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**From:** Sarah Kissel <sarahkissel72@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 06, 2018 3:49 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Edgewood night games ok with us

Hi Alder Arntsen

Just wanted to let you know we left be two blocks from Edgewood and completely support them using lights and sound for night games and events within reason.

Congratulations on the new position,  
Sarah Kissel

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Henry Jasen <hjasen@me.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 06, 2018 5:36 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Re: [Alder Arntsen, District 13] Flood and other update

Please try to prevent Edgewood School from adding lights and loud speakers to their athletic field. This would be extremely disruptive to our quiet residential neighborhood.

Hank

Henry Jasen  
2105 Madison Street  
Madison, WI 53711



[hjasen@me.com](mailto:hjasen@me.com)

On Sep 6, 2018, at 3:04 PM, [district13@cityofmadison.com](mailto:district13@cityofmadison.com) wrote:



**Flood and other update**

Greetings. With any luck this is my last flood report. Lake Monona is at a record high of 848.53 inches, two inches above yesterday and ten inches above the 100 year flood level. However it should start going down and the next week is supposed to be dry, so things are getting ...

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**From:** Beth Neary <bneary55@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 06, 2018 9:56 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Edgewood

Dear Alder Allen,

I live on Arbor Drive and would like to express my opinion about the request for Edgewood to put lights on their stadium to play night games... Yes, they should be able to... It will only be a few nights and the games are over by 9:30.. The newer LED lights will not shed into the neighborhood as much.

I feel that too often in Madison, a few complainers become the voice of the whole district.... It's football, a community event... kids doing a fun thing that teaches many skills. It's a nice way to be a good neighbor and I appreciate the green space Edgewood provides to Monroe Street.. and the nice walking trail behind it.

Thanks,  
Beth Neary

**From:** P Wehrle <pcwehrle@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 06, 2018 10:09 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Input on the Edgewood stadium issue

Hello,

I remain deeply concerned about the issue of the Edgewood stadium. I am convinced that it will be a needless disruption to the neighborhood that has already experienced great disruption as a result of the Monroe Street reconstruction.

Many stadium supporters have asked "What about Friday Night Lights"? Edgewood has a stadium to play in at the present time. There is no need for this new facility. This is especially true given the number of Edgewood students who live in the suburbs - closer to the present stadium than to the actual school grounds. Many area high schools do not have a stadium on their grounds, including West and East High Schools. Having a stadium on the grounds of the school does not deprive students of anything.

Another issue is the conduct of Edgewood students and their supporters. I still have e-mails, Facebook messages and social media posts saved from the last time this discussion was held wherein I was called a "faggot", a loser, a NIMBY and other offensive things. I remain disturbed by the hooliganism of Edgewood students and parents, and by the lack of disciplinary response and forceful public condemnation by the Edgewood administration to this disgusting behavior.

Students who voice such vile threats and insults would be kicked out of games at Camp Randall, yet I see no remorse on the part of Edgewood leadership for this behavior and no concrete plan of action to hold the hooligans accountable.

If needed I can and will present those at any neighborhood or city government meeting for further discussion.

Edgewood boosters have also expressed their disrespect for the neighborhood association and for the right of neighborhood members to weigh in on this important issue. Should the neighborhood really bend to a group that wants to break a long standing agreement - and whose leadership (including the High School administration) has outright lied about the number of events they want to hold at the facility?

For these reasons I respectfully ask that you oppose any effort to build a stadium for Edgewood High School or modify its existing agreements with the neighborhood association.

Thank You,

Petey Lawrence-Wehrle  
3310 Cross Street  
Madison WI



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**From:** Jeremy Wallace <jeremywallace416@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 07, 2018 10:23 AM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Edgewood football field

Hello,  
I support a plan for Edgewood to have lights for their field. I live in the neighborhood and my kids attend public schools. I see the request as reasonable for the good of the neighborhood. Thank you.

Jeremy Wallace  
1820 Keyes Avenue

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**From:** Gail Martinelli <martinelligail@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 08, 2018 11:21 AM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Cc:** Scott Spoolman  
**Subject:** Concern Edgewood HS stadium development

Hello, Allen,

Welcome to representing us. I grew up on Keyes and now live at 2317 West Lawn Ave. We are very concerned about the Edgewood HS stadium development proposal and oppose it.

Would you take a minute and view the short video on the Pro Point Loma website, please? <https://propointloma.wordpress.com>

It says it all. Those of us neighbors who are at the doorstep of Edgewood's field will bear the brunt of the negative impact. The issues are well laid out on the Pro Point Loma website- Commercialization, Parking, Traffic, Safety, Noise, Light Pollution. All of these will effect the quality of life here!

Thank you and I look forward to hearing from you.  
Gail Martinelli

**From:** julie whitaker <whitaker.julie@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 09, 2018 9:40 AM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** stadium at Edgewood High School

General Information

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Work Phone:  
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Should we contact you?: Yes

Message:

Dear Alder Arntsen,

I imagine you must be following some of the debate on the neighborhood list serve about the Edgewood stadium. I did not get involved in this last year, but feel more called to get involved this time around. I won't repeat what I wrote in the post, but I do want to register my concerns about it. I do not support the stadium and am very concerned with the increased traffic, lights and noise for the football games alone.

There also seems to be some confusion among people about how often the stadium would be used and for what kinds of activities. I'm wondering if this is a "done deal" or if there is still room for neighborhood input. I wonder if you could help us clear up some of the basics for me and others.

I'm especially concerned about what one neighbor posted Al Johnson and the ways in which the Edgewood proposal would or would not resemble the experience in San Diego - where third party renters created a nightmare for the neighbors. From what I understand from the q & as with one of the developers on line, the scale of the San Diego experience looks quite similar to what we'll get at Edgewood.

Here is Al's post for your convenience with a link to the San Diego situation:

I wonder why this issue is coming up a second time around! We just said NO, and now the majority of the neighbors still do not want it...and Mr. Elliot is pushing it! It is not just for Edgewood. The plan is to rent out field 8 of the 12 months It is a money-maker for Edgewood. DMNA is a historical and unique neighborhood. We need to preserve the integrity of this special place.

<https://propointloma.wordpress.com/issues/>

Recipient:  
Allen A. Arntsen

**From:** Mark Berggren <berggrenmark@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 09, 2018 12:40 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Edgewood HS/College

Hello - I'm writing to express my opposition to increased use of Edgewood Stadium for night games of the school (and other schools). When Edgewood built their new facility they sold it as being limited use and that they would provide ample parking. Not long after construction, they changed their tune and have been pushing night usage of the stadium (and the ample parking has yet to come). Increased night games will bring light pollution, congestion (in a neighborhood with many little kids), and lots of noise. This proposal is really not reasonable and does not take into account the neighborhood and wingra Park.

And this is not a situation where people are moving next door to a stadium and then demanding quiet. In fact, it is quite the opposite. Please oppose this request from Edgewood. Thank you for your consideration.

Mark Berggren and family  
710 Edgewood Avenue

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Bidar-Sielaff, Shiva  
**Sent:** Monday, September 10, 2018 7:05 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Fwd: Edgewood stadium lights proposal

FYI

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Andrew Dufresne <[atdufresne@gmail.com](mailto:atdufresne@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** September 8, 2018 at 11:38:11 AM CDT  
**To:** <[district5@cityofmadison.com](mailto:district5@cityofmadison.com)>  
**Subject:** Edgewood stadium lights proposal

General Information

Name: Andrew Dufresne  
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Work Phone:  
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Should we contact you?: Yes

Message:

I want to express my strong support for the proposal to install stadium lights at Edgewood. I think that would bring fantastic community events to the neighborhood and substantially enhance the experience for the students at the school. I urge you to support this proposal.

Recipient:  
Shiva Bidar-Sielaff


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**From:** Dan Lemmer <daniel.lemmer@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 10, 2018 9:24 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Lights on Edgewood Field

General Information

Name: Dan Lemmer  
Address: 2306 West Lawn Ave  
City: Madison  
State: WI  
ZIP: 53711

  
Email: daniel.lemmer@gmail.com

Should we contact you?: No

Message:

Dear Alder Arntsen,

My name is Dan Lemmer, and my wife Kim and our daughters live on West Lawn at Leonard, less than 50 yards I would guess, from the entrance to Edgewood. We are very much in favor of the proposal for lights on Edgewood's field. In the evenings I can hear the whistles and the coaches yelling as the teams practice. We chose to live in a city, and enjoy the vibrancy and bustle and noise that comes with living here. I would enjoy the opportunity to walk across the street to watch a football game, or some other high school sport. I imagine that the businesses along Monroe St. would also appreciate the extra traffic and potential for new customers. Please count our voices as being very much in favor of this proposal. Thank you for your time.

Dan and Kim Lemmer

ps. For what it is worth we have no connection to Edgewood, college, elementary, or high school, other than living nearby.

Recipient:

Allen A. Arntsen

**From:** Scott Spoolman <sspoolman@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 12, 2018 8:23 AM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Cc:** president@dmna.org  
**Subject:** Edgewood's proposed master plan amendment

Dear Allen,

I am strongly opposed to Edgewood High School's proposed plan for a stadium to host football games. I've read the "Edgewood High School Athletic Complex Agreement" (to which I and several others do not agree) and don't feel it addresses our serious concerns about the proposal, namely:

- Crowd noise from events; Edgewood can in no way control crowd noise, and as we live a block away from the current practice field, we already hear loud crowd noise from track & field and soccer events. It's not always welcome.
- Parking and litter; whatever Edgewood says, we believe we will end up with event attendees parking on our street (West Lawn) and we know from experience, again, that this inevitably leads to litter, from candy wrappers to beer bottles, in our street and on our property.
- Spillover of behavior; we're not opposed to kids having fun on Friday night, but we know that rowdy, potentially destructive behavior often spills out of sports stadiums into neighboring areas.
- Commercialization and expanded use of stadium; we're betting that stadium events will not be limited to Friday nights. Eventually, there will be more and more special events over there and the annoyances will happen more often than not.
- Property value: can Edgewood or the City guarantee that this facility and it's resulting noise, traffic congestion, litter, etc. will have no negative effect on our property value? I doubt it.

Note that I did not mention light pollution, which is another concern but less worrisome than those listed above. Edgewood seems to want to focus on high-tech lighting as a way to ameliorate neighborhood concerns, but lighting is only one of several issues, most of which they have no control over.

Finally, I'm disappointed in Edgewood High School because it does not, in fact, seem to be acting as a good neighbor. We attended a meeting at Edgewood HS several months ago and the strong majority of their neighbors who spoke were opposed to the stadium idea. Edgewood is evidently ignoring that sentiment and rolling ahead with its plans. I don't regard that as a decision that a good neighbor would make, in light of what they heard from us all.

Please vote against the proposal. Also, would you mind sending me the date on which the proposal will be considered by the City?

Thanks, and good luck in your new position as District 13 Alder.

Scott Spoolman



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**From:** Anzelmo, Carol <carol.anzelmo@edgewoodhs.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 14, 2017 1:29 PM  
**To:** Craig Stanley; Jon standridge; president@dmna.org; Daryl Sherman; Anne Palzkill; Edgewood Campus School; Cristie Jacobs; Erin Bykowski; Huber, Thomas; Kim Zahler; Kristine Fruehling; Michael Elliott; Michael Guns; Michael Metcalf; Poland, Doug; Growney, Robert; Eskrich, Sara; Shannon McDonough; Shawn Schey  
**Subject:** Fwd: Edgewood High School Field Lighting

*Please read the following message from Mike Elliott. Be sure to click on the link to YouTube at the bottom of Mike's message to view a very informative clip about these lights on Clemson's field.*

*Thanks.  
Carol*

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Hello neighbors,

I'm looking forward to our upcoming trip to view the lighting system at Waunakee High School. I think you will be impressed by the amount of control that is possible to direct light only to those areas where it is needed.

This email includes an image of the type of lighting fixture we will use. You can see how different it is from the old round fixtures used around the city.



I'm also providing a still image of the Clemson field lit at night which shows little to no light spill, spread or glow.



To view a brief interview with Chris Cox, Assistant Director for Intramural Sports at Clemson regarding Musco's LED lighting solution for the LoConte Family Field, visit

<https://youtu.be/t0JDZAD5tvM>

It really shows how direct the lighting is on the field only. Nothing spilling out the sides or above.

Thanks

Mike

Michael Elliott

President

Edgewood High School of the Sacred Heart

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**From:** Katie Ginder-Vogel <katiegv@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 12, 2018 1:57 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Thank you! And feedback on Edgewood proposal for stadium with lights & sound

Dear Allen,

I just wanted to thank you for doing such an amazing job as our alder! We've been really grateful for the flood reports, and I've talked with many neighbors who are really impressed by your dedication and great communication. Thank you so much; everyone appreciates it!

I wanted to submit my feedback on the Edgewood proposal for a stadium with lights and sound. I'm opposed to the stadium for the following reasons:

-I don't support a private school building a stadium and making money off it, when West High doesn't have a football field or a stadium.

