at the Neighborhood Liaison Committee, for example) that this omission was a deliberate choice intended to facilitate approval of the Master Plan in 2014, and that it violates the agreement by all parties that the Master Plan was “an instrument of communication so that all stakeholders are aware of potential future developments on campus.”
- 2) According to the City of Madison Zoning Administrator, the High School has been operating their athletic field in a manner that violates its permissible zoning use, as defined by the Edgewood Campus Master Plan. Present zoning stipulates Edgewood High School’s athletic field be used for “team practices, physical education classes.” Yet the High School has regularly used its field for competitive games, not just for practice and classes. (And, as documented by the No New Stadium group, peak crowd noise from these events at times exceeds the noise levels EHS claims would occur AFTER the proposed stadium expansion.)

The City has authority to enforce the zoning conditions and require the High School to limit the use of the field to practices and physical education classes or face fines as penalty, but it has so far chosen not to do that. Amending the current Master Plan to allow the High School to continue its present uses that include competitive daytime games, but without seating expansion and new lighting and sound amplification, would be a reasonable compromise to the much more far-reaching EHS proposal.

Sincerely,

Jim Lorman  
516 Wingra Street  
(Greenbush Neighborhood)

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**From:** Mike Kanel <mckanel@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 04, 2019 4:17 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Concerns about the proposed Edgewood stadium

Dear Mr. Arntsen

Before moving into the neighborhood those who would be most affected by the increase in sound, light and traffic were aware that living so close to Edgewood would at times cause them some disturbance. I think that this stadium would cause a significant and unfair increase in those disturbances.

I don't think the stadium would meet Edgewood's optimistic claims for light and noise levels. Would Edgewood consent to an agreement that would force them to meet their claims concerning light and noise? Possibly fines escalating to banning of the out of compliance events? Would future city leaders have the political will to oppose requests for more frequent or more disruptive events?

One of my children attended Edgewood for several years, there seems to be a strong school spirit without a stadium. My two children have attended West High School and again there seems to be a high level of school spirit and pride without having a stadium.

Thank you for you time.  
Mike Kanel  
2824 Gregory St,  
Madison, WI 53711

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**From:** Tom Caw <savagecaw@mac.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 04, 2019 4:21 PM  
**To:** Stouder, Heather; Parks, Timothy; Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Edgewood High School proposed stadium

To all concerned:

I am writing to express my support for Edgewood High School proceeding with their proposed stadium. I moved to 2340 Monroe Street in September 2008 when I came to work as a librarian at UW-Madison, and I lived there until moving a few blocks away to 627 Knickerbocker Street in August 2014, where I presently reside. I chose to live in a neighborhood with a sprawling campus that includes Edgewood Campus School, Edgewood High School, and Edgewood College, knowing that at times there would be traffic jams, parking challenges, and ambient noises generated by activities inside the Edgewood fences. I also knew that Camp Randall Stadium was close by, and would generate a lot of noise and that its lights would illuminate the sky every time the Badgers played a night game, or the WHSAA football state championships happened.

I grew up in central Ohio, where high schools have their outdoor athletic facilities adjacent to the building. I have lived in Illinois, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Connecticut, and have witnessed schools in cities in all those states with stadiums adjacent to the building. I lived in Milwaukee for 10 years before I wound up in Madison, and the schools in Milwaukee have stadiums adjacent to the buildings. I realize that both Madison West and East High School lack stadiums on their premises, and that this is seen as the norm in the minds of many Madisonians, but I have never understood it. If you're going to live next to or near a school, then in my mind you should expect there to be occasions when you will hear exuberant noises, and you will see bright lights at night.

I have received flyers from the No New Stadium group. I received one from Concerned Engineers in the Edgewood Neighborhood recently that purported to use "simple physics" to predict noise levels from Edgewood football games, based on measurements taken during a game at Waunakee High School. I understand the people opposing Edgewood's proposed stadium citing the city's noise ordinance as one standard by which Edgewood would be affecting the neighborhood, but I wonder how these same people feel about the noise coming from Camp Randall?

I presume that were Edgewood High School to violate city ordinances for noise levels, or be in violation of the dark sky ordinance, the city would force them to be in compliance. The information the Concerned Engineers in the Edgewood Neighborhood present on their flyer suggests otherwise. I have read the information Edgewood has disseminated as well, and that leads me to believe the lighting system would not create the sort of "sky glow" those opposed seem certain it would. I know Camp Randall's lights create a massive "sky glow." I know the newly installed LED lights along Monroe Street that were part of the reconstruction project make it as bright as day. I wonder if those opposed to the stadium have also complained about the streetlights?

All of this is to say I support Edgewood High School in going forward with their proposed stadium.

Sincerely,

Tom Caw  
627 Knickerbocker Street  
Madison, WI 53711



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**From:** Paul O'Flanagan <Paul@oflanaganlaw.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 04, 2019 4:25 PM  
**To:** Stouder, Heather; Parks, Timothy; Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Proposed Edgewood stadium improvements

Hello:

I hope that you had a happy holidays.

I am writing to voice my opposition to the proposed stadium improvements at Edgewood High School.

My chief concerns are that the stadium will negatively effect the quiet enjoyment of my property and the value of my property.

All of Edgewood's studies have been completed by vendors, who have an interest in getting the stadium approved. This creates a conflict of interest inherent in the studies. My understanding is that several of my neighbors have hired an expert who completed an independent study that shows the noise pollution would be considerably worse than Edgewood's vendors have indicated.

I think that it would be impossible to limit the use of the stadium to Football games, if because of Title IX concerns if no other reason. The proposed cap of 40 nights per year roughly translates to one event per week given time off for summer vacation and other holidays. In reality, use would be much heavier in the nicest period of time to be outside, in the Spring and Fall.


I am also concerned that the value of my property would decrease. Several neighbors have cited studies which indicate that a real drop in property values has accompanied construction of similarly situated stadiums in cities similar to Madison.

Finally, several of my neighbors have indicated that they will move and rent out their houses if the stadium is built. Aside from the fact that I like my neighbors, I am concerned that property values will drop once the character of the neighborhood changes to rental units. I know that this may seem like puffery given the value of homes in the area. However, I ask you to note that houses on this side of Monroe Street (on Terry and Woodrow) tend to sell for far less than houses on the other side of Monroe. Possibly because they tend to be smaller.

I would also point out that I am living in a house directly across from an approved major improvement to Edgewood College, including an underground parking ramp and a health center. The neighborhood did not object to this or several other improvements that Edgewood has made over the years.

I have additional concerns around the impact on the Arboretum and Lake Wingra as well.

Regards,

Paul O'Flanagan  
862 Woodrow St.  
Madison, WI 53711  


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**From:** Laura O'Flanagan <lunasilversmith@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 04, 2019 4:27 PM  
**To:** Stouder, Heather; Parks, Timothy; Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Edgewood Stadium Proposal

Dear Planners and Interim Alder:

I am writing to share my opinion about the proposed changes to the Edgewood stadium. I live at 862 Woodrow Street - across from Edgewood School.

I oppose the proposed changes to the stadium, but I was undecided about the issue until a few months ago. I knew my friends and neighbors up the block were very upset about the idea but I was unsure that the stadium would impact me and my family and I really want the high school to have a full stadium.

Only after I considered how the noise would impact serene evening walks along Lake Wingra or grilling out in the backyard did I firmly decide that I am against the improved stadium. I know Edgewood claims that the noise will be adequately controlled, but I am unconvinced.


People say that Edgewood neighbors are not being neighborly and have "opposed everything Edgewood has ever tried to do". We have only lived here 4 years, so I can't speak about the past, but I can say that we have not opposed anything else the school has proposed and agreed to the opening of the gate at the end of the block during the construction on Monroe even though it meant that there was no longer room for me to bike home from work on Pleasure Drive. And speaking of un-neighborly - what about all the stolen signs?!

Also, people seem to think that we are elitist. Have they walked down Woodrow and Terry Streets? We don't have expensive homes - we chose them because of the location - surprisingly quiet and peaceful, not to mention close to the natural areas along Lake Wingra. People who just drive down Monroe Street come away with a very different idea of what our streets are like.

Please consider my opinion in making your decision. Thank you very much for your time and hard work on this issue.

Best,

Laura O'Flanagan

 - it is generally best to reach me by text, if possible.

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**From:** Allen Arntsen <allenarntsen@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 04, 2019 4:31 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Fwd: Edgewood Stadium expansion

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**From:** Jessica Weeks <jessica.weeks@gmail.com>  
**Date:** Fri, Jan 4, 2019 at 4:23 PM  
**Subject:** Edgewood Stadium expansion  
**To:** <hstouder@cityofmadison.com>  
**Cc:** <ajstatz2@madison.k12.wi.us>, <bacantrell@charter.net>, <jpolewski@charter.net>, <ken.opin@gmail.com>, <district2@cityofmadison.com>, <melissaberger2@gmail.com>, <hiwayman@chorus.net>, <district14@cityofmadison.com>, <district7@cityofmadison.com>, Allen Arntsen <allenarntsen@gmail.com>

Greetings members of the Plan Commission:

I am writing to express my very strong opposition to Edgewood's stadium proposal. I am copying my interim alder, Allen Arntsen.

I do not feel that the surrounding urban residential neighborhood is appropriate for a stadium with lights and amplified sound. For this reason, other neighborhood public high schools do not have home stadiums either. Edgewood, like West High School, must accept that it cannot have a dense, convenient urban location and also large home games (for football or other sports). Edgewood should be held to the same standards as public schools.