-This neighborhood simply can't absorb the impact of a stadium. The neighborhood streets can't handle the traffic impact that stadium crowds would bring. There's not enough parking, and residents already compromise by having their streets taken over by Edgewood student parkers all day on the weekdays. The lights, sound, and spectator noise before and after events would be incredibly disruptive to the entire neighborhood, particularly immediately surrounding the stadium.

-I don't support negatively impacting the surrounding ecological environment with a football stadium. Our natural resources are precious and threatened, and sporting/entertainment events aren't. There are plenty of local places to watch sports and hear music--our own public high schools play their sports off-site in many cases, especially in the case of football. I can't support a private high school building a non-essential structure that will impact the wildlife around the stadium, not to mention people's quiet enjoyment of Vilas Park, Lake Wingra and the trails, bike paths, and woods around it. I'm also not comfortable with the impact of the sound on the zoo animals.

Thanks for considering my feedback--I'm sure you've been inundated with it!

All the best,  
Katie Ginder-Vogel



**From:** Marie Trest <mttrest@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 23, 2018 9:31 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** opposition to Edgewood Stadium proposal

Dear Alder Arntsen,

Thank you for taking on the vacant alder position. I would like to share an email I recently sent as part of a neighborhood discussion, to express my opposition to a zoning change at Edgewood.

Sincerely,  
Marie Trest  
2310 Monroe St

Dear Neighbors,

I hope you will consider those who live directly around the practice field. Unlike the fields at Memorial or Redden or Middleton, there is no buffer whatsoever between the field and the surrounding homes. The stadiums in our community were built with large areas of buffering land before any residences, and the homes around were built contemporaneously with the stadium. Those who purchased those homes did so with full knowledge of their proximity to a stadium. On the other hand there are about \$12 million in homes directly surrounding the field with no intermediary property. Our homes are 90-100 years old and have been owned in many cases for decades. A similar proposal had been rejected some decades ago, so neighbors had no indication there could be such an extreme change to the situation.

This is a typical view from a bedroom surrounding the field. Note that if this field were Camp Randall, properties would be *within* the stadium.



Can you imagine sleeping or putting children to bed with 35+ night events with lights, sound, and over a thousand people? Eating dinner or having a conversation? The crowds would be facing Woodrow homes; there is no way to control the noise of such a crowd.

Also, do not underestimate the traffic impacts for the neighborhood. This listserve lit up with complaints when Edgewood hosted a Girls on the Run event. The event had about 1000 people in attendance, and at the end, the neighborhood was completely blocked by traffic. Cars could not move in either direction on Monroe St. Sidestreets were packed in, and there was essentially no movement for 45 min. People were very concerned that with such events emergency vehicles could not move through or into the neighborhood.

This is an unreasonable proposal that will affect the ability of tax paying property owners to enjoy their property. A revenue generating stadium for Edgewood is not beneficial to our neighborhood.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Marie

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**From:** Craig Stanley <craig@broadwing-advisors.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 24, 2018 10:38 AM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Opinion - Edgewood

Allen,

This is my formal outline supporting Edgewood's athletic expansion plans. I know they are going through a formal presentation in the next weeks and months but having seen everything presented by Edgewood already, I'm comfortable formally supporting the project.

Thanks, Craig

Craig Stanley  
1525 Vilas Ave







**From:** KAY C GABRIEL <kgabriel@wisc.edu>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 25, 2018 2:11 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Edgewood proposed stadium  
**Attachments:** AN EDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL STADIUM IS DETRIMENTAL TO SURROUNDING NEIGHBORHOODS.docx

Hello Alder Arntsen,

Welcome to the neighborhood fights!

I live on Woodrow Street directly across from Edgewood's athletic field. When the leaves are off the trees, I can see the goal posts from my living room and I most certainly can hear all the noise on the field even without amplified sound. Like virtually everyone else on the street, I am opposed to Edgewood's proposal to build a stadium complex. I've attached something I've written up summarizing arguments I have read about and listened to at presentation meetings last year.

What I don't directly say in the attachment is how disturbing it has been and continues to be in regards to the Edgewood campuses rather deceitful presentations over the years. I got my first taste of this, which long time residents warned me about, a few years ago when the college proposed adding to and renovating Machecelli Hall on the Park and Pleasure Drive. They held two neighborhood meetings, the first advertised to get neighborhood input and hear concerns, and the second to supposedly present plans based partly on that input. That was until someone noticed at the second meeting the date on the blueprints. They had been drawn up BEFORE the first meeting. The nun on the Board of Directors present at that meeting was forced to stand and apologize.

In regard to Edgewood High School's stadium proposal, it seems pretty obvious that they omitted it from the 10 year plan because they knew the plan would have difficulty getting neighborhood support if it was included. The neighborhoods were then persuaded to give their blessing to the new field because we were assured it was for practice not nighttime games (after all, we are not opposed to children's play). That's what Mike Elliot said publicly, yet Edgewood was obviously planning otherwise when they installed wiring for sound and lights and who knows what else, concessions perhaps? Edgewood now says that the technology has changed sufficiently in 2 years for them to go ahead. No doubt technology has advanced, but an athletic stadium complex is still awash with light, loud, creates traffic problems and bothers neighbors.

They said at presentations that only 300 people come to games, yet the proposed stadium is for 1,200, and plans include concessions and press boxes. Seems like overkill for 300. They also said at presentations that the complex is for the safety of their students. This is a commuter school...many of them probably live closer to Middleton and Verona than they do to Edgewood. If they were really concerned about safety, they would not have football, and I say this as a person who enjoys watching the sport. Finally, Edgewood does rent out their facilities. They have a first class field and now want a first class complex that will no doubt be in demand by other organizations that would like nighttime events. My guess is that Edgewood sees this stadium as a long term money maker as well as a draw to address their dwindling student population.

So, please, choose the concerns of the majority of your tax paying constituents who will suffer the consequences of this stadium complex over the very loud Edgewood alumni, and those others who support the idea of "Friday Night Lights" but, if they thought seriously about it, would not want to live next to a stadium.

Thank you,  
Kay Gabriel



## AN EDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL STADIUM IS DETRIMENTAL TO SURROUNDING NEIGHBORHOODS

THE PROPOSAL: taken from Edgewood High School's (EHS) marketing brochure) and information conveyed to neighborhood committees.

\* build a stadium with seating for 1,300, locker rooms, restrooms, concessions, storage, press box, lighting and a sound system

\* 35 EHS games from Aug.-Nov. and April-June, with up to 27 lighted until 9:45 pm for football and 9:00 for other sports. Practices could also be lighted.

\*the facility will be rented out. EHS will notify neighborhood leaders if those events exceed 1,200 and will discuss additional nighttime events.

CONTEXT: Edgewood campus is surrounded on 3 sides by dense residential housing and on the 4<sup>th</sup> by a natural buffer area and the undeveloped shores of Lake Wingra. While EHS is in the neighborhood, it is NOT a neighborhood school. It is a private, tuition supported commuter school that pays no city, county or state taxes. Edgewood's website describes their student population this way: "Edgewood High School currently serves 487 students in grades 9 through 12, drawing from more than 40 middle schools from throughout the Madison metropolitan area, communities up to 50 miles distant, and from overseas." Madison's neighborhood schools in residential areas, East and West, do not have grandstands or lighted fields. The newer LaFollet and Memorial, in predominately commercial areas, have much more land and stadiums. Madison high schools have thousands of students.

HISTORY: EHS has never had a lighted stadium, and people have moved to the area with an expectation of quiet neighborhoods. As a result, the neighborhoods have fought for a couple decades to keep out a lighted stadium. When EHS was able to build a new track and field in 2015 with grants from private foundations (primarily Goodman's), the neighborhoods supported the plan because they were told that the facilities would be primarily for practice. Mike Elliot, the President of EHS, was quoted in a 2017 Wisconsin State Journal article: "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 practice we can hold especially in the spring. That is our focal point." EHS went on to say that home games would continue to be



played in Middleton and Verona. In addition, the 10 Year Master Plan negotiated, and approved by the Madison Common Council in 2015 ,only two years earlier, contained nothing about this proposed stadium. However, when the new field was built, wiring for lights and a sound system was apparently installed.

THE OBVIOUS PROBLEMS: lights, noise, traffic and parking, property values

\*Lighting: In order to illuminate an area approximately 200 x 100 yards (track and field area), the lights have to be high and very bright. Edgewood claims they will be downward facing but still they have to be bright enough to illuminate the field and players. They did not mention in last year's community meetings that there are also upward facing "punter" lights to illuminate the goal posts. Visualize the glow from stadiums, then imagine the glare into the adjacent streets and the unobstructed view from Monroe Street of a huge lighted rectangle.

\*Noise: Likewise, a PA system must be powerful to reach the large area over crowd noise. Edgewood says the sound would be directed at the stands, away from Woodrow Street in the Vilas direction. They admitted that nothing could be done about crowd noise. In certain atmospheric and wind conditions, sound can carry city blocks beyond adjacent streets. And imagine excited fans returning to their cars for the drive home after the games. Boisterous and bantering teenagers, loud cell phone calls, cars cruising side streets.

\*Traffic and parking: During the daytime, it is already difficult for neighbors and visitors to find street parking near Edgewood despite serious efforts by the campuses increase their parking capacity and restrict on site use of cars. The stadium will carry that problem into the night. The 2018 Monroe Street reconstruction will not alleviate traffic congestion as the urban nature of the neighborhoods precluded street expansion. Even more traffic congestion will come with a stadium.

\*Property values: When Bishop O'Connell High School in Arlington, VA wanted to increase their stadium capacity and add lights, local real estate agents were surveyed about the effect on property values. 80% of the 46 agents who responded said property values of adjacent houses would decline an estimated 11%, 65% believed homes within a block would decline in value 9%, and 35% predicted homes values would decline within a 3 block radius. The lights were not added.

<http://noadverseimpact.blogspot.com/2010/12/realtors-expect-decline-in-home-values.html>). At a community meeting last year, a stadium

supporter claimed the property values near some stadium (Middleton?) had not declined. An opponent said that while that was true, the value of homes on streets further from the stadium had risen more than those adjacent to the field. The truth of either of these statements has not been verified.

**LESS OBVIOUS PROBLEMS:** effects on local businesses, effects on home use, impacts on wildlife, impacts on other recreational use of the Park and Pleasure Drive and Lake Wingra, teenage drug and alcohol abuse

\*Business: EHS is marketing it's stadium as a boon for business. However, the local businesses near Edgewood already have difficulty providing parking for their customers. And, as EHS is proposing a concession stand on site, the stadium may not help local restaurants.

\*Effects on home use: The neighborhoods are filled with families with small children, working folks and senior citizens. We all need our sleep, the lack of which has been linked to health problems. And, outdoor enjoyment of our homes, the opening of our windows, quiet dinners with family and friends will be very effected by the noise and parking issues that will come with night games.

\*Impacts on wildlife: Light pollution has been shown to adversely affect migrating birds. The huge lighted square will be a problem for the many night migrating birds that use Lake Wingra and the Arboretum in the spring and fall, prime time for stadium use. There are also many critters who live in the semi-wild areas along Lake Wingra that may be impacted.

\*Impacts on other recreational use: The Park and Pleasure Drive and undeveloped Lake Wingra are quiet jewels in the city. These areas are heavily used by walkers, runners, bikers, swimmers, fishermen, kayakers and other boaters from all over Madison. Kayakers especially appreciate the evening and night use of the lake. The local lake association is attempting to get the area protected as an undeveloped Madison "viewscape" in the proposed Heritage Plan. The glow and noise and traffic from a stadium are inconsistent with the area's current use and future protection.

\*Teen drug and alcohol use: There has already been a problem of teens using the natural Arboretum area adjacent to Monroe Street for drugs and alcohol. The natural area on the Park and Pleasure Drive behind Edgewood provides a perfect destination on game nights for teen experimentation. Some may remember the litter and beer cans that use to be found along the Drive before it was closed to car traffic.



**FINAL CONSIDERATIONS:** The historic Dudgeon Monroe and Vilas neighborhoods are comprised of a mix of large and small homes with a mix of family types, hardly the "elitist" neighborhoods some supporters of the stadium have suggested. Most of the homes fronting the Edgewood campus are very modest, with their value lying in location, not the structures themselves. We residents enjoy our walkable, charming and quiet streets. The light pollution, noise and congestion that a constant influx of sport fans would bring will change the character of the neighborhoods we love, as well as diminish the retail value of a number of homes.

This fight over Edgewood High School's proposed stadium is pitting money alumni and those who think all kids deserve Friday night football at their high school against people who have lived in the neighborhood for years and can envision how a multiuse stadium (27 nights a year or more!) will impact their lives and property values.

Edgewood High School is currently applying to the Madison Plan Commission to change the 10-year plan to accommodate their stadium. If you are disturbed by these plans being proposed by EHS, please contact Alderman Allen Arntsen ([district13@cityofmadison.com](mailto:district13@cityofmadison.com), phone 608-266-4071), the Dudgeon Monroe ([president@dmna.org](mailto:president@dmna.org)) or Vilas Neighborhood ([samipkothari@gmail.com](mailto:samipkothari@gmail.com)) Associations or even Edgewood High School.

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**From:** kariekrantz@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 25, 2018 5:11 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** EHS Athletic Field Enhancements

Dear Alder Arntsen,

I am a resident that lives within your district (1715 Adams St) and I am writing to voice my full support for the proposed enhancements to the Edgewood high school athletic complex. Friday night football under the lights takes place in every town across America and I see nothing but great things with this. Youth playing sports... What else could we want? I think it would be great for the neighborhood. I think it would be great for Monroe Street. I think it would be great for the future growth and strength of EHS. Please support this project!!

Sincerely,  
Karie Krantz  
1715 Adams St

Sent from my iPhone



Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** John W <jwolf1921@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 27, 2018 7:49 AM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Cc:** samipkothari@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Prposed changes to Edgewood athletic facility

Dear Alder Arntsen:

We wish to register our opposition to the proposed alteration of the Edgewood campus master plan that would allow new seating, lighting, and sound amplification at the Edgewood athletic facility.

We have lived at 1921 Madison Street for 44 years and have tolerated the crowds associated with UW-Madison football games. We knew when we purchased our house that football weekends would produce traffic and parking problems as well as noise and litter. Adding another major sports venue so close to Camp Randall will be a detriment to our neighborhood.

In addition, the Edgewood athletic field has no buffer between it and many neighboring homes. The disruption caused by large athletic and other unspecified events with amplified sound and bright lights would be unacceptable.

This is simply not a reasonable request from Edgewood. The benefits all go to the high school and produce only headaches and loss of property values for the tax-paying neighbors.

We hope that you will oppose any attempt to authorize a change in the campus master plan that would allow a disruptive change in the status of the Edgewood athletic complex.

Sincerely,

John & Susan Wolf  
1921 Madison Street

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Steven Krantz <skrantz@princetongroupsports.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 28, 2018 2:55 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Support for Edgewood Lights

Dear Alder Arntsen,

I am a resident in your district. I would like to voice my support for the upgrade to the Edgewood field including new seating and lights. Edgewood has always been a good neighbor and they have been without a home for varsity football as well as boys and girls soccer for far too long. Athletics are an important part of developing young adults and this would help ensure that these programs continue at Edgewood. Please support this project!

Steve Krantz  
1715 Adams Street

Steven Krantz  
*Vice President*  
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**From:** Tom Richardson <tomrichardson49@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 03, 2018 3:41 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Edgewood High School

Dear Alder, we support the upgrades to the Edgewood High School's Goodman Athletic Complex.

Thank you.

Tom & Barbara Richardson  
1918 Adams St.

Sent from my iPhone

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** PWrycha@foley.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 03, 2018 3:43 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Approval of Edgewood Expansion

Allen:

I hope you are doing well. I wanted to let you know Tracy and I support the Edgewood expansion. We live the Dudgeon Monroe neighborhood and believe the expansion will be a great addition to the neighborhood.

Please call me with questions or comments.

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**From:** Lynne Sexten <sextenlm@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 03, 2018 4:03 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Edgewood's Sports Complex

Alder Arnsten -

I write to lend my absolute support to the effort Edgewood High School is making to further improve its sports complex with lights, additional seating, and sound. The entire Edgewood campus housing the elementary school, high school, and college adds so much to the vibrancy of our community. In the time since the new football field was completed, my neighbors and I have thoroughly enjoyed the additional activities that have been able to occur so close by. The high school has always been respectful and transparent with its plans.

Please continue doing all you can to help them get this project approved.

best regards,  
Lynne Sexten  
1825 Vilas Ave, Madison, WI 53711

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Stuart C. Herro <sch@dewittross.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 03, 2018 4:09 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Edgewood High School Athletic Field and Facilities

Alder Arntsen,

I have lived in 3 different homes within 1-3 blocks of Edgewood for nearly 50 years. The Edgewood schools have been wonderful neighbors while maintaining excellent education of their students. I believe the proposed lighted Goodman Athletic Complex will be good for both the High School and the neighborhood and I encourage you to support the proposal, as requested by Edgewood.

Thank you for your consideration.

Stuart

**From:** Christopher and Caroline O'Brien <o'Brien53717@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 03, 2018 6:19 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** recognition of Edgewood as part of the community

General Information

Name: Christopher and Caroline O'Brien  
Address: 22 Plover Circle  
City: Madison  
State: WI  
ZIP: 53717  
[REDACTED]

Work Phone:  
Email: o'brien53717@yahoo.com  
Should we contact you?: Yes

Message:

We request you support the Edgewood Campus small building project which will add needed facilities to the Edgewood field and make it fully functional. As parents of a current, prior and future high school students we request that you support the additions for the Edgewood's football field. Please recognize the Edgewood parents' and students' contribution to our community and show them you see them as another valued Madison "home team."

Making this field fully usable not only takes the burden away from other tax payer funded fields, it would demonstrate that the contribution to our community of Edgewood by its coaches, teachers and students and your tax payers is recognized and appreciated.

Bringing people to true home games there will benefit the business around Monroe that have suffered from the long construction project. I, Christopher O'Brien am a former student of renowned real estate expert professor James Graaskamp, who, if living, I am sure would tell you, bringing in the parents of the players from the other cities as well as the Edgewood student's parents to the site for games will help those businesses...City of Madison businesses.

Your likely know Edgewood students are required as part of their curriculum to provide service hours to our community. Please demonstrate to them that you recognize them as part of the community. Please recognize the fact their parents, who pay their taxes and yet take the burden of the education of their grade school and high school students off the backs of other taxpayers while paying for the education of those other taxpayers are part of this community. Please do this by allowing Edgewood to have its own field and take pride in that again, at the expense of the parents of the students that attend....while benefiting the whole community.

I, Christopher, am proud of the fact my mother taught at Edgewood, that my children have, are and shall attend Edgewood. I see the value in Catholic education...so much so I have sacrificed and shall continue to sacrifice to send all of my children to catholic school. I actually paid my own high school tuition given the value I saw in a Catholic education, but please know I value children, all children and I have always voted for referendums providing funding for public schools, because I value ALL children, their education and their future. Please show us you value our contribution to all children as we take on the costs of not only our children but those of others.

We love Madison, and I, Christopher, love football. So much so, like others, I would attend a football game even I don't have a student on the team. I would guess others in our community would enjoy watching Edgewood play if they could play at "home" at a field where Edgewood has ample parking which has not been the case at Breese Stevens Field which has had to be borrowed...and we know borrowing Middleton's field is not providing Madison any tax dollars ..nor community nor team spirit.

My wife a citizen now of two countries came here from Ireland where all schools are state funded and all school are actually Catholic schools. She understands, here, if we wish to combine the education in our faith with the children's education, we need to make sacrifices, pay our own way, while paying for the education of other children in our community. We believe approving the request of Edgewood would go a long way toward recognizing the contribution of the Catholic students' parents as well as the students service to the community.

We recently had housing for the homeless built within a walk from our west side home. We never once complained



about the planning of this nor its completion because our Catholic values, our character. Our very souls reach out to those less fortunate who need our communities help. As my mother, a former Edgewood teacher, would say, but for the grace of God go I. We know there have been challenges added to our neighborhood by this development, even to our property values some say. But meeting the needs of our fellow community members outweighs all. Please show us our needs as community members are valued too now. Both my wife and I grew up in large families me one of 8, her one of 6 so the sense of community, sharing and making room for other's needs has been instilled in us. But a sense of fairness has also been instilled in us. Please be fair to Edgewood and all those who have been involved and shall be involved at Edgewood...because they are part of your community and contribute greatly to your community.

I am a proud UW Madison graduate, as were my parents, as were several of relatives, including my uncle, a former UW quarterback ...many graduates of Edgewood choose to go on to UW Madison, choose to remain part of the Madison community as contributing professionals. Please show the students and their parents, that those who love football, love team spirit and their community are fully welcome by this community by allowing them to have a true "home field" advantage and be filled with all the pride that comes with that. The time to show future professionals, that they are valued, and part of Madison is now.

Please recognize Edgewood High School's team as another "home team."

Thank you for considering this request.

Christopher and Caroline O'Brien

Recipient:

All Alders



Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Lowell Mays <lmays@charter.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 03, 2018 6:29 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Support for Edgewood

We support the growth of Edgewood.

Sent from my U.S. Cellular® Smartphone

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** CRABB, RONALD R <crabbr@uww.edu>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 03, 2018 9:06 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Edgewood Lighting / Seating

Please support the Edgewood Lighting/Seating. I live in the 1900 block of West Lawn.

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Liz King <liz.king13@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 04, 2018 7:11 AM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Approve Lights for Edgewood

Just to let you know we are the parents of an EHS student and aunt/uncle to several alums.

It would be a huge convenience and community builder for the high school to be able to hold home football games. There are only several home games a year and lights that last until 10 or so at night really should not inconvenience many for long.

We are appreciative of your understanding and hope we can count on your support.

Thank you,  
Liz

Liz King  
CMO, gThankYou!

  
[Liz.King@gThankYou.com](mailto:Liz.King@gThankYou.com)

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** James H. Hegenbarth <jhegenbarth@parkbank.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 04, 2018 8:54 AM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Edgewood High School athletic fields

Alder Arntsen:

I am e mailing you today to request your support for the improvements to the EHS athletic field on campus. The ability of the student athletes and the student body to play and spectate on campus is crucial to the success of the school. As a Trustee of EHS, I can assure you that we are having struggles keeping enrollment levels at an acceptable level. The capital improvements to the school and the athletic field will help us attract and retain students and allow us to grow our enrollment to more sustainable levels.

It is imperative that we take this step to continue on our path of improving EHS.




Thank you for your time and consideration.

Jim Hegenbarth

**James H. Hegenbarth** | President/CEO | NMLS#: 709667  
jhegenbarth@parkbank.com | [REDACTED]

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**From:** Peter Drumm <peteredrumm@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 04, 2018 8:59 AM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Cc:** MaryEllen Drumm  
**Subject:** Edgewood High School athletic field improvements

Dear Alder Arntsen,

My wife and I have lived in the same house in the Dudgeon-Monroe neighborhood since August of 1994. We are "city" people and chose this location to live so that we could take advantage of all of the activities that occur in this neighborhood. We have attended numerous events over the years; Badger sporting events at Camp Randall and the Fieldhouse, Jazz in the Park at Wingra park, youth soccer games at Wingra and Vilas Parks, various activities and events for children at the Vilas Park Zoo, and sporting events and musical/theatrical events at Edgewood High School and Madison West High School. My wife and I have two boys. Our oldest son is a Junior at Edgewood High School. Our youngest son will be attending Edgewood High School in the Fall of 2019.

My wife and I are aware of the proposed plan by Edgewood High School to improve the Goodman Athletic complex. We fully support this plan. Our boys do not play football or soccer, so approval of Edgewood's plan will not benefit our family directly.

I look forward to the day when my wife and I can walk over to Edgewood High School on a crisp Friday night in the Fall, grab a hot dog, a bag of popcorn and a Coke and absorb the energy of young people participating in sporting events while their classmates support them. Adding these types of events in our neighborhood only accentuates the experience of living downtown similar to the other events that my wife and I have attended in our neighborhood over the years.

I ask you to support Edgewood's plan to upgrade their athletic facilities.

Thank you for your consideration.

Peter & MaryEllen Drumm  
1913 Keyes Avenue  
Madison, WI 53711  
[REDACTED]



**From:** Connie-Bob Johnson <johnsoncnb@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 04, 2018 9:08 AM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Edgewood High School's Goodman Athletic Complex.

Common Council Office  
Alderman Arntsen  
210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.  
Room 417  
Madison, WI 53703

Dear Alderman Arntsen:

I am a grandparent to a student at Edgewood High School. Our family is in favor of upgrades to the Edgewood High School's Goodman Athletic Complex. This is a project that will enhance to neighborhood and student life on campus. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,  
Robert Johnson  
2827 W. St. James Ln.  
Mequon, Wi 53092

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Gregory E Sklavos <thegc357@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 03, 2018 4:46 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Edgewood High School Goodman Athletic Complex

Mr. Aldler,

I want to extend my formal support for the Edgewood High School Goodman Athletic Complex proposed use and additions.

This wonderful complex was built for a purpose that is currently not being utilized, as well as additions and uses currently under review. The complex of course should be used to host home games and show off tremendous school spirit and community unity.

The restrictions being placed, in my opinion are ridiculous and nonsensical at best. Why was this multi million dollar investment made in the first place? To be limited in its use and function ?

Why were fees collected and permits approved for the structure, knowing full well its intended use, as other schools across the country, numbering in the tens of thousands, have no such restrictions for evening games.

This is why most individuals throughout the country, do not work closely with their governing officials, as the rights of the community collectively, seems to be restricted, even if it is the voice and wishes of a few.

I hope you kindly do the right thing by our wonderful community and excellent campus, as you have the power to do so. That power should be exercised for good, for this incredible community and approval of these asked measures under review and consideration.

Thanks for your time on this matter.

Kind Regards,

Greg Sklavos

Sent from my iPhone

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Kimberly Herlitzka <Kim.Herlitzka@bakertilly.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 04, 2018 2:42 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Edgewood High School


Hi Alder Arntsen. We live in the Nakoma area- very close to Edgewood- and we would very much support use of a home field for Edgewood. Although this might mean increased traffic and parking issues, high school sports bring more positives to the area. Please support the use of the new Edgewood field. Thank you.