More generally, I do not see how this stadium serves the public interest. All of the benefits of the stadium go to a wealthy private institution rather than the Madison public as a whole. Edgewood keeps talking about how its students have "earned the right" to play in a home stadium, but this doesn't make any sense. A student at a private school hasn't earned the "right" to disrupt an urban neighborhood, no matter how wonderful those students might be. Likewise, students at West don't have "the right" to blast their neighbors with sound or light either, no matter how wonderful those students are.

Meanwhile, all of the costs are born by residents and wildlife. Residents had no reason to believe that a stadium would be built on that piece of land, especially given repeated promises from Edgewood that a stadium would not be built there, the norm that Madison city schools in similar neighborhoods do not have stadiums, and Edgewood's proximity to Lake Wingra, a cherished natural resource. It is inappropriate to ask the neighborhood (including the environment) to bear the burden of amplified sound and lighting for 40 games per year. People are understandably extremely stressed about the increase in sound and light pollution, and its affect on their (and their children's, and the surrounding environment's) well-being. It is irresponsible to propose a stadium of this nature without detailed and accurate information about the environmental impacts.

Edgewood must accept its location is simply not appropriate for a stadium. I hope that the city of Madison will focus on the PUBLIC interest, not the interests of a wealthy private school and its boosters, and will say no to this inappropriate proposal.

Sincerely,  
Jessica Weeks  
2234 West Lawn



**From:** Wendy Fearnside <wendy.fearnside@att.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 04, 2019 4:33 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen; hstrouder@cityofmadison.com; Parks, Timothy  
**Subject:** Edgewood High School Stadium

The Edgewood High School stadium development is unacceptable as proposed, and the compromise limiting the number of night football games to five doesn't go far enough to solve the problem. The amount of controversy that remains is a clear indication that work still needs to be done to come up with a decision that works for both the school and the adjacent community.

One possible solution would be to impose measurable and enforceable standards for light and sound and to limit use of the facility to Edgewood home games, team practices, and gym classes only.

- Rental of the space to other schools or teams would be prohibited.
- Use of the facility for concerts and other non-athletic events would be prohibited.
- The noise standard would include a maximum decibel level as measured on nearby streets and a separate, lower decibel level as measured people's homes. Noise measured in home interiors should not impede normal conversation.
- The light standard would require lighting that illuminates the field, leaves neighboring homes in the dark, and involves minimum glare.
- Compliance with both sound and light standards would be monitored and enforced by the City of Madison. Compliance with the interior sound standard would be monitored on a complaint or request basis.

My suggestion is to delay this project and to begin a city-facilitated process that starts with objective fact finding on issues relating to light and sound; identifies and evaluates options, including a more detailed version of the above; and brings people together to try to work out a solution that both Edgewood and the immediate neighborhood can accept.

Thank you.

Wendy Fearnside  
912 Van Buren St., Madison  
(2 blocks from the Edgewood campus; 3 ½ blocks from the proposed facility)

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**From:** Tom Isenbarger <tomisenbarger@me.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 04, 2019 4:37 PM  
**To:** Stouder, Heather; ajstatz2@madison.k12.wi.us; bacantrell@charter.net; jpolewski@charter.net; ken.opin@gmail.com; Zellers, Ledell; melissaberger2@gmail.com; hiwayman@chorus.net; Carter, Sheri; King, J Steven  
**Cc:** Soglin, Paul; Baldeh, Samba; Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Opposition to proposed Edgewood athletic facility

Dear Plan Commission Members:

I write to oppose the proposed Edgewood project to allow expanded use of the athletic field as outlined in the Amended Edgewood Campus Master Plan submitted to the city.

I appreciate your consideration of the various viewpoints and arguments provided by both those that support and by those that oppose this project. I am sure you have been provided with numerous facts with respect to the present situation, comparative data based on facilities similar to the proposal, and predictions for how the proposal would affect the surrounding neighborhood.

I believe that these considerations indicate that the proposal should not be approved.

However, rather than reiterate arguments that others have presented noting the negative impact of the project, I would like to emphasize that you consider the behavior of the Edgewood community in the past and how it is indicative of how the Commission should view their present arguments and likely future actions.

Edgewood's current use of the present facility has included varsity and junior varsity athletic competitions, which contradicts the present use limitation of the facility for practices and physical education only. Based on this past and current behavior, there is no reason to believe that Edgewood would comply with any use limitations for the proposed facility if it were to be built. Accordingly, it is very difficult to predict the actual impact of the proposed facility on the neighborhood, which could largely exceed any predicted impact based on the formally proposed usage and proposed technological solutions for sound and light abatement. Once the facility is built, past actions indicate that Edgewood will do what it pleases regardless of any limitations to which it would agree formally.

In addition, several observations indicate that Edgewood does not act as a good neighbor in partnership with the surrounding neighborhood. In particular, the stealing of signs stating opposition to the project is indicative of the attitude of Edgewood individuals toward Edgewood's neighbors. And, the often irresponsible and dangerous driving by Edgewood students and parents on the surrounding streets indicates a lack of respect for those who live in the neighborhood. While this is an ongoing problem, we observed increased instances of students driving very fast down West Lawn Avenue during the Monroe Street reconstruction project. These examples are indicative of the feelings that some within the Edgewood community have for their neighbors and public areas surrounding the campus.

These actions indicate that Edgewood acts in its own interest with little concern for the city and surrounding neighborhood. Accordingly, I would find arguments from Edgewood relating to proposed use limitations and concern for the neighborhood very difficult to believe.

Thank you,  
Tom Isenbarger

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Tom Isenbarger JD PhD



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**From:** Jake Blasczyk <jacob84@charter.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 04, 2019 5:12 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Edgewood HS Stadium

Dear Allen:

Happy New Year. I have carefully read and studied both positions regarding the potential Edgewood High School Stadium including the statement of our neighborhood association, DMNA. I have also studied your comprise position. The DMNA's position convinces me that the potential Edgewood High School stadium has too many negative consequences to warrant such a drastic change in the initial plan. The DMN, as you know, is a unique place in this city as is Edgewood College and preserving what makes DMNA unique is important and counters Edgewood's arguments, including that it needs the stadium to further it's abilities to attract students. It seems like a flimsy argument. I have also heard that the point that it's impossible for Edgewood to seek alternative stadiums like West High school does. Another flimsy argument. So options exist for Edgewood High school while building the stadium will forever change the character of DMN.

Please consider DMN's uniqueness as the public hearing on 1/14 approaches. I would add that your comprise just postpones the negative consequences.

Jacob Blasczyk  
2624 Monroe Street, #309  
Madison, WI 53711

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**From:** Neil D. McCallum <nmccallum2225@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 04, 2019 5:15 PM  
**To:** hstouder@citofmadison.com; Parks, Timothy; Arntsen, Allen  
**Cc:** Soglin, Paul; Baldeh, Samba  
**Subject:** "No" on the Edwood High School Master Plan Amendment - Stadium

As neighbors in proximity to Edgewood High School, we urge a "no" vote on the proposed Edgewood High School Master Plan Amendment to allow the construction and operation of a stadium with lighting and amplified sound system. The following statement indicates our concerns

## Comments Regarding Proposed Master Plan Change to Allow New Edgewood Stadium with Lighting, Amplified Sound and Stadium Seating

January 4, 2019

Dudgeon-Monroe is a lovely neighborhood that allows walking to shops, restaurants, schools and both Edgewood and the UW Madison campuses. However, our neighborhood already well understands the impact of amplified sound and crowd noise and fan parking from the limited games at Camp Randall stadium. With our windows closed, we know when Bucky has scored and depending on the wind direction can make out cheers! Although only once a year, we also can hear the amplified sounds of "Jazz in the Park". We have sky glow from the UW Madison power plant and hovering helicopters coming and going to the University of Wisconsin Hospitals and clinics.

Compliance: If the Master Plan amendment is approved to allow the stadium, the City does not have relevant standards for this type of sound and lighting, as well as, monitoring systems and devices to assure compliance to the stated goals of the project. Enforcement without verification is an avenue for evasion and the neighborhood bearing the brunt of disruption! The impacted tax-paying neighbors will have no recourse other than a civil suit....yet another hardship to endure. This concern is very real as tax-exempt Edgewood has demonstrated a blatant disregard in the past for the zoning restrictions placed on them. Based upon the information provided by the High School, the *lighting* and *sound* information is based on vendor information and was not independently produced. Verification for specific levels for both sound and lighting with an ongoing means of enforcement is a must. Will the police be responsible for shutting down field usage that does not meet or exceed the decibel and lighting limitations specified in the plan? Clearly the police are not equipped to measure these specifics so any approval of a stadium must build in ongoing verification through non-vendor measurements and provide a method of closure for non-compliance.

Parking: Living on Keyes Avenue, we are currently impacted by students and athletes parking on our street. The situation has eased after many meetings with campus officials leading to increased campus parking. The literature produced by the High School indicates that they have on-site parking sufficient for the capacity of the stadium. This assumption can only be made if there are no other functions on the campus. In reality our neighborhood has found that when there have been day-time competitions on the Edgewood "Practice Field", many student athletes (not necessarily Edgewood students) park on Keyes and carry in their sports equipment. Creating a 1000 seat stadium will only aggravate the situation. Our neighborhood is already impacted by the Edgewood High School parking, without the Stadium.