Kim

Kimberly S. Herlitzka  
Baker Tilly Search & Staffing, LLC  
Ten Terrace Court, Madison WI 53718

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**From:** Dave Weimert <dlweimert@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 04, 2018 3:09 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen; Skidmore, Paul  
**Subject:** Edgewood sports complex

Alder Allen Arntsen

I have been a resident of Madison for over 28 years, have put 4 children through Edgewood. Now I even have 3 grandchildren attending both Edgewood High, and Edgewood Campus school.

Please allow me to express absolute support for the proposed improvements to the sports facility...the Goodman field.

If properly calculated I believe one would find that Edgewood has provided a significant benefit to the Madison taxpayer by removing the burden of Edgewood's students from the taxpayers support. To continue this contribution I feel that Edgewood needs to have facilities that can attract students to its campus.

Respectfully request your support!!!!

Dave

901 Darien Drive

Madison WI. 53717

Sent from my iPad

**From:** Alison Stites <stites@mac.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 04, 2018 9:07 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Edgewood proposal for athletic complex

Dear Alder Arnsten,

I am resident who lives in your district. I am writing to let you know that I fully support the improvements and lights proposed to the athletic field complex. We moved into the neighborhood 4 years ago because this is a vibrant, active, enriching environment in which to raise our kids. While we are in no way affiliated with Edgewood (and our kids go Franklin/Randall), we live 1/2 block from Edgewood campus and what happens there directly impacts us. Edgewood has proven to be a great neighbor, and has opened their campus facilities to the neighborhood (hosting Sunday farmers markets, allowing badger aquatics to use their pool (our kids swim there on a weekly basis!), scheduling 56er soccer matches on their turf field (our kids play for 56ers), etc.). I have no doubt Edgewood will take the neighborhood into consideration when scheduling evening events, and I look forward to maybe even taking the kids to a night game.

Please support their proposal.

Thank you,  
Alison Stites  
2106 Adams St

Sent from my iPhone

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Melinda Douglass <melindadouglass231@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 05, 2018 1:42 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Edgewood support

I do not live in the Edgewood neighborhood, but I fully support they're efforts to finally have their own field. This addition will complete the Edgewood campus as none other has. Being able to host games at their own field is a time-honored tradition across high schools in America. Please do not let curmudgeonly neighbors get their way. They moved near a high school but now do not want the true high school spirit to interrupt several nights a year? Shame on them.

-Melinda Douglass

Sent from my iPhone



Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** peggy nolan <5nolans@att.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 06, 2018 2:42 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Edgewood High School's Goodman Athletic Complex

We are contacting you to register our full support for the plans to add lights and additional seating, etc. for Edgewood High School's Goodman Athletic Complex. We live on Terry Place, just two streets west of Edgewood, and have lived here for 22 years. Edgewood has always been a good neighbor. We believe they should be allowed to implement their plans. Please keep our wishes in mind.

Peggy and Rich Nolan  
829 Terry Place  
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Susanna Herro <susannaherro@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 07, 2018 2:37 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Cc:** michael.elliott@edgewoodhs.org  
**Subject:** Edgewood High School lighting

Dear Alder Arntsen,

My family has been a neighbor of Edgewood High School since 1975 and I'm pleased to support the high school's plan for creating a home playing field with adequate sound, lighting and seating.

As neighbors, first on West Lawn and now on Vilas, we have had a lot of interaction with the Edgewood Campus and the schools contained there. I believe a vibrant school adds to the ambience of the neighborhood and would urge your support of these positive changes. It is a benefit to us all to have students engaged and enthusiastic about their school and participating in sporting events.

Please add your support to this project.

Susanna D. Herro  
2020 Vilas Avenue  
Madison, WI 53711

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Margaret Jacoby <mlcj@tds.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 07, 2018 4:55 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Edgewood High School Athletic Complex

General Information

Name: Margaret Jacoby  
Address: 748 Chapman St  
City: Madison  
State: WI  
ZIP: 53711

Work Phone:  
Email: mlcj@tds.net  
Should we contact you?: Yes

Message:

The neighborhood has 2 high schools within its boundaries.

Right now neither school has a nearby home field being used for football games. In close proximity, there is a sports complex that is generally not used on Thursday or Friday nights in the fall or on Sunday afternoons. Has any consideration been given to working on some agreement with the University for using the stadium for high school football games? It is all there, seats, lights, sound, a score board.

Recipient:  
Allen A. Arntsen

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Shawn Schey <shawnschey@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 07, 2018 5:45 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Edgewood's proposal for a stadium

Dear Alder Arntsen:

I haven't met you yet, but I hope to sometime this fall.

Since 2001, I was a member of the Edgewood-Neighborhood Liaison Team, representing and reporting to the Dudgeon-Monroe Neighborhood Association as proposals by the Edgewood campus came along. I was part of the collaborative give-and-take process for design and implementation of two Master Plans, the Krantz Center, the Sonderegger Science Center, Mazzuchelli Hall, Predolin Humanities Center, the renovation to De Ricci Hall, the new construction of Stevie Regis, Regina and Dominican dorms, and The Stream fine arts facility on campus. Each of these proposed projects required neighborhood acknowledgment and input, and for each of them, support was earned, and construction of these buildings accomplished. I'm proud I could help with that.

But this new request from the high school to have a stadium is the first project to come along on the Edgewood campus that I could not shepherd through. I left the liaison committee spring 2018 because I did not think a stadium of any magnitude fits smack-dab in an established residential neighborhood where the sidelines are only a stone's throw from peoples' kitchens.

I love sports and the sound of referee whistles. I value sports curriculum for youth. Both of my kids played soccer, basketball, volleyball and softball from ages six through high school, and I sent them to basketball camps at Edgewood in the summers.

But I recognize that a stadium at this location is a bad idea, as the Dudgeon-Monroe neighborhood is many things to many people. It's a lively commercial district; it's Badger Saturdays when fans stream campus-bound in red; it's a placid lake for yoga poses on paddle boards; a birdwatcher's haven on the Park & Pleasure Drive; a bicyclist's commute on a stellar bike path. It's a place to raise your family with many pleasant features that make this home.

The thing is, if this stadium goes in, there will be a PA system activated loud enough to be heard over hundreds of screaming teenagers. When you are in your backyard cooking barbecue for in-laws or going for an after-dinner stroll on the P & PD, or trying to fall asleep on your screened-in porch, what you will hear is canned music, a pep band, ref whistles and on top of all that, a sportscaster's narration.

There will be no getting away from it.

Originally, the liaison team was told back in 2016 that there would be 5 night games a year just for their football team. Recently in October we were informed that number has burgeoned to 40. That's because they added in soccer, la crosse, and track for girls and boys both spring and fall. Yes, football games may run as late as 10:00 PM, they said....and how long till, "*BTW, so will this + this + this*"?

What family with young children will want to buy a home or stay in the one they have on Woodrow, Terry Place, Monroe, West Lawn, Keyes or Fox? Will college students or short-term rentals be the only folks willing to live here? Every track meet, every pep rally, booster, contest, tournament, and performance will permeate our lives from late March into November.

Edgewood is a good neighbor, and they offer a lot to the Dane County community. While on the liaison committee, I appreciated their willingness to listen to the neighbors and cooperate with us in finding solutions. I wish now for their sake that there was an adequate greenspace buffer between their athletic field and residential homes. But there's not.

*Dudgeon-Monroe is defined as many things to many of us. If this stadium goes in, this stadium will define Dudgeon-Monroe to all of us.*

Please do not support this stadium.

Sincerely,

Shawn Schey

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878 Woodrow St





Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Dean Gore <Dean\_Gore@trekbikes.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 07, 2018 10:27 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Edgewood Athletics support

Allen-

As a neighbor of Edgewood, I would like to voice my support for the Goodman Athletic Complex at Edgewood. I'd appreciate the chance to walk a few blocks and watch a high school football game as well as other sports. I've always been disappointed that Madison West does not have a home field- But- Edgewood has both the land and the opportunity to make it reality. I think it would be good for the neighborhood. It's part of the fun of living in a vibrant city.

Thanks for listening-

Dean Gore  
1511 Chander .

**From:** Carol Mitchell <carol\_1\_mitchell@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 08, 2018 1:13 AM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Edgewood Stadium

General Information

Name: Carol Mitchell  
Address: 306 Campbell St  
City: Madison  
State: WI  
ZIP: 53711  
Phone:  
Work Phone:  
Email: carol\_1\_mitchell@yahoo.com  
Should we contact you?: Yes

Message:

I urge you to vote against any expansion of the stadium. Over the years, I have watched the area change. Much of it good, but increasingly I see Edgewood turning from institution that contributes a neighborhood, but now puts it own institutional growth over that of the community that surrounds it. Those who use the stadium will not use local parks or even the restaurants. The cars and crowds may even take away from other community events.

I have always worried about the uncontrolled growth of Edgewood changing both the institution and the neighborhood. I see those worries as well founded.

I would like to know your views and voting on this.

Recipient:  
Allen A. Arntsen

**From:** Tracy Topalian <tatopalian@mac.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 08, 2018 8:21 AM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Edgewood development

Hi Allen  
My name is Tracy Topalian, we live at 2926 Gregory St. I was told Sara stepped down and you are now our alder. I'm writing to you to register my firm opposition to the (not yet officially) proposed development on the Edgewood HS campus. If you follow NextDoor you will see there are a very wide array of opinions in both support and in opposition of this project. There are a few people from this neighborhood who do voice support but the majority of support is being voiced by people who do not live in neighborhoods directly adjacent to Edgewood. Our home is likely not going to be effected by the proposed lighting but we are concerned about the noise, and increase in traffic, and congestion in an area that has experienced a lot of development in the past few years. I think in the passion that supporters express they see Edgewood as a beacon of all that is good in the world.

We see it as a private parochial HS that serves a small number of white privileged students most of who do not live in the neighborhoods adjacent to Edgewood. While I understand their desire to have their very own stadium they present as a maligned group who seems feels the "we were here first," argument is a strong one. My home was one of the first on Gregory, built in the 1920s. Odd that I never considered that gave me rights to dictate what was built around us since that time. Edgewood acts as tho they are the only HS in the city who don't have their own stadium. That's rubbish. West HS has been transporting their football teams to a more remote field since 1930s.

I've lived her for 30 years and have always considered Edgewood to be a part (A PART) of a vibrant community. They have chosen to remain on a campus that is in the heart of an urban development period, surrounded by an arboretum, Lake Wingra, several other private as well as public schools and several adjacent neighborhoods. They have been given a huge amount of money from the Goodman's who I will admit are generous philanthropists who have made it their business to give back the the community. PROPS to the Goodman's.

As a result to being given a huge amount of \$ it seems like Edgewood sees a clear path ahead for them. They have hired an outside consulting firm that spins this project as one that faces little opposition which is clearly not the case. They continue to push forward, with many of them, who seem to feel that adjacent neighborhoods should just suck it up, deal with it, of move to the country. These are the suggestions floated by dupporters from neighborhoods not adjacent to Edgewood. So the burden of this development that serves a fraction of people who live here should just be accepted by those of us whose lives will bear the burden of all the noise, lighting, traffic congestion, not to mention the impact on Lake Wingra which has been under a state of siege as a result of previous Edgewood development and the projects on Monroe Street. Maybe the Lake should deal with it or die...suck it up Lake Wingra we want our football stadium! Lake has been here longer than any of us, maybe the Lake shoul decide this projects fate.

Anyway, in case you're still awake Allen. Thank you for listening to my concerns. I hope you can take in our concerns and represent us at future meetings as this plan unfolds.  
Tracy

**From:** Tom Martorana <tommartorana7@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 08, 2018 9:10 AM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Edgewood Lights

I actually live in the neighborhood at 1805 Madison Street and fully support the lights at Edgewood. Edgewood is good for the community and the shops that line Monroe benefit from the school. The areas have change a lot over the years with much more development. Let get with the times.



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**From:** Bob Moren <bobmoren@mindspring.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 08, 2018 1:51 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Edgewood High School Athletic Field Upgrade

I want to add my name to those endorsing the Athletic Field Upgrade under consideration at Edgewood High School!!!!  
It would certainly add to the School, Students and the Monroe Street Neighborhood!

I look forward to your support too!!!

Bob Moren  
723 Glenway Street  
Apt 308  
Madison 53711

**From:** Fiona McTavish <fiona.mctavish@wisc.edu>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 09, 2018 5:25 AM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Edgewood Stadium

Alder Allen Arntsen,

I want to register my strong opposition to Edgewood's stadium proposal. I have lived on Woodrow St for over 25 years. I bought this house specifically because it was a nice and relatively quiet neighborhood in the midst of small local businesses that served the neighborhood.

I would not have bought this house if there was a stadium with lights and sound system right across from my house. Having Friday night football games as well as the other games they have planned will change the feel of the neighbor and bring unwanted noise, lights, cars etc. There is no question that my enjoyment of my property will be lessened and that the value will go down (or will not go up at the same rate as those further from Edgewood) as a result of this plan. These are two of the planning commission's criteria on deciding on proposals. I'm strongly opposed for those reasons as well as many others. As much as Edgewood wants to say they are a neighborhood school, they aren't. They are a school in a neighborhood - but by far the large majority of their students live well outside the neighborhood.

I am strongly opposed to Edgewood's proposal.

Sincerely  
Fiona McTavish  
826 Woodrow St

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**From:** ELIZABETH DIEZ <ebd644@charter.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 09, 2018 8:19 AM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Irwin A. & Robert D. Goodman Athletic Complex at Edgewood

General Information

Name: ELIZABETH DIEZ  
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City: MADISON  
State: WI  
ZIP: 53711  
Phone:  
Work Phone:  
Email: ebd644@charter.net  
Should we contact you?: Yes

Message:

Dear Mr. Arnsten:

I write to support the Irwin A. & Robert D. Goodman Athletic Complex at Edgewood High School and the ability to hold sports events at the Complex. I am an alumnus of the high school, a past board member of DMNA and live on Crandall Street.

Having night games cannot match the reality of commuter traffic and my safety having to cross Monroe Street every day. It is one fact of living in this neighborhood, just as living near a robust campus school, high school and college is. We should all realize and accept living with neighbors is living in a community and being accepting and understanding of other's needs.

I urge you to support Edgewood's ability to hold home games on their campus.

Thank you,  
Elizabeth Berg Diez

Recipient:  
Allen A. Arntsen



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**From:** Marc Gartler <mgartler@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 09, 2018 8:56 AM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Cc:** To: Doug Poland; Tom Huber; Daryl Sherman; Jon Standridge; Samip Kothari  
**Subject:** Edgewood stadium proposal meeting  
**Attachments:** Edgewood\_Letter.JPG

Hi Allen,

A friend with family ties to Edgewood gave me the attached letter yesterday. I'm not sure what protocols will be applied at the meeting next week, but hope that speakers will be asked to state their address and affirm their residency in District 13 so that we can get a sense of neighbors' concerns without needing to sit through an excessive number of non-local voices.

Thanks,

Marc Gartler







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[REDACTED] • edgewoodhs.org

Dear Edgewood High School Community Member,

For decades, Edgewood High School has wanted to play home competitions and games on a true home field. Now that the technology is available, the school is going through the City process to amend our Master Plan to add sound and lighting to our Goodman Athletic Complex, as well as add seating.

It has been our goal to include neighbors, our Edgewood community and City officials in this process in order to foster a supportive partnership. We love this neighborhood and are committed to doing everything we can to maintain the quaint personality that makes this a desirable place to live. We respect our surrounding communities and want to listen and address their questions. We have held sessions and identified and answered the main concerns of our neighbors. In each case we have met or exceeded the City's requirements for the concerns expressed.

**I am writing today because we need your support.** If you feel Edgewood should be able to hold home games on campus, please let us know by registering your support online at [edgewoodhs.org/goodman](http://edgewoodhs.org/goodman). You can also read more about the project on our website.

**It is critical for Alder Allen Arntsen to hear and see support from people living in the neighborhoods. Please send a letter or email to Alder Allen Arntsen and express your support.** This is time sensitive, so I ask that you do this as soon as possible. Alder Arntsen can be reached by email at [district13@cityofmadison.com](mailto:district13@cityofmadison.com) and you can write him at:

Alder Allen Arntsen  
Common Council Office  
210 Martin Luther King Blvd, Room 417  
Madison, WI 53703

**On October 17, 2018 at 6:30 pm in the Edgewood High School Commons,** there will be a neighborhood meeting. Your attendance and support at that meeting will greatly help our cause. Questions can be directed to me at [michael.elliott@edgewoodhs.org](mailto:michael.elliott@edgewoodhs.org) or call 608-257-1023 x 103.

This is a great opportunity, but it can only happen with the support of the entire Edgewood community.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Elliott".

Michael Elliott '77  
President



**From:** Janice Zawacki <jkzgardens@att.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 09, 2018 9:11 AM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Goodman Athletic Complex (Edgewood High School)

Dear Alder Arntsen (Allen):

I'm writing to voice my strong support for Edgewood High School's request to amend the Master Plan to add sound and lighting to the Goodman Athletic Complex which would allow them to play home games on their campus. My understanding is that this entails 5-6 home games per football season.

I am an Edgewood grade school and high school alumnus as well as a neighbor (Knickerbocker Street). Having Edgewood as a close neighbor has really benefited us. Not only in the area of academic excellence at all levels (grade school, high school and college), but also because they are good stewards of the environment and have always reached out to the neighbors before embarking on any changes. A big give back to the neighborhood is the high school parking lot which becomes a Farmers' Market every Sunday from May - October. The college offers rooms for many neighborhood meetings and social functions. In short, Edgewood is a jewel in the neighborhood and the community. I think it's time the neighborhood and community return the favor by allowing home games on campus.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,  
Janice Zawacki

P.S. Hope you are well, Allen. Please give my best to Betsy and the girls.



**From:** Corrie Norman <corrienorman1959@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 09, 2018 5:22 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Edgewood Stadium expansion

I am registering my opinion after reading much of the neighborhood chat about the Edgewood stadium matter and information on the DM website. Thank you for encouraging neighbors to express their concerns and opinions and for your work on behalf of DM and District 13. Unfortunately I cannot attend the information meeting on Wednesday but I am certainly willing to learn more and be judicious about this. So far, however, the reports of the way Edgewood has handled this do not encourage me. It's particularly bad timing to propose this expanded version as the neighborhood continues to endure road construction. The way that Edgewood has apparently gone about this in relation to previous discussions and understandings also does not encourage me.

I am concerned primarily about safety of increased traffic/road use, the unnecessary perpetuation of sound pollution and the building of a stadium of that scale as counter to creating a livable, workable and peaceable urban community and sustaining the natural environmental assets of the area. I really hope this proposal does not go through. I live on the edge of DM so I don't think the sound will affect me directly in my home but it would probably mean that I won't enjoy being outside with neighbors or taking "healthy" walks in my neighborhood as often because I find stadium noise very disturbing and stress-producing (and research on noise pollution indicates I'm certainly not alone). I can avoid Monroe ST. I have tried to patronize its stores and restaurants during the construction because it's a temporary inconvenience and a necessity in a neighborhood that I want to be involved with long-term. Having coffee in a cafe with neighbors while a large machine pounds outside isn't exactly pleasant, but it's for a good cause! But if a stadium goes in, I and others will simply get used to avoiding Monroe, just as I avoid Regent ST and the area around Camp Randall now. Given the impossibility of keeping up with when the predicted number of events would take place at Edgewood, it would just be easier to avoid the area altogether and stop thinking of it as a neighborhood in any real sense. What a pity that would be. How sad it would be, after so much energy and time have gone into thinking about environmental factors that sustain community in relation to the Monroe St reconstruction.

**From:** sestark@wisc.edu  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 09, 2018 5:55 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Edgewood High School Stadium Enhancements Comments

Dear Alder Arntsen,

As a member of the DMNA Council, I heard the high school's recent pitch for renovations...adding lights, speakers...and more games and events to the existing site and schedules. My takeaway was, "we are such a good neighbor, we deserve this!" I would like to register my opposition to these plans.

Seriously, none of the proposed changes adds to the quality of life in adjoining neighborhoods, and there are other venues for some of the activities they say they "should" host.

My two top concerns are: 1. Two stadiums with sound systems and lights and night games and music within a short distance of each other in residential neighborhood struggling to maintain their identity as more than a transportation or entertainment corridor. I moved from Vilas ( jefferson street, 3 blocks from UW stadium, before the new sound system there) to DMN to get away from all that, and to get closer to the Arb and Lake Wingra.

2. What will inevitably happen as more day and night games/events take place on previously quieter eves and weekends, as well as other days: a loss of quiet spaces, such as the Park and Pleasure Drive behind Edgewood, an easy access haven for walkers, bikers, runners, and birders year-round.

I am not convinced Edgewood NEEDS these changes more than neighborhoods need to retain what is valuable to them. I suspect the large sum of money dropped into their laps is the real motivation here.

*Thank you for considering these points,  
Sandy Stark  
2720 Gregory Street*

**From:** Mark Timmerman <mdtimmer1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 09, 2018 9:00 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Proposed Goodman Stadium Project

Hello Alder Arntsen. I sent you an email at the City of Madison Alder contact site as well. I am writing you to register my enthusiastic support for the proposed amendment to the Edgewood Master Plan so that the Edgewood Goodman Stadium Plan may become a reality. I am a 40 year resident of Madison. My wife and I live in the district, are proud parents of two alums with one more in the wings for May 2019. My younger brother graduated from EHS and my wife finished her undergraduate at Edgewood college. We are long time supporters and contributors to the Edgewood community, having started our kids at the Edgewood pre-school. In addition to this communication, please advise if there are any other channels in which to register my wife and I's strong support for the Edgewood Goodman Stadium Plan proposal. The comprehensive proposal does not exceed Madison ordinance requirements for light and sound. It's high tech and state of the art. The neighborhood should be lucky to be the recipient of such a well thought out proposal. OK to contact me if needed, but not necessary. Best regards, Mark and Jenny Timmerman. 1524 Adams St, Madison, WI 53711 [REDACTED]



**From:** Ross, Deborah <deborah.ross@edgewoodhs.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 10, 2018 10:13 AM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Goodman Athletic Complex

Dear Alder Allen Arntsen, I am writing on behalf of my support to allow Edgewood High School to amend the Master Plan in moving forward to add sound, lighting, and seating to our Goodman Athletic Complex so that we might finally have a true home field with home games and a sense of belonging in our community. As a long time staff member, parent of two Edgewood Alumni, and myself live in this amazing neighborhood, I feel that my voice would offer a valuable outlook from multiple viewpoints. I absolutely love our Community! It is an honor and privilege to live and work here. I respect all concerns but with pride, love, and school spirit hope that Edgewood High School can move forward. "Thank you" for allowing me to express my support. Forever grateful...Deb Ross

Commons Moderator

Edgewood High School of the Sacred Heart  
2219 Monroe St. Madichoolson, WI 53711

[deborah.ross@edgewoodhs.org](mailto:deborah.ross@edgewoodhs.org) | EdgewoodHS

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**From:** Eric <elb2000@pobox.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 10, 2018 11:59 AM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Stop the Edgewood stadium

Alder Allen Arntsen,

The Edgewood stadium is a bad idea and needs to be stopped.

Our neighborhoods and the historic Park & Pleasure Drive adjacent the lake do not need more traffic jams, night lights and a blaring PA system.

The online Edgewood proposal is bunch of calculated nonsense that shows the sound and lighting levels have minimal impact. The Edgewood document uses the Waunakee Stadium as a reference. The following are two videos that were recently made at the equivalent distance of Woodrow Street and the distance to Keyes Ave by Ethan Brodsky. With these youtube videos, you can hear and see for yourself the impact of the stadium on the neighborhood, as well as the historic Park & Pleasure Drive. The proposed Edgewood Stadium will benefit a few people at the expense of many neighborhoods. The stadium is a bad idea and needs to be stopped.

Woodrow Street equivalent sound and lighting level - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zZeodcKUTiQ>

Keyes Ave equivalent sound and lighting level <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7VAHZGoLOVY>

Regards,  
Eric Brodsky  
1119 Waban Hill  
Madison, WI  
[Elb2000@pobox.com](mailto:Elb2000@pobox.com)  
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**From:** P Wehrle <pcwehrle@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 10, 2018 3:47 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen

Hello,

I remain deeply concerned about the issue of the Edgewood stadium. I am convinced that it will be a needless disruption to the neighborhood that has already experienced great disruption as a result of the Monroe Street reconstruction.

Many stadium supporters have asked "What about Friday Night Lights"? Edgewood has a stadium to play in at the present time. There is no need for this new facility. This is especially true given the number of Edgewood students who live in the suburbs - closer to the present stadium than to the actual school grounds. Many area high schools do not have a stadium on their grounds, including West and East High Schools. Having a stadium on the grounds of the school does not deprive students of anything.

Another issue is the conduct of Edgewood students and their supporters. I still have e-mails, Facebook messages and social media posts saved from the last time this discussion was held wherein I was called a "faggot", a loser, a NIMBY and other offensive things. I remain disturbed by the hooliganism of Edgewood students and parents, and by the lack of disciplinary response and forceful public condemnation by the Edgewood administration to this disgusting behavior.

Students who voice such vile threats and insults would be kicked out of games at Camp Randall, yet I see no remorse on the part of Edgewood leadership for this behavior and no concrete plan of action to hold the hooligans accountable.

If needed I can and will present those at any neighborhood or city government meeting for further discussion.

Edgewood boosters have also expressed their disrespect for the neighborhood association and for the right of neighborhood members to weigh in on this important issue. Should the neighborhood really bend to a group that wants to break a long standing agreement - and whose leadership (including the High School administration) has outright lied about the number of events they want to hold at the facility?

For these reasons I respectfully ask that you oppose any effort to build a stadium for Edgewood High School or modify its existing agreements with the neighborhood association.