As neighbors that live within the impact zones for sound and light, we encourage a NO Vote on the Master Plan amendment that would allow the new stadium and limit the current encroachment from the 2014 Master Plan approval for a "Practice Field" back to limiting competitions on the existing field which is negatively impacting traffic on Monroe, parking and noise. This is not only a consideration for Edgewood's human neighbors, but also the eco systems of Lake Wingra and the Arboretum.

Submitted by Neil and Shirley McCallum  
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Madison, WI 53711

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**From:** Bob Meyer <bobmeyer22@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 04, 2019 5:24 PM  
**To:** Stouder, Heather; Arntsen, Allen  
**Cc:** Soglin, Paul  
**Subject:** Letter in opposition to Edgewood Amendment to Master Plan - Stadium  
**Attachments:** Edgewood Amendment To Master Plan Stadium.docx

Ms Stouder, Alder Arntsen, Mayor Soglin,

Please find attached my statement in opposition to the proposed amendment to Edgewood High School and the Campus Master Plan with respect to constructing a 1,000 person stadium including lighting and amplified sound. I live immediately across the street from the proposed stadium and am concerned about the impact on the neighborhood and the value and our ability to use and enjoy our home. None of my residential neighbors would be able to impact my home in this manner and not be held accountable.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

To: Planning Commission  
CITY OF MADISON

From: Bob Meyer  
812 Woodrow Street  
Madison, WI 53711

Re: Edgewood Athletic Facility Expansion/Stadium Amendment to Master Plan

Dear Madison Planning Commission Members, Alder and Mayor Soglin,

I would like to clearly state my opposition to the proposed expansion of the athletic practice facility on the Edgewood campus at the corner of Monroe Street and Woodrow Street.

With the current (expanded) use we see now, after the field was renovated, we can hear all activity on the field in every room of our home. Every whistle blow, every shout at a player or ref, the electronic scoreboard with the car alarm sounds, etc. There is nothing that can be done to stop the noise from the field from entering our home – as it is now, we wait for sundown for the noise to stop. Two of the three bedrooms of our home face the field, and all three bedrooms have a “view” of the field (photos). Given the topography and the lack of any sound barrier/berm – this proposed expansion will impact the continued use, value and enjoyment of our home. If this amendment is approved, the field use as proposed could include lighting the field for practices and other events and take away the one natural way of controlling and limiting the length of time that the field is used.

The current amendment to the Master Plan also includes a provision for 80 foot tall poles to hold the lighting equipment. The closest pole would be situated across the street from our home (approx. 90') The height of our home is only about 30' There are no existing trees or natural obstructions that could be added to keep this from impacting us, yet we are expected to believe the testimony from the company selling the equipment to Edgewood. Photo at the end of this letter shows approximate height and width of lighting fixture based on information from proposed amendment. This photo had to be taken from the side yard of our home to get a sense of the scale.

In general, this expansion is not a good fit for any urban neighborhood. The existing field is very close to single family homes with limited ability to truly buffer the lighting, sound amplification and noise of up to 1000 individuals - including “pep” bands. The playing field is level with first floor of many homes on the upper end of Woodrow Street – direct line of sight and sound from the field. This stadium expansion was not part of the 10-year Master Campus Plan – we are growing weary of having to defend our home and our peace and quiet from the actions of one of our neighbors.

Specifically, I oppose the proposed amendment that changes the current parameters and use of the athletic field for the following reasons:

- **No ability to control noise from the field** – The current use of the field is already disruptive to our home use as it has been greater and more frequent than was approved in the Master Plan. We have to close windows (no central air in our 1911 era home) to contain as much as possible the field noise. The stadium location and siting direction funnels noise directly at the upper end of Woodrow Street. We are also situated so that the houses along Monroe Street between Woodrow and Terry Place also creates an echo effect where the sounds from the field come in the back of our home as well. The stadium is a further addition to the noise funnel aimed at our home and is addressed separately.
- **Lighting** -- The front of our house and two of our three bedrooms face the field at about mid-field. The effect of light trespass from a facility this size cannot be contained, if the fixtures work as presented – there is still the issue of very large poles to hold the lights. The 80 foot (roughly 8 story) poles, would be visible from nearly every room of our home as well as as far away as the capital (the following links were panoramic views created from a drone hovering at 80’ above the easement nearest the location to the poles ~20 yard line.  
<https://roundme.com/tour/331855/view/1099983/>  
<https://roundme.com/tour/331853/view/1099943/>  
The proposed poles would extend well above the current tree line and be absolutely visible. For the upper end of Woodrow Street we would be “under” the lights, which seems to be in conflict with Madison lighting ordinance (references).
- **Sound Amplification** – Given the close proximity to residential properties along the Monroe St corridor, the ability of to control the sound level so as to not “disturb the comfort, quiet and repose” is impossible. Current portable PA systems used on the field were completely unsupervised and frequently multiple calls and in-person visits were required to get any change in sound levels. It should not be up to the neighborhood residents to enforce violations of city noise ordinance. At times the sound levels were loud enough that we would get reflection off the houses behind us from Terry and Monroe Street. The presentation really only talked about the amplified sound from the night games and as one participant mentioned there is really no way to “model” the sound of up to “about 1000” people shouting, stamping their feet, and cheering. Given the potential bleacher configuration, there is really no way to predict the sound pressure levels at, or inside our houses. As the situation currently stands – the football team’s usual “PRIDE” warm up is clearly audible inside our homes.
- **Expanded Seating Capacity** – The expansion of the seating area alone (without lights or amplified sound) would bring with it the guarantee of additional noise from larger crowds, bands, bleacher stomping, etc. As is, we can hear players, coaches and others when they are on the field without amplification. With seating for 1000 fans, pointed at our house, at the very same level as our floor, there is no possibility of controlling the

noise that enters our home. Other stadium have stands on both sides of the field – in this case ALL of the noise generated by the crowd and the amplified sound would be directed or reflected at our home.

- **Appropriateness for the neighborhood** – The size and scale of this addition to the practice facility does not fit into this largely owner-occupied single family residential neighborhood. The current use, as a practice facility, already strains the limits of what should be expected of anyone living near a school or practice facility.

This expansion also represents a major modification to the use of the campus in a way that was not been considered by the City of Madison planners or the surrounding neighborhood associations when the Master Plan was submitted and agreed upon. In fact, the stadium idea was brought up and was deferred based on the feedback from the neighborhood associations and the community in the planning process. For Edgewood to bring this up as a separate issue/amendment, this is a potential loophole in the planning process that will allow entities to bring contentious issues up in the court of public opinion versus the City's standard planning process.

While not in the domain of the Planning Commission and Alder, I would like to add that due to our willingness to discuss “our side” of the debate, our family and I have been targeted personally for stating opposition to having an athletic stadium directly across the street from our home. Starting in August of 2018 in the Madison Magazine article by John Roach (<https://www.channel3000.com/madison-magazine/opinion/john-roach/roach-friday-night-fights/785752906> Roach did not talk to me personally, he only quoted a short interview from the last time Edgewood proposed to expand their stadium). Just today, mail delivered to our home (photo 3 below), targets us directly and is potentially a threat to the value of our home. Our personal property has been stolen from our yard and we aren't even the most vocal opponents.

Finally, the impact on property values (and property tax revenue) is clearly at risk. The change from a “practice facility” to a “stadium” will impact property values in the immediate neighborhood, not only by restricting the “use, value and enjoyment” of our property. It is very likely that the homes that are now owner-occupied could revert to rentals as families and long-term residents move away. What Madison doesn't need is more transient student housing, replacing stable single family homes.

Please consider the long-term impact on the surrounding homes and families, compared to what is being proposed as something that is only going to be used for 4 or 5 high school football games.

Sincerely,

Robert H Meyer (812 Woodrow Street – somewhere between the 20 and 30 yard line)

Photos of light pole location closest to our home (first is from side yard between houses.  
Height based on drone location at 80' above field level:



Photo 2: View from second floor bedroom facing the field. Yellow line indicates approx. light pole location. The top would be above the level of the trees – 30 – 40 feet above the ridgeline of our home.)





Photo 3: Targeted harassing mail sent to home address with photo of our home on it. (Text reads: It is time TO SELL Free Market Analysis and Home Evaluation When people mention crazy neighbors, this house is the poster child completely unhinged Wouldn't recommend anyone living next to this craziness.)

## **It is time TO SELL**



### **Free Market Analysis and Home Evaluation**

When people mention crazy neighbors, this house is the poster child,  
completely unhinged

Wouldn't recommend anyone live next to this craziness

References:

Campus Master Plan:

[https://www.cityofmadison.com/planning/projects/reports/1000ecd\\_Master.pdf](https://www.cityofmadison.com/planning/projects/reports/1000ecd_Master.pdf)

City of Madison Planning document

- 3) The uses, values and enjoyment of other property in the neighborhood for purposes already established will not be substantially impaired or diminished in any foreseeable manner.

Lighting ordinance

- 2) There cannot be a direct line of sight between other property and a light source (or it's reflector) on your property, such that glare from the light source would cause discomfort or annoyance on the other property.