Thank You,

Petey Lawrence-Wehrle  
3310 Cross Street  
Madison WI

Peter Lawrence-Wehrle  
UW- Madison - MLS '11  
Access Services Assistant / I.L.L.  
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**From:** Sherry Block <shwally@charter.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 10, 2018 4:44 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Monroe Street and EHS Community

Alder Arntsen -

We are fully and completely and whole-heartedly and fundamentally IN SUPPORT OF EDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL USING ITS FACILITY AS IT IS INTENDED TO BE USED - FOR SPORTING EVENTS - WITH LIGHTS, WITH A SCOREBOARD AND WITH PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE.

It is an embarrassment that this discussion is still continuing. John Roach's column in Madison Magazine was an articulate summary of the situation and clear explanation of why lighting should finally be happening on Monroe Street. Don't get me started about how people can tolerate tens of thousands of people on Badger weekends in this same neighborhood but yet think they should dictate the private property of Edgewood High School.


As my husband has always noted, when you choose to live in this neighborhood, it is opportunity cost - what you give up in return for something else. We don't have big yards, etc but we do have access by walking and biking to lots of opportunities and businesses in the neighborhood that can and should be a lot of things to a lot of people! Edgewood High School and Edgewood College and Edgewood Campus School are a force for good in the community. Let us all get out of their way - and our own for that matter - and put this contrived controversy to rest!

Sincerely,  
Sherry & Wally Block  
426 Hillington Way  
Madison, WI 53726

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**From:** Nextdoor Dudgeon Monroe <reply@rs.email.nextdoor.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 10, 2018 9:37 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Mandatory front-row seat at Edgewood's football stadium?

 Ethan Brodsky, Dudgeon Monroe

Neighbors - I understand that many of you are concerned with Edgewood High School renewed effort to build a football stadium in our neighborhood, and are worried that the lights, amplified audio, crowds, and traffic associated with it may have a severe impact on the enjoyment and value of our homes. I live on Woodrow Street and I am very concerned myself. Edgewood has made a number of unrealistic claims regarding their ability to control how much light and sound would spill from their proposed stadium, claiming that it will have minimal impact on... [See more](#)

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**From:** John Tedesco <tedescolaw@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 11, 2018 8:09 AM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Edgewood athletic field

Hi. Thanks for the invite to the meeting next Wednesday. I will try to be there. I'd like to express my strong support for the project. I live on Fox Ave a couple blocks from the site. My daughter is a freshman at the high school this year. We are not long time Edgewood supporters. My daughter transitioned from MMSD because of a diagnosis of autism that EHS was much more suited to address with their calmer and less chaotic environment.

We have been incredibly impressed with the school and its staff and kids. I, frankly, was stunned when I learned that engaging with the school by attending a football game meant that we would have to go to Breese Stevens field. I have lived in the hood for more than 10 years but never realized they don't play games on campus.

I have heard some complaining that this will become a concert venue and there will be fights and drugs and violence. I do not think the alarm is appropriate and see it as dog whistle tactics. Others have stressed that Edgewood students are not "us" but "them" - I suppose this means that some are from outside of our neighborhood or from some other social demographic that the "us" are not part of. Also dog-whistle tactics.

EHS is a great neighbor. The school has been there since before my house was built, I think. There will always be some who don't want anything to change, ever, despite the fact that they chose to live in a city which is inevitably going to evolve.

I think the new plan is positive for the school and the neighborhood. And, I am frankly embarrassed by what complaining I have heard from a few on the neighborhood e-mail list (who are likely more vocal than supporters like myself). I encourage your support.

John Tedesco  
2117 Fox Ave.

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**From:** Lisa Hempstead <lisahempstead@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 11, 2018 3:01 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Goodman Athletic Conference

Hello Alder Arntsen,

I am writing as a long term resident of the Regent Neighborhood and as a parent of two school aged children. I think the proposed additions to the Goodman Athletic Complex at Edgewood College would be a benefit to our community. Access to facilities is in great demand. Last year my husband spent countless hours trying to find a field for my daughter's Westside HS Lacrosse team to practice on. Previously the girls, many of them under driving age were required to find rides to their practice & game field 25 minutes away during rush hour to get to Fitchburg. Being able to walk to practice from West HS or Edgewood would be safer, better for the environment and save hours in travel time each week.

I also predict that the occurrence of night games will be a boon to local businesses. Fans will be more likely to frequent restaurants and shops in the area pre or post game time.

As a resident of the neighborhood I don't feel the added sound and light will be a problem. We are used to this from the Badger games at this is a much smaller scale.

Thank you,  
Lisa Hempstead  
Eton Ridge

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**From:** Ned Stanley <nstanley1999@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 11, 2018 8:04 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Edgewood

Dear Alder

I am a resident at 1525 Vilas ave. and I support edgewood in trying to have home games.


Thank You  
Ned Stanley

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**Ned Stanley**

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**From:** Liz Lusk <lizlusk51@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 11, 2018 10:13 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Edgewood Proposal  
**Attachments:** Edgewood Proposal.pdf

Deal Allen Arntsen,

I am attaching my letter **opposing** Edgewood High School's proposal to build a stadium on their current practice field. Thank you for acting on this and on supporting our neighborhood.

Liz Lusk  
452 Virginia Terrace  
Madison, WI 53726  
[REDACTED]





Why should Edgewood's private school football students be entitled to a football stadium just out the front door of their school which will degrade the neighborhood and which is unlike any other central city public high school football venue?

I oppose this proposal because:

1) The proposal would add to disproportionate effects in education on differing populations in Madison. Edgewood High School's demographic is more white and more affluent than other central city high schools. Edgewood High School is a private school which serves 546 students each paying \$11,000 a year for tuition. Edgewood High School is comprised of 14.6% U.S. students of color and 5.4% international students of color. Edgewood pays no taxes on it's property.

Madison has two public high schools in the central city. West High School, in close proximity to Edgewood (1.4 miles distant) serves 2,400 students, 40% students of color and 34% low income students.\* West has a practice field at it's Regent Street facility and plays it's games on the fields at Memorial High School. The Memorial fields are outside the central city corridor and can provide parking without unduly impinging on it's neighbors. The field outside of West is a practice field and in no way is as up to date as Edgewood's current (updated in 2015) field. East High School, the other central city public high school also does not have an onsite playing field, instead using a dedicated field for their events. (Often this is the public facility of Breese Stevens).

2) There is no public benefit to the proposed stadium.

**Edgewood's private high school football games do not benefit "the public" or even, necessarily those students playing the game.** (See studies on head injuries and their lifetime negative impact on students playing the game). Most of the public will never attend an Edgewood High School football game.

Edgewood proposes to use this stadium for 27 night games (lasting until 9:45 pm) per season. This does **not** include the evenings for which they would charge other schools to hold events at this venue. (Note, there is no neighborhood benefit to this profit making by Edgewood. This private institution pays no taxes.) At a minimum this means that an additional **7.5 % of neighborhood evenings would be unnecessarily interrupted with lights, a sound system, crowd noise, traffic, parking and partying.**

3) There are already stressors on the neighborhood. The Monroe Street area provides a traffic corridor into the city and houses two large public venues for the UW. The neighborhood hosts a myriad of events that do benefit the public. The need for parking is problematic in this high traffic area and is a major issue for

neighbors and local businesses. The property abuts a Park and Pleasure Drive and other park areas which are already stressed by public use. A stadium and its activities does not comport with the needs of the natural setting.

**The central city (where East, West and Edgewood are located) is not appropriate for development of a stadium/ large public venue.**

4) There is an excellent, well thought out & planned for alternative. Edgewood should *continue* to play its games in Middleton and support Middleton's efforts in raising the \$600,000 needed to bring Middleton's field up to date. It could use its newly modernized practice field for practice. Just like other central city high school students, Edgewood students would play games on fields that are not in the central city and do not detract from the livability of central city neighborhoods.

5) Edgewood is manipulating and circumventing regular channels for neighborhood planning.

In 2014 Edgewood gained support for its Ten Year Plan which upgraded its practice field. No mention was made regarding this present proposal which surfaced last year (2017) to build a **1,200 seat stadium** with locker rooms, press box, concessions, sound and light systems. The current proposal alters the current use from a practice field to a stadium. *(At a minimum, it was disingenuous of Edgewood not to have included this giant ask in the 2014 plan. Adding argument to this as a purposeful deceit is that the fact that the infrastructure required to support the current proposal was built into the current "practice field" facility).*

For the good of all, Edgewood should work with their current partners to continue to hold football games outside the central city. There is no crisis that overrides the current accepted Ten Year Plan which, by its nature took a wider view of neighborhood needs. If Edgewood continues to feel the need for this, we might take another look at this proposal in the next ten year plan, in 2024.

Please note my emphatic "No" to this proposal.

\* The numbers cited here are from last year when this proposal first arose.

Liz Lusk

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**From:** Muriel Krone <makrone@charter.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 12, 2018 11:14 AM  
**To:** Michael.elliott@edgewoodhs.org; Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Roach: Friday night fights - An Article on Edgewood High School's right to have football games on their school grounds

I have lived in the Dudgeon Monroe Street area for over 35 years. I also graduated from Edgewood High School, attended Edgewood College weekend degree program and worked at Edgewood Campus School. My daughter graduated from Edgewood High School as well. I have nothing but admiration for the Edgewood community of schools and their Christian values. They have been in the neighborhood forever and are a good neighbor.

Many of us fondly remember the annual full weekend of Edgefest fund raiser of activities. Arcade games, carnival rides, beer tent, music, etc. It was a beloved event which existed for many years and I still miss it.

I firmly believe Edgewood High School has earned the right to FINALLY have football games at their location. Let us not be a selfish neighborhood!

Please read John Roach's article which appeared in Madison Magazine. There are so very many of us who agree with him.

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Muriel Krone  
615 South Spooner Street

Sent from Muriel's iPad

**From:** Yael Gen <mizgen@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 12, 2018 1:01 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Edgewood high school stadium proposal: opposed

Hi Allen,

Thanks for representing us. We will be out of town for the meeting this week but this is an issue we feel strongly about. You know Madison, and if the majority of the neighborhood wanted a stadium like this, we would have had it long ago.

We have lived on Woodrow Street for 22 years. In our experience, the Edgewood COLLEGE campus has been a great neighbor. Negotiating with the neighborhood and taking environmental impacts (including flooding and light pollution) into account brought their master plan to fruition. Neighbors can use the college library and enjoy the exhibits and lectures there. Maybe the high school should take its lead from the college and note that the community has been a good neighbor to Edgewood High School too. Several families right here on Woodrow Street send their children to Edgewood schools--we considered sending our daughter there-- and we can count 8 new buildings, including the practice field, on the campus across the street.

Edgewood High School made an agreement with their neighbors it seems they never intended to keep. We take issue with the pretense that this stadium is **for** the community. It's for the Edgewood community. Plain and simple.

Edgewood does not belong to the community. It is IN it. We feel the same way about Wingra School. They are great options for people who choose private education for their children. They are not neighborhood schools. They are private and have different rules than our public schools. Edgewood does NOT belong to everyone. They are not required to accept all students. Its campus is private property. It is privately run, privately endowed and that is their first priority. We are not being critical. It is a fact. Endowment and tuition funds have to be their first priority in order to exist. Edgewood is a lovely campus in an urban area and should have to abide by the same laws as its business and residential neighbors. We do not begrudge anyone their sporting events. They are part of the fabric of our culture. However, sparsely attended high-school events do not boost the Monroe Street economy. Whether they devalue the homes adjacent to the stadium remains to be seen. Light, sound and physical pollution, increased traffic and lack of parking solutions are all serious potential problems. And benefits? What is certain is that the addition of light and sound **ONLY** benefit a private institution.

The stadium was part of a 10-year "master plan" that WAS approved by the neighborhood, the City of Madison and more importantly, Edgewood High School! Edgewood agreed to a practice field with these restrictions. That's why they need an amendment to change it. They built it. Now they have changed their minds. High school president Michael Elliot is quoted as saying "We're not planning to do any concerts. We're not planning to rent it out." If Elliot changes his mind again, are the neighbors big, whiny babies for objecting? Really? Why should we believe or trust him?

Edgewood is a school in the enviable position of having more money than they know what to with and it is our understanding that Elliot is a relatively new president of this private institution. He is clearly eager to make his mark on the campus and donors. But hopefully he will embrace the Sinsinawa Dominican values of Truth, Compassion, Justice, Partnership, and Community that are Edgewood's campus mission and respect the agreements that preceded his tenure

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**Yael Gen and Jeffrey Jerred**  
860 Woodrow Street  
Madison WI 53711





**From:** Tracy Topalian <tatopalian@mac.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 12, 2018 10:17 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Re: Got Agenda?

Oh I see.

So is this a done deal? Sounds like it's just a matter of Edgewood and the city explaining why this plan will move forward. We ask questions and they give us reasons why we don't need to worry because it's going to be so awesome....trust us we know best.

Edgewood has not been a honest broker of deals with the neighborhood. They made a deal about having a practice field only and now they want a stadium. That's rather disingenuous. The most vocal proponents of this project live in Shorewood Hills, nakoma, odana hills, Midvale heights, not in adjacent neighborhoods.