Noise ordinance

**24.04 PROHIBITION OF NOISES DISTURBING THE PUBLIC PEACE.**

- (1) No person shall make or assist in making any noise tending to unreasonably disturb the peace and quiet of persons in the vicinity thereof unless the making and continuing of the same cannot be prevented and is necessary for the protection or preservation of property or of the health, safety, life or limb of some person.
- (2) No person, firm or corporation occupying or having charge of any building or premises, or any part thereof, shall cause, suffer or allow any loud, excessive or unusual noise in the operation or use of any radio, phonograph or other mechanical or electrical device, instrument or machine, which loud, excessive or unusual noise tends to unreasonably disturb the comfort, quiet or repose of persons therein or in the vicinity. (Am. by Ord. 7506, 9-3-81)
- (3) (a) No person, firm or corporation shall use or operate, or cause to be used or operated in or upon any public street, or from any aircraft, any device, apparatus or instrument for the amplification of the human voice or any sound or noise, or other sound-making or sound reproducing device except between the hours of 12:00 noon and 1:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., provided however that such restriction shall not apply to churches broadcasting or reproducing music by sound reproducing devices on Sundays or religious holidays, or to the production of sounds of any nature produced incidental to the operation of any governmental function or to the production of sounds of any nature produced incidental to the operation of any authorized emergency vehicle or to the use of sound producing equipment authorized pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes or to the use of sound producing equipment used incidental to any street use or parade permit. No person, firm or corporation shall make or cause to be made for the purpose of advertising or announcing his vocation or presence, or in connection with the buying or selling of any goods, wares, merchandise, services, or anything whatsoever, or with the carrying on of any trade, occupation, vocation or profit making activity, an immediate or excessive use of the voice, or of any bell, gong, horn, instrument, article or device.

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** teresa nyholt <tnyholt@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 04, 2019 5:54 PM  
**To:** Stouder, Heather; ajstatz2@madison.k12.wi.us; bacantrell@charter.net; jpolewski@charter.net; jshagenow@yahoo.com; ken.opin@gmail.com; Zellers, Ledell; melissaberger2@gmail.com; hiwayman@chorus.net; Carter, Sheri; King, J Steven; josh.npravnik@gmail.com; fieldsrac@gmail.com; Baldeh, Samba; Arntsen, Allen; Soglin, Paul  
**Subject:** Edgewood Amendment to Master Plan  
**Attachments:** Letter to Planning Commission.pdf

Hello, please see my attached letter regarding Edgewood's amendment to their Master Plan.

Thank you,

Teresa

January 4, 2018

To: Planning Commission, Alder Arntsen and Mayor Soglin

CITY OF MADISON

From: Teresa Nyholt

812 Woodrow Street

District 13 residents

Re: Edgewood Athletic Facility Expansion/Stadium Amendment to Master Plan

I write to you to ask that you oppose the further development of Edgewood High School's athletic facility. Although you may have already made up your mind, please consider what I have to say. I write in opposition in defense of my home. I live directly across from the athletic field, on Woodrow St. My husband and I bought the house 7 years ago with the understanding that this was already a settled issue and that Edgewood had agreed not to do this. So, we did not think we were signing up for this at the outset. We have never opposed Edgewood before on anything.

First and foremost, I want you to understand the effect that the already existing noise has on the neighbors who live here. The proximity of our homes means we can hear most activity that happens on the field in our homes. We can hear the grunting and yelling, the whistles and crowd noise. Of course, some of that is to be expected. But all the times that we would like to be in our yards, all the times that we have to have our windows open because we don't have central air in our 100 year old house we have sports noise. Even with the windows closed it can be quite loud. When we emerge in Spring to plant our gardens and enjoy being outside, we get to endure blaring music that we might not care for, any time practice is happening – even a few people. We are awakened early morning every year by the Powder Puff games. Naps and dinners include sports noise. Having stomach flu with sports noise was particularly awful. Every room in our home is pierced by this noise.

And now, with the new field came the score board. The sound of the score board sounds like an alarm. It is jarring. This sound is used to cut through all the other noise that is being created by the game and the audience so that every player and observer can hear it. The problem is that it does not stop at the boundaries of the field or of the property. It travels on, into our homes. Now, imagine it coming into your home. Every room. My work covers all 3 shifts and I have a child. I may be sleeping during the day, catching a nap, working from home, studying. A reasonable amount of peace in one's home is not a frivolous desire. It is a biological and

psychological need. Research shows that unwanted noise causes stress to people and ongoing stress that can't be controlled causes health problems.

To simplify the issue to its basic reality is this – peace in our homes is a need. That's why there are limits placed on noise where people live. Having a sound system and lights for home games and practices is not a need. It is not necessary for the school or the neighborhood. To put something that isn't necessary above the needs of others is called entitlement. The school believes it's entitled to this regardless of its consequences to the needs of others. Edgewood has put their students in the middle of this too, by telling them that they are entitled to this and that we are monsters for trying to stop it. I find this an egregiously wrong lesson to be teaching kids.

The neighbors of Edgewood who oppose the new proposals have been painted in several newspaper articles, Madison Magazine and on-line discussions as angry and unreasonable at the very least. But please consider this (as I mentioned to a neighbor on Nextdoor) – if your neighbor's runoff were flooding your basement and they refused to stop, you would be upset and asking for help too. Instead of being given thoughtful consideration, we are called "rich, white NIMBY's." Considering I couldn't afford to send my son to Edgewood, that seems like a kettle/black rationalization. We are not simply ruffled because tea-time will be delayed. We are having our homes invaded and we will have no recourse once it is done. We won't be able to control the amplified or unamplified sound. There is also no guarantee that our home values won't be negatively affected. We are receiving anonymous harassment by mail. Our signs are being stolen from our yards to shut us up.

Edgewood put out a call to all their students' families, alumni and others. They have asked them to flood you with letters and to come to the meeting. I would like to point out that if an action is wrong, then having many people wanting to do it to them doesn't make it right.

Michael Elliot presented this new plan as having become feasible due to new technology. But there is no new technology that can control the crowd noise and it certainly won't make it less than the recent 80 decibels measured inside a neighbor's house this last Fall. It will lower the quality of life for people in the immediate vicinity immensely.

Thank you for reading my letter and for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

Teresa Nyholt  
812 Woodrow St.  
Madison WI 53711

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Michelle Horton <ma.horton6@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 04, 2019 8:15 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Edgewood Sports Facility

Dear Allen,

Happy New Year and thanks for all you do for our city.

I am writing to express my support of what Edgewood is wanting to do with their sports facility including adding lights. I have lived in Madison my whole life and specifically on Rowley Ave. and currently on Hollister Ave.(District 5) The facility will be good for the school and the Madison community. Living in close proximity to the UW football stadium, field house and Edgewood campus the activities that take place at these locations are good for the neighborhoods especially local businesses.

Thank you for considering my request of allowing Edgewood to move forward.

Michelle Horton  
2212 Hollister Ave  
Madison WI. 53726  


**From:** Rachel Durfee <rachel-durfee@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 04, 2019 8:32 PM  
**To:** Stouder, Heather; ajstatz2@madison.k12.wi.us; bacantrell@charter.net; jpolewski@charter.net; jshagenow@yahoo.com; ken.opin@gmail.com; Zellers, Ledell; melissaberger2@gmail.com; hiwayman@chorus.net; Carter, Sheri; King, J Steven; Baldeh, Samba; Soglin, Paul  
**Cc:** josh.nappravnik@gmail.com; fieldsrac@gmail.com; Arntsen, Allen; Rachel Durfee  
**Subject:** Please Deny the Edgewood Stadium (from Woodrow St Resident Rachel Durfee)

From: Rachel Durfee  
848 Woodrow Street  
Madison, WI 53711  
rachel-durfee@sbcglobal.net  
January 4, 2019

Dear Mayor Soglin, Madison Plan Commission, and the Madison City Council,

**I am writing to ask you to oppose deny Edgewood's proposal to expand its practice track and field into an "Athletic Complex" with the addition of stadium lights and an amplified sound system.** I request that you take a firm stand against this as something that is not compatible with the charm character of this historic neighborhood and would negatively impact the enjoyment of my home, the value of my home and the tranquility of Lake Wingra, the Arboretum and Vilas and Wingra Parks.

I have been a resident of Woodrow Street for 24 years. With each Master Plan and building proposal that Edgewood puts forth, we are asked to accept larger enrollment caps, more parking, more traffic, more buildings and more "amenities" that are all driven by more revenue needs. We have absorbed many "mores." With each proposal, we have worked with Edgewood to minimize its impact on the neighborhood and to seek as much compromise and win-win as possible. However, **stadium lights and amplified sound are the two things that I and my neighbors have held to be non-negotiable. They are either there or they are not. There is nothing about this that is a win for me or for my neighbors.**

**I opposed this same proposal 22 years ago.** In 1996 Edgewood presented essentially the same plan that you are reviewing. The plan showed the expansion of the track and field into an Athletic Complex. They wanted stadium lights, a sound system, and a grandstand with a press box, storage, concessions and an ultimate seating goal of 1400-1500. The only difference with what they are presenting today is that they have a much slicker sales pitch, have money burning a hole in their pocket and have engaged in a lot more intense intimidation tactics. In 1996 the neighborhood opposed the stadium and Edgewood withdrew their proposal.

Under the existing Campus Master Plan, approved in 2015, Edgewood spent \$1.5 million to upgrade its outdoor athletic field. **At that time, the neighborhood was led to believe the field would be used for PRACTICES ONLY, and would NOT include lights or a sound system.** Edgewood High School president Mike Elliott declared in the *Wisconsin State Journal* (6/15/2015), that neighborhood associations have been "opposed to us having lights or playing games here. We're ... building this to be able to give our athletes the practice facilities that provide the best surfaces possible." **However, after completing the upgraded field, they have used it for games (in violation of the Master Plan), as well as practices, and now are seeking to add lights, amplified sound and increased use. I already consider the 2015 "upgrade" to be a compromise** and now Edgewood is demanding more. It is distressing that I am once again fighting the same issue to protect the neighborhood, Lake Wingra and our parks.

We all know what we think when we drive by a field with stadium lights, even when the lights are not on and the field is empty. We know what the presence of stadium lights imply: the glare of lights, the blare of the sound system at all times of the day and night, night games, fan noise, traffic, etc. We form in our mind an opinion that the surrounding neighborhood is less desirable and that we wouldn't want to live there. This is not what we want for our neighborhood. You cannot just insert a stadium and expect that there will not be adverse impacts.

## MY REASONS FOR OPPOSING THE PROPOSAL:

- 1. Sound System and Stadium Noise** will carry throughout the neighborhood day and night. Amplified sound has a booming, echoing, electronic character that carries long distances. As crowds get bigger, the sound system needs to get louder to project one's voice over 1300 fans and a pep band. Cheering fans, bands, car engines, referee whistles - a stadium comes with lots of noise that cannot be controlled by technology and this noise will be carried by the breeze throughout the surrounding community and onto Lake Wingra.
- 2. Stadium Lights 80 feet tall** will be visible to neighboring homes and Monroe Street users, adding more light pollution to the neighborhood and Lake Wingra. Lights would be bright enough to illuminate a very large area to the level of daylight. These banks of lights on 80 foot poles will be visible from Monroe Street alerting all who pass that a stadium is here and defining a new, undesirable character for Monroe Street. The lights will be at an angle to illuminate the field. Houses on Woodrow are below the level of those lights and will look right up into them. Houses on the perimeter will have "front row seats to every game" and will be able to see it lit clearly and brightly from distances as close as 95 feet. Light carries, especially with humidity and the glare of the field will emanate as a visible and pervasive glow.
- 3. Extended hours of use enabled by lights** until 9:45pm will disrupt the quiet of warm weather evenings and make it difficult for young children to sleep. With lights available, there will be a desire to use them for additional Edgewood practices and events.
- 4. Increased use by outside groups** of unspecified sizes and frequencies. You build it and they will come. Even though Edgewood says they will limit their use of the field, they have also said that they want to offer the use of it to other groups. And other groups will approach them. These groups will be willing to pay and Edgewood will want and likely need the revenue stream; meaning we will get more than we bargained for.
- 5. Increased traffic and parking issues.** An increased use of the field has not been factored into the Monroe Street rebuild, the neighborhood plan and the City's Plan.
- 6. Proximity to neighboring properties** – the closest residence property line is only **99'** from the proposed stadium and is closer than the residences to the following high school athletic facilities:
  - Middleton High School: **285'** from nearest residential property line
  - Verona High School: **416'** from nearest residential property line
  - LaFollette High School: **1000'** from nearest residential property line
- 7. Property values around Edgewood will be adversely affected** by the addition of lights, a sound system, and the increased use and capacity of this field.



**8. A stadium does not fit the character of the Monroe Street corridor and the tranquility that we value in our yards, in our parks and on Lake Wingra.**

**Again, I ask you to oppose deny the proposal by Edgewood High School to expand the use and impact of the track and field by the addition of stadium lights and an amplified sound system.**

Thank you,

Rachel Durfee

848 Woodrow Street  
Madison, WI 53711

**From:** Stuart Stair <sstair@healthgrades.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 04, 2019 8:56 PM  
**To:** Parks, Timothy; Stouder, Heather; Arntsen, Allen  
**Cc:** Bidar-Sielaff, Shiva  
**Subject:** Edgewood Stadium Opposition

Hello all,  
We wanted to express our opposition to EHS's proposed stadium upgrade. We are in District 5 - our house backs up to Commonwealth Ave where the bike path intersects it. About 3-4 blocks from EHS. We have been in this neighborhood ~14 years and prior to that lived in district 5 at 2116 Madison Street, one house removed from the Edgewood campus. I have followed this issue since the "practice" field was proposed and I attended the listening session at EHS a couple months ago. Our kids attend Hamilton MS and West HS.

EHS intentionally misled the neighborhood about the planned use of the field in order to get it installed because they knew once it was laid - their bargaining position would improve dramatically. Which it has, given Alder Arneson's position on allowing a stadium "with restrictions". What precedent is being set when this path to getting a development approved is successful? Have they not already demonstrated that they do not feel bound by "restrictions" - by asking for an exception to the Master Plan? One of the functions of Master Plan is to give residents some certainty and predictability, before they make what is in many cases the biggest investment of their lives - in a house. When we allow exceptions, what is the point? To many in the neighborhood, the Master Plan is supposed to ensure that Edgewood continues to recognize the uniqueness, and limitations, of its location, and behaves like a neighbor, and not an island.

EHS' manner of "addressing" the neighborhood's concerns at the listening session consisted of presenting reasons why a football stadium will somehow not be loud, or bright, or generate traffic congestion. None of these are true. For example, access to EHS parking is a bottleneck so it is irrelevant how many spaces they have. Traffic will divert around EHS during events onto side streets, like the one we live on, Commonwealth. And *of course* we will be able to hear the PA and see the light. This is such an incredibly unique neighborhood. We are right in city with access to everything, yet at night it is pitch black and quiet outside my house. Last night we were listening to the owls along the bike path. We rarely see a police cruiser in this neighborhood. And we pay a premium to live here and raise our family. We work our butts off to afford it as a matter of fact. A football stadium with 80 foot light poles is incongruous with the neighborhood. Period.

For those who live closest, there will be a *significant* impact upon their quality of life and that is completely unacceptable given this nature of the project. For a LOT of families, being able to live in this neighborhood is the realization of a dream and the culmination of hard work and sacrifice. This is not an infill or civic project with community benefit being proposed, and the neighbors are not NIMBYS. This is a larger than necessary facility for a *private* school that the vast majority of families in Madison cannot afford - with a majority of its students living outside the neighborhood. This proposal is offensive to many parents with kids at West, where we have the most underfunded athletics programs among the public high schools...and of course no stadium. The argument that EHS *needs* a stadium on campus is ridiculous, as a majority are commuting in. A stadium in the suburbs would be more convenient for this student body - in reality. Kids don't stay after school until football game time.

It's unfortunate the EHS has decided to "take on" its own neighbors as it has caused a lot of completely unnecessary strife and division. It's our sincere hope that they are compelled to abide by the Master Plan and continue to use the field in the manner they told the community it was going to be used.

Thanks for all of your work on this issue!

The Stairs  
2409 Norwood Place  
Madison WI 53726

**From:** Will Costa <wcosta@mailbag.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 04, 2019 9:53 PM  
**To:** Stouder, Heather; Parks, Timothy; Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** No new stadium, svp

Dear Ms. Stouder, Mr. Parks and Mr. Arntsen,

Please count me as opposed to an Edgewood stadium for the following reasons.

- 1) I feel bad for the adjacent homeowners. They would see the value of their homes drop so Edgewood can see their donation go up. It's as if Edgewood would get to hand them a bad luck tax.
- 2) I fully expect a busy stadium would degrade the quality of life on those quiet side streets and wherever spillover parking would occur. There would be a lot less parking for regular visitors at Wingra Park. We can all suppose that would hurt the business of the boat rental. The restaurants by Monroe and Knickerbocker would have to chase fans from their parking lots.
- 3) I would like to see Edgewood use that \$1mm and invest it in their special education program or something equally worthy. I wonder how many food pantries they could endow with that money.
- 4) I oppose the stadium because, irrefutably, football means brain injuries. Pop Warner enrollments are down 30%++ across the country. The size of leagues and teams are contracting. In that light, building a football stadium is most unwise.
- 5) Lastly, it would be an eyesore, garish and incongruous, forever and daily, a blot on Monroe St.

Please note that (1), (2) and (5) would affect the nearest neighbors most.

Kind Regards, Will Costa, 211 Vista Rd., Madison, WI 53726.

**From:** Jonathan Du Chateau <jjduchateau@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 04, 2019 10:05 PM  
**To:** Stouder, Heather; Parks, Timothy; Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Edgewood Stadium Proposal opposition and comments

Dear Ms. Stouder, Mr. Parks, and Alder Arntsen,

As a resident and registered voter in the Monroe-Dudgeon neighborhood, I'd like to register my and my 2 daughter's **opposition** to the Edgewood Campus stadium. We are also opposed to any "foot-in-the-door" compromise that allows a stadium but with use more limited than Edgewood proposes given that this will sets a precedent and expectation of future expanded use.

I feel that a question that needs to be seriously considered is "**Are the desires of those who have no real tie to the neighborhood and won't be directly impacted outweigh the impact to those that live there?**" I believe that the answer is a definitive NO given the residents' concerns supported by the information below.

#### **Who is impacted?**

The beneficiary of this proposal is the modest sized student body (under 500 students) of temporary 4 year students where over 50% of the student body are **NOT** Madison residents and less than 25% live in the 53711 or 53705 area codes - per Edgewood's own published demographics stats ([https://www.edgewoodhs.org/about\\_us/school\\_demographics](https://www.edgewoodhs.org/about_us/school_demographics)).