Also why is it that the city of Madison seems bent on bowing to developers at the expense of neighborhoods who are not on board?

Edgewood is a private school for white privileged catholic families many of whom don't live in Madison. Edgewood pays no city taxes but sucks the life out of city services.

It is NOT a privilege to have Edgewood in Madison as many of the proponents insist and they are not entitled to imposing a project of this magnitude in an area where a majority of families are opposed. 40 night events that will rob us of being able to enjoy our neighborhood to the fullest extent and that is just in the first year! It will never end. While I did not oppose the practice field I think this project is a poor fit for the site.

Thank you for letting me know what to expect.  
Tracy

On Oct 12, 2018, at 9:30 PM, Arntsen, Allen <[district13@cityofmadison.com](mailto:district13@cityofmadison.com)> wrote:

No formal agenda. I and city planner Tim Parks will explain the city process to amend Edgewood's plan. Edgewood representatives will explain what they want to do and what safeguards and restrictions they're including to minimize adverse impacts on the neighborhood. Tim Parks will explain how conditions will be put in place. City zoning administrator Matt Tucker will explain how conditions will be enforced. Attendees will be invited to comment (likely limited to 3 minutes each) as to concerns about how Edgewood's plans will affect them and question Edgewood's reps about whether Edgewood's proposed limits will adequately mitigate those impacts. That's roughly it. Allen

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On Fri, Oct 12, 2018 at 6:25 PM -0500, "Tracy Topalian" <[tatopalian@mac.com](mailto:tatopalian@mac.com)> wrote:

Hi Allen  
Do you have a written agenda for the meeting next Wednesday at Edgewood? It would be very helpful for me to have an idea of how this is going to work.  
Thank you  
Tracy

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Steve Erbach <4erbachs@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 13, 2018 10:06 AM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Edgewood Master Plan

Good morning!

I am writing to let you know that we are very much in support of allowing changes that allow Edgewood to finally be able to host home games and other athletic events.

We have lived on Monroe St across from Edgewood for more than 30 years. Edgewood has always been a great neighbor providing green space, arts and entertainment as well as hosting great neighborhood events such as the Sunday farmers market. We also enjoy the annual Kiwanis pancake breakfast hosted in thier commons. We also appreciate thier parking cars on badger game games as it helps keeps traffic off the streets. The energy from evening high school football games will be fun to see and to attend. A few nights a year shouldn't be a problem for anyway living nearby.

We hope that you support this.

Kelly Erbach  
2120 Monroe St



**From:** Barbara STREIBEL <bstreibel1@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 13, 2018 4:18 PM  
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**Sent:** Saturday, October 13, 2018 6:14 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Fwd: Edgewood Stadium Proposal

Alder Arntsen,

Josh Napravnik asked that we forward these comments on Edgewood's stadium proposal to you as well.

Regards,  
Ray & Debi Robey

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

**From:** **Ray Robey** <[ray.robey@gmail.com](mailto:ray.robey@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** Thu, Oct 11, 2018 at 2:48 PM  
**Subject:** Edgewood Stadium Proposal  
**To:** <[josh.npravnik@gmail.com](mailto:josh.npravnik@gmail.com)>, <[president@dmna.org](mailto:president@dmna.org)>

Josh & Andrew,

Please put my wife and I down in full support for Edgewood's proposal for expanded facilities & use of their stadium.

We live on the lower end of West Lawn Avenue, (2355), and while we would not be affected by the lights, we can assure you that we are well within range to hear the cheering crowds and have absolutely no problem with it. We have no expectations that the noise, crowds, parking, etc. will be any worse than for UW football games, which we also tolerate with a smile!

I must admit that we have been at a loss to understand some of the comments we have been reading....didn't our neighbors notice the high school off Monroe Street when they chose to purchase their homes? What did they think was going to happen on the sports field? I can appreciate that XX years ago the Edgewood administration might have given their best estimate of plans for the stadium but plans are allowed to change! Especially after all this time.

Anyway, we think that Edgewood students should be allowed to experience a home sports field just like any other high school and we look forward to attending some of their games ourselves.

Thanks,  
Ray & Debi Robey

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Pat Alea <Pvalea@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 14, 2018 11:31 AM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Edgewood October 17 meeting

General Information

Name: Pat Alea  
Address: 708 Leonard Street  
City: Madison  
State: Wi  
ZIP: 53711

Work Phone:  
Email: Pvalea@aol.com  
Should we contact you?: Yes

Message:

Good morning!

I'm wondering if you could help with a bit more information before the meeting at Edgewood on the 17th this week.

1. I'm requesting an agenda in advance
2. I'm also requesting an annotated version of the Edgewood timeline ... would appreciate notes indicating decision points for the proposed timeline with an appropriate contact person and link at each point!

I've requested this information from our Alder late last week but haven't heard back from him and I want to be better informed for the meeting! Thank you in advance!

Pat Alea

Recipient:

Allen A. Arntsen

**From:** Barbara STREIBEL <bstreibel1@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 14, 2018 12:17 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Re: [Alder Arntsen, District 13] 10/13 update

I've received permission to share Ethan Brodsky's email, data, and video's with you, and for you to share it with city staff and Edgewood's consultants. I hope you share it with all the Alders as well. There are hundreds of emails about this topic on various listservs (Nextdoor; thegreen, regentneighbors) so interest is very high in many neighborhoods. I am also including (below) an email explaining the decibel scale which helped me understand why Ethan says a 64 decibel finding is quite a bit louder than the Edgewood proposal claims their sound system would be at 60dB.

from Mike Borkenhagen to Regent Neighbors

I'd like to make sure everyone understands the sound data that's being used. The decibel scale is logarithmic, so an increase of +10dB is twice as loud. A bus passing at 69dB is about twice as loud as something measured at 60dB..

It's also important to note that noise frequency plays a large role in perceived loudness. The human ear is more sensitive to higher frequencies, so a 64dB referee whistle will be perceived as much more loud than a 64dB tuba.

Thanks, hope a solution is found that works for everyone.  
- Mike

-----Original Message-----

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**To:** Barbara STREIBEL <bstreibel1@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Sat, Oct 13, 2018 7:23 pm  
**Subject:** Re: [Alder Arntsen, District 13] 10/13 update

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**From:** THOMAS G TIERNEY <ttierney@wisc.edu>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 15, 2018 7:20 AM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Edgewood Football Field

Alder Arntson,

We would like to register our support for the proposed improvements to the Edgewood High School athletic field.

We are lifelong residents of Madison and have lived in the Edgewood/Vilas neighborhood for many, many years - Tom his entire life (68 years) and Mary Jo since 1974.

We feel that Edgewood is a valuable asset to the neighborhood and to the city and support enhancing the student experience with the athletic field improvements. We believe that any disruption to the neighbors will be minimal and well worth the benefits to the school and students.

Tom and Mary Jo Tierney

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1010 Harrison St.  
Madison, WI 53711  
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ttierney@wisc.edu

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**From:** Speich, Jason <jason@kieckhefergroup.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 15, 2018 8:04 AM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Edgewood

Dear Alder Arntsen,

I am a resident that lives within your district. I am emailing to voice my support for the proposed upgrades to the Goodman Community Sports Field at Edgewood High School. They will be a good addition to the school and neighborhood.

It is unusual for high schools to not have athletic facilities of this type for use by their teams and this upgrade will finally bring a home to many teams and enhance the school community. Please support this project!

Sincerely,

Jason Speich

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**From:** Eric Kerlow <Eric1@Kerlow.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 15, 2018 10:22 AM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Edgewood Stadium

Alder Arnsten,

My reasons for opposing a stadium on the Edgewood Campus

- 1) Undue burden on the neighbors on Woodrow Street: too noisy, too much light, too much traffic, neighborhood park up, pedestrian congestion, depreciates property values.
- 2) Degrades experience on Lake Wingra, noise and light.
- 3) Brings too many roaming teenagers into the neighborhoods at night.

Edgewood High School has been trying for over 25 years to change the practice field to a stadium and has consistently been told no to this use by the neighbors. They are using new light and sound technology as an excuse to try it again. The school has other alternatives, like purchasing acres of land out on Park Street to make a sports football and baseball complex.

Eric Kerlow  
2007 Adam St.  
[REDACTED]

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Sally Lehner <sa\_lehner@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 15, 2018 10:46 AM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Edgewood proposal

Dear Ald. Arntsen,

I live in Vilas and am very concerned about the noise from the proposed amplified speakers at Edgewood's Goodman field.

When the UW renovated the stadium, we were promised that the new speakers would create less noise pollution in our neighborhood because they would be positioned better. This hasn't been the case—speaker noise from UW games is louder than its ever been. It's unreasonably loud and disturbing.

Please do everything you can to mitigate the speaker noise (both for the Edgewood proposal & the current situation at the UW stadium)—it's unhealthy for those of us living nearby to have this blasting into our homes. Lots of studies, especially those involving children, show the negative health impacts of this.

Thanks,  
Sally Lehner  
1819 Madison Street



**From:** Mary Lunda <mrlunda@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 14, 2018 9:08 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Re: [Alder Arntsen, District 13] 10/13 update

**Subject: Re Neighborhood Meeting at Edgewood**

We have lived on the 2100 block of West Lawn Ave. for 54 years & remember the Edgefest Festivities of the past. We had no problems at that time & do not anticipate any with Edgewood's request for installing lights for the football field, or special events they may have. In the past, events have closed down at a reasonable hour respecting neighbors. Thank you for serving as our Alder, not any easy task!

**Bob & Mary Ann Lunda**

On Sat, Oct 13, 2018 at 12:53 PM <[district13@cityofmadison.com](mailto:district13@cityofmadison.com)> wrote:



**Alder Arntsen, District 13 Updates**

*posted October 13, 2018 12:51 PM*

**10/13 update**

Greetings. The City of Madison needs your help facilitating the right to vote on Tuesday, November 6! The City Clerk's Office needs to fill over 3,000 poll worker shifts for Election Day. Hundreds of vacancies remain unfilled. Poll workers are paid an hourly living wage of \$13.01. ...

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**From:** Walter Block <wfblock@charter.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 15, 2018 1:58 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** In support of Edgewood HS project

General Information

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City: Madison  
State: WI  
ZIP: 53726

Work Phone:  
Email: wfblock@charter.net  
Should we contact you?: Yes

Message:

I live in your adjacent district and sent the following note to Alderperson Shiva Bidar Sielaff.

I have lived for 20 years in proximity to Edgewood HS. If I wanted to live in solitude in nature, I would live out on the edge of Cross Plains. I live 50 feet from my neighbors for the vitality of the neighborhood and all the options that exist within a walking distance. I have found the HS to be a strong contributor to the vitality of our neighborhood. I'd love to be able to walk to HS football or soccer games.

I also point out that our neighborhood goes nuts before any proposed change. People were concerned that the bike path would bring in dangerous outsiders. Now they tout proximity of their homes to it. I help maintain the ice rink on Hillington Green. When we proposed to the city to maintain that, people raised concerns about added traffic and noise. Now homeowners tout their proximity to it.

Events like HS football and soccer will also help promote the vitality of Monroe Street and its businesses, something that benefits our neighborhood as well as the whole city.

We aren't Cross Plains and shouldn't try to compete with them on quiet. To compete with the suburbs, we need vitality. I fully urge your support for this project as it is in the interests of Madison's long term vision.

Recipient:  
Allen A. Arntsen



Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Wade DallaGrana <wdallagrana@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 15, 2018 3:29 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Edgewood lights.

Hello Alder Arntsen,

My name is Wade DallaGrana and I live in the Edgewood Monroe Street neighborhood.....on Terry Place. Edgewood High School has been a wonderful neighbor of ours for over 30 years. From the early days of the annual Edgefest weekend, to performing wonderful high school plays to hosting the Sunday morning farmers market. This is a high school in an urban neighborhood and everything that goes along with being a high school including a football field with lights and yes even a PA system is all part of having this wonderful Dominican high school institution as our neighbor over the years.

I would like to register my support as in Edgewood neighbor for the expanded proposals for their athletic field. They have been very accommodating and a sensitive neighbor over the years and I'm sure they will continue to demonstrate this good neighbor like policy in the years to come.

Regards ...Wade DallaGrana  
842 Terry Place.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** James Schey <jamesjschey@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 15, 2018 10:54 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen; president@dmna.org  
**Subject:** Edgewood High School - Stadium Proposal

Dear Alder Arntsen and DMNA President David Hoffert,

I am a long term resident of the Dudgeon Monroe neighborhood having raised a family and lived on Woodrow Street for the past 33 years. For decades prior to that my great aunt and uncle raised their family and lived on Woodrow Street. As someone with a long presence here I greatly value this unique neighborhood, our neighbors and the three Edgewood institutions - the Campus School, High School and College. Over the years I and many others in the neighborhood have worked with the Edgewood institutions and City representatives on proposed building plans, site development plans and two master plans to find solutions to their growth needs that are compatible with the neighborhood. The central campus entrance at Leonard Street, internal campus access, parking, site layout and 12 campus buildings all reflect these successful joint efforts.