Those negatively impacted are all the full-time families who make their homes in this area.

This is a proposal that benefits a few non-residents whose student attend Edgewood for a few years at the expense of the full-time residents.

#### **What is the impact?**

##### 1) Noise

Wind direction is a significant a factor for sound levels. A light breeze will carry sound significantly downwind.

##### 2) Light Pollution

The 80 foot light poles are same as an 8 story building. These will be an eye sore even when not in use, especially that close to a residential section of Monroe St. At that height, the poles and light will also be visible from Lake Wingra and the arboretum. Edgewood proposes to use the same lighting as the Warner Park stadium claiming that light pollution will be barely noticeable. This is not believable as I recently lived 1 mile from Warner Park (which uses the same lighting being proposed) and could easily tell which nights had baseball games by the light pollution.

##### 3) Traffic & Parking

Edgewood claims that there will be no traffic impact does not follow residents' experiences. Another 500 or so vehicles going to and leaving the single entrance over a short time frame will cause additional Monroe Street congestion that already suffers from high traffic volume during rush hour. This creates additional safety concerns for pedestrians and cyclists patroning neighborhood shops/restaurants or enjoying Wingra Park and lake.

Edgewood also states that they will discourage parking on the streets. Regardless of any such effort, human nature is such that people will avoid a parking lot with 1 exit for 500+ cars.

Residents and businesses already experience parking issues, and this will only cause additional parking problems at peak business times. Should people use EHS's lot, at what point will a traffic cop be needed to facilitate that many cars leaving through 1 exit thereby creating delays, congestion, and back-ups on Monroe St?

The quality of life impacts and impacts to the natural environment will be significant for the area.

#### **Is a new stadium needed?**

The Wisconsin State Journal quotes EHS president as saying, "*It's needed for us to continue to advance our sports programs and attract students. It will generate tremendous school spirit and pride. Alumni have dreamed of this day for a long time.*"

1) Attracting students doesn't seem to be a problem and EHS has provide no information that this is an issue. When my daughter considered attending EHS I was told to have her application submitted on the 1st day or she would be on the waiting list as it fills up that quickly. I did not, nor do I believe that people who consider paying \$10k per year for an EHS education base their decision on the outdoor athletic facilities.

2) The student body morale statement doesn't resonate. Student populations aren't like a generation ago where a large portion of the student body turned out for each football game for social gathering or school spirit. Today attendance is mostly families of players and a few die-hard fans.

3) As for the alumni who have "dreamed of this day", who are these alumni, how many live in the neighborhood and how children attending EHS? Most significantly, how important can this be to them if they don't already attend in numbers that exceed existing capacity? - per Edgewood, average football game attendance is 500 per game, only 60% of the existing facility's 800 person capacity.

4) The EHS president also claimed reduced student/family travel for on-campus home games, but this doesn't bear out given that more than 75% of the student body live beyond walking distance to EHS and will need to travel in any event. (50% from outside of Madison and 75% outside of neighborhood)

**The answer to the above question seems to be NO from Edgewood's own information.** There is no shortage of applicants, the facility averages only 60% capacity for the most popular sport, football participation is declining as we learn more about the health risks, and there is no reason to believe that the proposal will increase attendance by another 60% to exceed the existing 800-person capacity. Also, Madison's public high school sports teams are thriving without on-campus stadiums, why can't Edgewood?

Thank you.

Jonathan "J.J." Du Chateau  
Margot Du Chateau  
Elise Du Chateau  
668 Pickford St, Madison, WI

**From:** Shelley Caw <ssavagecaw@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 04, 2019 10:20 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Edgewood High School Stadium

Dear Alder Arntsen:

I am writing in support of the Edgewood High School stadium proposal. I live in the 2300 block of Monroe Street. While I understand my neighbors' concerns about noise/light/traffic issues related to the stadium expansion, I believe that those issues are all part and parcel of living on Monroe Street and in the Dudgeon Monroe neighborhood. We already have significant traffic issues on Monroe Street during EHS and ECS opening and closing—or during any of the events at one of the Edgewood schools/college, including the neighborhood Farmer's Market hosted in the Edgewood parking lot. We already have significant neighborhood disruptions (noise/people/traffic) whenever UW has an event—especially during football season. Often marathons and runs-for-charity use a route that passes from Woodrow onto Monroe Street. From my house, I can hear athletic practices and games already occurring on the new field at EHS as well as outdoor events at Camp Randall and at West High School. Open lunch at West High School creates some negative issues for the neighborhood. Emergency vehicles drive full speed, lights and sirens blasting, 24 hours a day on Monroe Street. The new street lights on Monroe Street are so bright, I could read outside at night. With Monroe Street being a major east/west thoroughfare and the Dudgeon-Monroe neighborhood's close proximity to schools, businesses and parks, our neighborhood is busy and lively at all hours of the day, every day. Thus, I see no reason to single out and restrict Edgewood High School from expanding the use of their new field.

Thank you,

Michelle S. Caw  
2340 Monroe Street

**From:** John Janty <jjanty@charter.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 04, 2019 10:24 PM  
**To:** Stouder, Heather; Parks, Timothy; Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Edgewood High School Stadium Proposal

January 4, 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

I fully support the DMNA position against the proposed Edgewood High School Stadium and would like to add another perspective in support of the position if I may.

I have lived on Commonwealth Avenue for the past 40+ years. During 37 of those years I taught and coached at a Madison area public high school. Over those years the school I was associated with often competed in athletics against Edgewood High School, and it was always well understood that Edgewood High School was recruiting area athletes away from the public schools.

A state-of-the-art stadium, especially highly visible from busy Monroe Street, would certainly serve as a valuable recruiting tool for Edgewood High School. As the UW Athletic Department clearly understands, outstanding athletic facilities are critical in successfully recruiting quality athletes. Also, in today's sports obsessed society, a school's athletic success frequently is equated with high academic programs, i.e., if an institution is successful on the field, it is many times assumed (and often falsely) that it must be a strong academic institution as well. It is clear to me that Edgewood High School's effort to upgrade their stadium to a state-of-the-art facility is an important tool for them to recruit athletes and students away from the Madison area public schools. Please bear in mind that our local high school, West High School, does not have a stadium nor does East High School.

As is well understood, with every student that Edgewood High School recruits away from a public school several thousand dollars are "stolen" from that student's public school through lost state aid. I find it disturbing that the residents of our neighborhood are being asked to sacrifice so much to enable Edgewood High School to enhance their recruiting efforts, take money away from schools such as West High School, and ultimately put another "nail in the coffin" of public education. Since I support public education, I cannot support Edgewood's Proposal!

Respectfully submitted:

John Janty

Commonwealth Ave.  
Madison, WI

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Lyric Bartholomay <lyriccolleen@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 04, 2019 10:29 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Edgewood stadium

Dear Allen,

I am a resident of the Dudgeon-Monroe neighborhood, and am very much opposed to the proposed Edgewood stadium expansion.

I would be grateful if you would make note of my opposition and thank you for hearing me out on this.

Best,  
Lyric

Lyric Bartholomay  
615 Gilmore Street



Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Linda Nelson <lenelson@mail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 04, 2019 11:19 PM  
**To:** Stouder, Heather; Parks, Timothy; Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Edgewood Stadium

Hello,

I live on Keyes Avenue, and am writing to oppose the new Edgewood Stadium. I am afraid of noise levels, sky glow, and of course more traffic in the neighborhood. We already struggle with the 7 or 8 Badger weekends with noise, traffic, etc.

When Edgewood remodeled the stadium to the current Goodman stadium, they were in good faith they would not add lights and sound. Now they are going against their original plans.

Madison West High School (as well as Madison East) do not have their own "home" stadium, and they have been able to deal with that for all of these years. That is kind of the plight of the more urban schools.

Please do not let this new stadium plan go forward. I also do not support a compromise of allowing the stadium to be upgraded, only with 5 events a year. I think we all know that each year this would probably be more and more, or Edgewood would keep allowing more events.

Thank you,  
Linda Nelson

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Darcy Lee <darcylee1805@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 04, 2019 11:24 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** No new Edgewood Stadium

I live at 2239 West lawn Ave, Madison WI 53711. I oppose the development of a new stadium.

I do not want increased car traffic, loud noises and light pollution caused by the stadium a block from my house.

I believe it will create an unsafe neighborhood for my young children due to the increased car and foot traffic.

The noise pollution, increased traffic, and light will be detrimental to the neighborhood and to the Lake Wingra natural environment.

Please vote no to the stadium.

Sincerely,  
Darcy Lee

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** sam johnson <reporting@cityofmadison.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 05, 2019 9:19 AM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** EDGEWOOD STADIUM

General Information

Name: sam johnson  
Address: 1054 Woodrow St.  
City: Madison  
State: WI  
ZIP: 53711

Work Phone:  
Email:  
Should we contact you?: No

Message:

My neighbor tells me someone has been using my name and address to write posts on a website called Next Door. I have never used the website and I have not taken any position regarding the stadium proposal. I have contacted the Police regarding this Identity theft

Recipient:  
Allen A. Arntsen

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Ron Shutvet <rshutvet@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 06, 2019 6:51 AM  
**To:** Stouder, Heather; ajstatz2@madison.k12.wi.us; bradley cantrell; jpolewski@charter.net; jshagenow@yahoo.com; ken.opin@gmail.com; Zellers, Ledell; Melissa Berger; hiwayman@chorus.net; Carter, Sheri; King, J Steven; Arntsen, Allen; Baldeh, Samba; Soglin, Paul; All Alders  
**Cc:** nonewstadiuminfo@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Edgewood College Football Stadium Comments  
**Attachments:** Comments on the proposed new Edgewood High School Stadium.pdf

I have attached my comments regarding the proposed Edgewood High School Stadium. Please accept these comments for the January 14, 2019 review of this project by the Plan Commission and add them to whatever Legistar file number that is being or has been created for this project.

Ron Shutvet

## Comments on the proposed new Edgewood High School Stadium

So, how loud can football stadium noise can get? It seems that football stadium noise is a desirable advantage to the home team and appears to increase the enjoyment of most of the home team fans in attendance. The louder, the better seems to be standard operating procedure at most football games. The current record for football stadium noise seems to be around 142 dB. This is about how loud it gets on the deck of an aircraft carrier when jet fighters are taking off.

Noise monitoring equipment manufacturers are even getting into the game by offering football franchises sophisticated sound level recording devices that are installed in the stadium to monitor the noise levels and instantly display the current noise level on the stadium scoreboard so that everyone in attendance can see how loud they are. This has the direct effect of causing the fans to cheer even louder. Various football stadiums around the world are now vying for the title of the world's loudest stadium. The sophisticated sound systems now being installed in stadiums are also capable of amplifying fan noise in stadiums to even higher levels.

On its website, Larson Davis, a manufacturer of noise monitoring equipment, has an interesting page that promotes their state of the art stadium noise monitoring equipment. The purpose of this equipment is not to try to reduce the noise level in the stadium but to show how loud the stadium fans can get and cause them to cheer even louder!

Here is a link to that Larson Davis webpage:

**[Helping Football Fans Make Some Noise](#)**

This webpage is an interesting read in light of Edgewood High School's claim that they are doing everything possible to reduce stadium noise at the proposed new stadium they want to build on their campus.

Here is a link to a Sports Illustrated article about the competition between football stadiums for the title of world's loudest football stadium:

**<https://www.si.com/nfl/2014/09/29/chiefs-break-seahawks-noise-record>**

I can see why the hundreds of single family home owners surrounding Edgewood High School on three sides are worried about the noise that a new football stadium could bring to their homes and backyards. Really, when it comes to sports events, it is all about making noise and cheering for the home team as loud as you can. For the homeowners surrounding Edgewood College and High School, it is not just the prospect of increased noise but increased traffic and parking issues as well as disruption of the natural darkening of the evening sky by powerful LED lights that would be needed to light up the stadium during evening games.

The city of Madison must carefully review Edgewood High School's request to permit construction of a new stadium. The following conditional use approval standards fall into play here:

1. The establishment, maintenance or operation of the conditional use will not be detrimental to or endanger the public health, safety, or general welfare.

3. The uses, values and enjoyment of other property in the neighborhood for purposes already established will not be substantially impaired or diminished in any foreseeable manner

Beyond all the above information and logic, I don't understand why anyone would want to go watch their son, grandson, or nephew get their brains permanently injured by repeated head concussions and call that fun. The young adult is supposed to be going to Edgewood High School to get a great education not to get their brains bashed to smithereens. Why is football even allowed to be played anymore at colleges and high schools? It is a known fact that playing this sport is generally not good for your brain.

I believe the appropriate decision to make here is NO NEW STADIUM.

Ron Shutvet

January 6, 2019

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Christopher Gibson <chrisg5000@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 06, 2019 8:45 AM  
**To:** Stouder, Heather; Parks, Timothy; Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Edgewood Stadium - Do Not Approve

Heather, Tim, Allen:

Noise is already a problem for our neighbors near Edgewood. Increasing noise and light pollution with the new stadium is unacceptable.

The Edgewood stadium should not be approved and existing regulations should be enforced more rigorously for the existing practice field.

Chris Gibson  
1917 Commonwealth Ave.  
Madison, WI 53726

**From:** Becky Holmes <rmh2228@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 06, 2019 11:08 AM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** No to Edgewood Stadium

Dear Mr. Arntsen,

I'm writing to express my objection to the Edgewood High School stadium plan. I live on Hollister Ave., which would be only marginally affected; however I am more upset about the school's bad faith approach to the negotiations with the neighborhood. I also worry for my friends who live closer to the stadium. Their quality of life and their property values will surely suffer. Please oppose this plan. Thank you.

Rebecca Holmes  
2228 Hollister Ave.  
Madison



Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Jenny Saffran <jenny.saffran@wisc.edu>  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 06, 2019 1:01 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Stadium

Dear Alder Arntsen,

I live at 1912 West Lawn Ave, and the proposed stadium changes will not directly affect my or my family (either positively or negatively). But I am very much compelled by the voices of those who will be most directly affected - the immediate neighbors of Edgewood HS, and very much hope that the City does not support the proposed changes.

I am aware of your 5 game compromise solution. But my concerns remain. The potential positive effects on each Edgewood student are vastly smaller than the potential negative effects on each neighbor. Consider the following two individuals, an Edgewood HS student and a near neighbor. If that student attends every home football game, they get to have 20 evenings of home football. But for a neighbor living in their home for 40 years, that individual will be exposed to 200 nights of home football.

To me, the math is simple: the negative impact on a single neighbor (200 nights over 40 years, assuming no mission creep over the years) is 10x greater than the benefit of 20 nights of home football that any given student might experience.

Thank you for your consideration,

Jenny Saffran  
1912 West Lawn Ave.

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Gordon Enderle <genderle@mac.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 06, 2019 1:32 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Edgewood Stadium is OK

I live on the eastern edge of the Edgewood campus. I have no problem with the Edgewood stadium proposal.

Gordon Enderle  
2111 Adams Street  
Madison, WI 53711

**From:** Margaret Vergeront <mjvergeront@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 06, 2019 4:50 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen; Stouder, Heather; Parks, Timothy  
**Subject:** Proposed Edgewood High School Stadium

Hello Ms. Stouter, Mr. Parks, and Alder Arntsen.

I live at 2019 Madison Street and have lived here 40 1/2 years. We are in the block of Madison Street that runs into Edgewood Street, which bounds on one side the block on which Edgewood High School sits and where the proposed stadium would be built. I strongly oppose the proposal but will not be in Madison for the public hearing on January 14 and so am writing this email.

There is no dispute that the proposed stadium will increase the light and noise level in the nearby streets and thus will have a negative impact on this quiet, residential neighborhood. Limitations on the number of games per year that may use lights do not address the sky glow from those lights nor the unlimited use of amplified audio at other times. And there is every reason to believe that the use of the proposed stadium, and thus the disruption it causes to the neighborhood, will increase over time.

I understand that there are advantages for Edgewood High School in having a stadium next to or near the school, as does Memorial High School. But Memorial, unlike Edgewood, is not located in a densely residential area. West High School and East High School, which are located in residential neighborhoods as is Edgewood, do not have home fields next to or near their buildings. There is no reason Edgewood High School needs a stadium on site in order to fulfill its purpose of providing excellent education, including physical education.

Ms. Stouter, would you kindly pass on this email to the members of the Plan Commission? Thank you very much.

Margaret Vergeront.

**From:** Leopold, Madelyn  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 06, 2019 9:43 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen; Parks, Timothy; Stouder, Heather; Madelyn Leopold  
**Subject:** Edgewood HS Stadium

Dear Alder and City staff:

Alder Arntsen's proposal to limit the number of night games to four or five per year might seem reasonable except that once the stadium infrastructure is installed, EHS will come back two or three years later saying that they're not getting the appropriate use out of their expensive facilities. Once the infrastructure is installed there will be no way for the neighborhood to put the brakes on increased use, with the accompanying sound and light.

This scenario could be forestalled if the master plan amendment provides that the plan cannot be amended again for another ten years. EHS just amended its master plan four years ago.

What the city really needs is an athletic facility that is available to all the high schools. Is it possible that the Goodman Foundation expected such a result when it funded EHS's initial field expansion? The Goodman Foundation is known for its support of public projects, but the EHS field is locked. No member of the public is permitted even to run on the track.

You may know that "No New Stadium" signs have been stolen from yards in our neighborhood, including our yard.

EHS should not be allowed to expand its athletic facilities on Monroe St.

Thank you for your consideration.

Madelyn Leopold  
2233 West Lawn Ave.

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** VilasNA@yahoogroups.com on behalf of Eric Kerlow eric1@kerlow.net [VilasNA] <VilasNA-noreply@yahoogroups.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 07, 2019 11:40 AM  
**To:** Cindy Schlichte [VilasNA]  
**Subject:** [VilasNA] No New Stadium Actions

## Democracy Is Not a Spectator Sport

Dear Neighbors,

You have just two days, that is until Wednesday, Jan 9th, to have your thoughts read by the Planning Commission regarding the Edgewood Stadium before their January 14th meeting. Please take the time to write something and also attend the meeting.

### **Plan Commissioners (You should be able to grab all of these and paste them into your "TO" field)**

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Interim District 13 Alder Allen Arntsen <[district13@cityofmadison.com](mailto:district13@cityofmadison.com)>  
Mayor Paul Soglin <[prsoglin@cityofmadison.com](mailto:prsoglin@cityofmadison.com)>

Sincerely,

Eric Kerlow  
Adam St.

Hi Neighbors,

This is a reminder that the Plan Commission will be deliberating on the Edgewood Stadium on Monday, January 14. If you would like to attend to make your views known here is how to do it.

Plan Commission Meeting  
Monday January 14  
210 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
Room 201 (City-County Building)

- Registration starts at 5:00pm – Meeting starts at 5:30pm
- Arrive early (Edgewood is encouraging its supporters to get there between 4:00 and 4:30pm)
- Fill out and submit a registration form on site and indicate your views for or against the proposal
- You can also indicate whether or not you want to speak at the meeting when you register

Parking available in the Government East ramp on 110 E. Wilson

Best,

Lea

Posted by: Eric Kerlow <Eric1@Kerlow.net>

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**From:** Shannon Henry Kleiber <shannonhenrykleiber@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 07, 2019 12:47 PM  
**To:** Stouder, Heather; Arntsen, Allen; Baldeh, Samba; Soglin, Paul  
**Subject:** Opposition to Edgewood Stadium

Dear Mayor Soglin, Alder Arntsen, Heather Stouder and Plan Commission:

I'm writing to you to voice my opposition for the Edgewood Stadium. The excessive noise and light pollution would be an immediate detriment for the neighborhood and have a long-term negative impact on our surrounding neighborhoods and wildlife. Please consider this very seriously, as this decision will forever impact the city of Madison.

Shannon Kleiber  
1810 Jefferson St. Madison, WI

Shannon Henry Kleiber  
[shannonhenrykleiber@gmail.com](mailto:shannonhenrykleiber@gmail.com)



**From:** Kathy Gerhardt <gerhardtkathryn@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 07, 2019 12:57 PM  
**To:** Stouder, Heather; Andrew J. Statz; Bradley A. Cantrell; James E. Polewski; Jason S. Hagenow; Ken Opin; Zellers, Ledell; Melissa M. Berger; Michael W. Rewey; Carter, Sheri; King, J Steven; Baldeh, Samba; Arntsen, Allen; Soglin, Paul  
**Subject:** edgwood stadium

Please vote against the Edgewood stadium. I live on Drake St and the noise from the UW stadium is more than I can bear. Now if I get surrounding sound from the south by Edgewood's proposed stadium, I will be pushed out of the neighborhood by noise pollution. I am a nurse and feel that football should be a dying sport due to the brain injury it causes. Football is not a good investment. There seems to be no limit to the amount of development the city seems to need. We seem to have no ability to say no to development and fail to preserve what we have. This is a beautiful neighborhood on the verge of overdevelopment. Please learn how to say no, learn how to be a leader. thank you, Kathy Gerhardt



**From:** Veldran, Lisa  
**Sent:** Monday, January 07, 2019 5:15 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Cc:** 'maria.rattunde@gmail.com'  
**Subject:** FW: File #: 53954 - Amend the Campus-Institutional (CI) District Master Plan – 2219 Monroe Street and 829-1000 Edgewood College Drive

----- Forwarded message -----

**From:** Maria Rattunde <[maria.rattunde@gmail.com](mailto:maria.rattunde@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** Fri, Jan 4, 2019 at 3:04 PM  
**Subject:** File #: 53954 - Amend the Campus-Institutional (CI) District Master Plan – 2219 Monroe Street and 829-1000 Edgewood College Drive  
**To:** <[prsoglin@cityofmadison.com](mailto:prsoglin@cityofmadison.com)>, <[district13@cityofmadison.com](mailto:district13@cityofmadison.com)>, <[planning@cityofmadison.com](mailto:planning@cityofmadison.com)>, <[District17@cityofmadison.com](mailto:District17@cityofmadison.com)>  
**Cc:** <[dfields@cityofmadison.com](mailto:dfields@cityofmadison.com)>, <[kobeng@cityofmadison.com](mailto:kobeng@cityofmadison.com)>

**Dear Mayor Soglin and the Madison City and Common Council,**

By now you have received multiple emails in multiple formats about Edgewood High School's (EHS) request to amend the Master Plan for a new stadium.

**Please consider my letter to be one to support your decision to vote NO.**

From my perspective, this boils down to the following questions:

**1. What type of neighborhood does Madison want Monroe Street to be?**

Monroe Street has been a darling of the city of Madison (Vote **NO** to keep it that way).

**2. Is the city willing to reduce its tax base and provide more police services?**

- YES to EHS means conversion of multiple single family homes into rental units and a decrease in value of neighboring properties.
- Increased police force to support parking/traffic/neighborhood disruptions.
  - Ø Theft, noise, and harassment have already increased as a result of field usage and activity associated with this process.

**Additional considerations:**

- I was raised in Madison, I went to EHS and have been a neighbor since 1991; I have supported Edgewood with past multiple compromises.
- I am appalled by the deceit of EHS and I do not feel that they should be rewarded again.

Ø I understand there is a Goodman board member that is also on Edgewood's Board. A (disconnect) wonderfully generous Jewish community foundation gave money to a private Catholic High school for athletic events that does not support the city/community?

Ø Although Vilas neighborhood association initially voted for EHS, the December meeting voted those Vilas/EHS board members out, Vilas now says NO.

Ø EHS built this field outside of the Master plan with the intentions of creating a space they could rent out as a form of fund raising. They chose to give up the Edgefest we supported. EHS has proven itself to be a bad neighbor.

Ø Student populations are dropping, knowledge on sports concussions has increased, and fewer students are choosing to engage in football (EHS is not known for its sports). How can we support EHS when East and West have proven they can succeed without a stadium next door to their schools? This will not increase the student population.

- The proposal is a monstrosity that will impact the neighborhood quality.

Ø 4 80' light poles (30 Candle), expanded seating (1200 fans), concessions, and an amplified sound system of min 60 db (actual sound study proves otherwise), with anticipated max of 40 evening games per year (this does not include day games/rentals).

Ø EHS says the technology is available but this is false; **noise/light cancellation technology does not exist.**

Please note, in the spring of 2017, the Dudgeon-Monroe Neighborhood Association conducted a survey and found that 67.8% of the neighborhood residents who responded felt a stadium would be a detriment. Similarly, 2 of every 3 letters Alder Sara Eskrich received were in opposition. I encourage you to review the impact this will have on the city and vote NO on this proposal.

Other letters to you will cover the history of what has happened with the planning process. I ask that you take the time to consider their information.

The impact of a stadium in a beautiful residential district adds no value to the city of Madison, but will negatively impact it.

**Please vote NO so you do not entangle yourselves in a highly questionable and deceitful process. I want what is right for Madison.**

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Maria Rattunde  
838 Woodrow St.  
Madison, WI 53711

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Ben Walker <bjwalker75@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 07, 2019 10:29 PM  
**To:** Stouder, Heather; ajstatz2@madison.k12.wi.us; bacantrell@charter.net; jpolewski@charter.net; jshagenow@yahoo.com; ken.opin@gmail.com; Zellers, Ledell; melissaberger2@gmail.com; hiwayman@chorus.net; Carter, Sheri; King, J Steven; Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Edgewood stadium

Hi,

Your emails were posted on the Vilas neighborhood listserv. I am writing to voice my support for the Edgewood stadium. I believe that the students have a right to play sports at their school, and that additional noise/light would not be frequent enough to not cause a lasting disturbance in the neighborhood.

Thanks,

Ben Walker

1814 Adams St

Madison, WI 53711


Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Allen Clark <allenw.clark@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 08, 2019 10:15 AM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Recusal over Edgewood Stadium Question

General Information

Name: Allen Clark  
Address: 2525 Gregory Street  
City: Madison  
State: WI  
ZIP: 53711-1928

  
Work Phone:  
Email: allenw.clark@gmail.com  
Should we contact you?: Yes

Message:

Alder Arntsen,  
Because you are a non-elected representative of our neighborhood, you must recuse yourself over the Edgewood Stadium question so that there is an elected alder to replace you. That alder could then truly represent the interests of the neighborhood on this crucial issue, unlike yourself.  
Allen Clark

Recipient:  
Allen A. Arntsen

**From:** Peggy Choy <peggychoydance@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 08, 2019 11:33 AM  
**To:** Stouder, Heather; Arntsen, Allen; Parks, Timothy  
**Subject:** No Edgewood Stadium--from a concerned resident!

Dear Ms. Stouder, Mr. Parks and Mr. Arnsten,

I am a very concerned resident who lives near Edgewood High School. The information disseminated by Edgewood High School inaccurately says that the proposed stadium will have minimal impact on our neighborhood. Noise levels would exceed 80 dBA in the area, and would also affect where I live on Rugby Row; the skyglow would also be a visual pollution at night.

Please do not support the building of this stadium at the Planning Commission meeting on January 14th. I am away during this meeting so cannot be there in person to protest this stadium.

Thank you,  
Peggy Choy

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Jan 2, 2019  
2234 Monroe St.  
Madison, WI  
53711

Planning Division Director  
Heather Stouder

Dear Ms. Stouder,

I write to tell you of my support for the Edgewood proposal of stadium, lights, and sound system.

I sincerely hope this well thought-proposal passes the Planning Division.

Needless to say I am sorry for the fear and apprehension of some of my neighbors.

Having lived for 62 yrs across from Edgewood High School <sup>on Monroe St</sup> I truly do not have any complaints towards the school.

Once again, I ask your support for the Edgewood proposal at the Planning Commission Meeting.

Sincerely,  
Kathy Burdulis