Breaking with this tradition and in contrast to this history, the proposed High School stadium does not represent a joint planning effort supported by the neighborhood. During the 2015 joint master planning process, the High School stated in neighborhood meetings and press interviews that the athletic field would remain a practice field which the neighborhood supported. After the joint master planning process was completed, in 2016 they announced plans to turn the athletic field into a stadium with a building, expanded seating, lighting and sound system for up to 5 night games. Now in 2018 they announced new plans which include hosting up to 40 games in the proposed stadium, which is far more than the "Friday Night Games" currently being represented to the media. On top of this, we are told there is a movement by alumni to promote future field rental as a means of generating income. The High School expressed an interest in this in the past and is retaining it as a future option.

High mount night lighting, an amplified sound system broadcasting prerecorded pep rally music and sports announcers at a sound level necessary to be heard over uncontrollable crowd noise and the crowd noise itself are simply not compatible with the residential district that is immediately next door without the benefit of any buffer zone, distance or effective barrier to these disruptive high intensity activities scheduled for both day and night times.

Measurements taken at a recent Waunakee High School football game with a small rainy day game crowd clearly demonstrate the disruption and negative impact this stadium poses to the neighborhood:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zZeodcKUTiQ>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gF9PkqrFiR8>

Even from 750 feet away, measured sound levels exceeded 67 dB:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7VAHZGoLOVY>

Alder Arntsen, you've stated you're open to a compromise position citing Edgewood High School's proposed "technology" solutions as acceptable with conditions. That is not a compromise, it's simply choosing Edgewood High School's interests over the greater neighborhood's welfare leaving this neighborhood much less viable now and for generations to come. In terms of conditions, they would be meaningless in that any that may be applied now will no doubt be rescinded through future lobbying efforts by Edgewood High School when more sympathetic ears are in positions of power in much the same way as they have changed



their planned use of the Athletic Field after the master planning process. Furthermore, conditions would put the burden of proof for exceedances and enforcement on the neighbors, which simply is not reasonable or acceptable.

This neighborhood has many constituents beyond those that live here including a multitude of outdoor enthusiasts that use the lake, the adjacent parks, walk/run/bike on the Park and Pleasure drive, birdwatch in the woods and value the nature experience available here. These would all be negatively affected by an amplified stadium sound system. The High School has existed for 91 years successfully making arrangements for their night time games, clearly are able to continue to do so and if they valued the neighborhood and their neighbors would do so. I urge you to support the interests of the greater neighborhood as well as those of the multitude of people from outside the neighborhood that use and value this area by not accepting Edgewood High School's stadium proposal and thereby preserving neighborhood values for generations to come.

While the stadium in the following link is an extreme, the reactions of Edgewood High School's neighbors and feelings of loss would no doubt be much the same if the proposed stadium were to move forward:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tVutvv5VKas>

Sincerely,

James Schey  
878 Woodrow Street  
Madison, WI 53711

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Rich Lynch <rlynch@findorff.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 16, 2018 1:42 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Edgewood HS / Allen

...hey Allen ...have to say I am curious as to your thoughts about City government now that you have a little time under your belt!...I am contacting you to let you know that I am in support of approving the Edgewood HS athletic facility proposal... I know this has strong opinions on both sides...and several of the issues have been 'out there' ever since the current football/soccer/track facility was rebuilt a number of years ago....you may also be aware that Mary and I now live on Monroe Street and pass EHS quite frequently...our daughter is also an Edgewood grad...so without going into a long explanation I will tell you that I believe the concept of home field athletic events (some at night) mean a lot to the students and families of Edgewood...and are in my opinion part of the HS experience that brings strong school spirit, pride and comradery...in other words it enhances the student experience...which is what we all hope for as our kids advance on toward adulthood and further educational experiences....I hope you find the support you need to look favorably on this...let me know if you would like to talk further....and thanks again for 'stepping up' into your new (temporary?) alder seat!....R.

**Rich Lynch**  
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**From:** Liz Lusk <lizlusk51@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 16, 2018 3:05 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Opposition to Edgewood Proposal

General Information

Name: Liz Lusk  
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State: WI  
ZIP: 53726  
Phone:  
Work Phone:  
Email: lizlusk51@gmail.com  
Should we contact you?: No

Message:

Hello Alder Arntsen,

I could email you a copy of my statement about opposition. Just let me know if sending it to you via the district 13 email works. Either way, please let me know.

Thanks for your attention in this matter.

Liz Lusk

Recipient:

Allen A. Arntsen

**From:** Bob Foulks <bfoulks@charter.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 16, 2018 3:06 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Edgewood Campus Master Plan

This email is to express my support for the amendment to the Campus Master Plan to allow lighting at the Goodman Athletic Complex. My wife and I have been residents in the Dudgeon Monroe neighborhood for more than 35 years, our first home was on Woodrow Street. In all of our time here Edgewood has been an outstanding neighbor and a community asset. It would be a shame that the best athletic complex in Dane County cannot be used by the school for its own home games. I recently attended the neighborhood association meeting and listened to the concerns from those objecting to this change. It is my opinion that Edgewood has done an excellent job in addressing the concerns to mitigate the impact on the neighborhood. I believe most of the fears are greatly exaggerated because most people have not actually attended a high school game and have not experienced first hand the impact that these activities actually have on the neighborhood. I will be attending the meeting tomorrow and voicing my support.

Thank you for your service to the district.

Regards,  
Bob Foulks

Sent from my iPad





Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Liz Lusk <lizlusk51@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 16, 2018 3:07 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Opposition to Edgewood Proposal - attaching statement  
**Attachments:** Edgewood proposal copy.pdf

Thanks for your work.  
Liz Lusk



I oppose this proposal for the following reasons:

**1) Simple equity issues suggest this is a shortsighted proposal.**

It would add to disproportionate effects in education on differing populations in Madison. Edgewood High School's private school demographic is more white and more affluent than that of other central city high schools. Edgewood High School serves 546 private school students each paying \$11,000 a year for tuition. It's population is comprised of 14.6% U.S. students of color and 5.4% international students of color. Edgewood pays no taxes on it's property.

Madison has two public high schools in the central city. West High School, in closest proximity to Edgewood (1.4 miles distant) serves 2,400 students, 40% students of color and 34% low income students.\*

The two central city public high schools don't have playing fields adjacent to their buildings. West has a practice field at it's Regent Street facility and plays it's games on the fields at Memorial High School. (The Memorial fields are outside the central city corridor and can provide parking, lighting, loud speakers without unduly impinging on it's neighbors. The current neighbors moved in to the neighborhood with the fields in place.) The field outside of West is a practice field and is in no way is as up to date as Edgewood's current (updated in 2015) field. (Perhaps as a gesture of support, Edgewood could offer it's new fields to West for some practice times?)

East High School, the other central city public high school also does not have an onsite playing field, instead using a dedicated field for their events. Often this is the public facility of Breese Stevens.

Edgewood is asking for something neither of these public high schools have. The public high schools are not asking for a lighted, 1,200 seat central city stadium because, quite frankly, these schools have more salient issues to deal with. They want to support their students who are homeless. They want to support their students whose families receive free and reduced lunch. They need to shore up leaky roofs and provide seats for their students. These public schools are not focused on a stadium in their front yard. Nor should we, the public be even asked to contend with this non-educational issue.

**2) There is no public benefit to the proposed stadium.**

Edgewood's private high school football games do not benefit "the public" or even, necessarily those students playing the game. (See studies on head injuries and their lifetime negative impact on students playing the game). Most of the public and most of Edgewood's neighbors will never attend an Edgewood High School

football game. There is no proposal to in any way share these facilities, only to profit from them.

There is, however public inconvenience and harm. Edgewood proposes to use this stadium for a minimum of 27 night games (lasting until 9:45 pm) per season. This does **not** include the evenings for which they would charge other schools to hold events at this venue. At a minimum this means that an additional 7.5 % of neighborhood evenings would be unnecessarily interrupted with lights, a sound system, crowd noise, traffic, parking and partying.

**3) The central city (where East, West and Edgewood are located) is not appropriate for development of a stadium/ large public venue.** There are already stressors on the neighborhood. The Monroe Street area provides a traffic corridor into the city and houses two large public venues for the UW. The neighborhood hosts a myriad of events that do benefit the public. The need for parking is problematic in this high traffic area and is a major issue for neighbors and local businesses.

The property abuts a Park and Pleasure Drive and other park areas which are already stressed by public use. A stadium and it's activities does not comport with the needs of the natural setting.

**4) There is an alternative.**

Edgewood should *continue* to play it's games in Middleton and support Middleton's efforts in raising the \$600,000 needed to bring Middleton's field up to date. It could use it's newly modernized practice field for practice. Just like other central city high school students, Edgewood students would play games on fields that are not in the central city and do not detract from the livability of central city neighborhoods.

**5) Edgewood is manipulating and circumventing regular channels for neighborhood planning.**

In 2014 Edgewood gained support for it's Ten Year Plan which upgraded it's practice field. No mention was made regarding this present proposal (which surfaced in 2016) to build a 1,200 seat stadium with locker rooms, press box, concessions, sound and light systems. This Edgewood proposal alters the current use from a practice field to a stadium. *(At a minimum, it was disingenuous of Edgewood not to have included this giant ask in the 2014 plan. Adding argument to this as an intentional deceit is that the fact that the infrastructure required to support the current proposal was built into the current "practice field" facility).*

For the good of all, Edgewood should work with their current partners to continue to hold football games outside the central city. There is no crisis that overrides the current accepted Ten Year Plan which, by it's nature took a wider view of



neighborhood needs. If Edgewood continues to seek this luxury, we might take another look at a proposal in the next ten year plan, in 2024. Let's hope, by then, that the proposal does not also ask for a golf course.

Please note my emphatic "No" to this proposal.

\* The numbers cited here are from 2016 year when this proposal first arose.

Liz Lusk  
452 Virginia Terrace  
Madison, WI 53726



Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Mike Kafka <KafkaM@firstweber.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 16, 2018 3:46 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Edgewood lights

Allen,

My name is Mike Kafka. I live in the 2200 block of Keyes Ave., the same block as Edgewood High School. I have lived there for over 31 years. I did not attend Edgewood nor did I have any children who attended Edgewood. I have no connection to Edgewood.

I'm writing to let you know I am in favor of the lights. I'm in favor because it will benefit the kids. I feel that home athletic events and activities surrounding those events enhance the high school experience and I would like to see students at Edgewood have this enhanced experience.

I won't take up your time by discussing my thoughts regarding the issues of lights, sound and traffic outside of saying I don't view them as causing any major inconvenience.

I would like to comment on the concern about property values declining if the lights are installed however. I have my real estate license and I have worked for First Weber for over 13 years. Not for a second do I think that home values will decrease if the lights are installed. The three most important words in real estate are location, location, location. People will continue to covet living in the area because it's close to the Capitol Square and all its activities, it's close to the Overture Center, it's close to the far west side of town, because there's a major university 5-6 blocks away, because we have a zoo in our backyard, because of the schools in the area, the parks, Monroe Street, etc. That will not change. People are not going to base housing decisions on what Edgewood does a few nights during the year when they can be near these attractions for 365 days of the year. A desire to live in our area with all these attractions will keep demand high and high demand will keep the prices of homes strong.

Thanks for your time.

Mike Kafka

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**From:** Caroline Gilles <cnracine@me.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 16, 2018 4:43 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Edgewood Stadium - Support

Hi Alder Arntsen-

We writing to express support of Edgewood High School's stadium proposal. We have lived across the street from EHS, specifically across from the scoreboard and field, for over 20 years where we have experienced Edgewood to be an excellent neighbor. We have no reason to believe that they wouldn't be moving forward. When we moved into our house, we always anticipated that there could be lights some day. This is a calculated risk that all neighbors have taken when they move close to a school with an athletic field across the street.

In support of Edgewood High School Stadium with lights and sound system and Master Plan,

Caroline and Greg Gilles  
The Gilles Living Trust  
830 Woodrow Street  
Madison, WI 53711

**From:** Meghan Ross <meg.ross19@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 16, 2018 5:33 PM  
**To:** josh.npravnik@gmail.com; Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Edgewood Stadium Expansion Proposal - Letter of Support

Dear Josh,

My name is Meghan Ross. We met a couple of weeks ago at the Dudgeon Monroe Neighborhood Association meeting. I want to start by thanking you for the time and effort that you are putting into collecting feedback from the neighborhood regarding the Edgewood stadium proposal. I can imagine that it is not an easy task. I would very much like to be involved in future conversations regarding DMNA's official position on the stadium, so as I mentioned the other night, please keep me in the loop.

I am also cc-ing Alder Arnsten as I think it is important for him to be aware of the subset of neighbors who are in support of the stadium expansion as I know the voices of support have not been as vocal as the opposition over the past year. Thank you to you both for taking the time to listen to all voices in our neighborhood. I realize this is quite a lengthy email, so I did try to break down my main reasons for supporting the cause into categories towards the bottom.

I am aware that some of our neighbors have raised concerns and are staunchly opposed to the new stadium. While I can sympathize with the growing pains that come along with any change to the neighborhood, I fully support Edgewood's proposal and would like to share my feedback to ensure that supportive voices are taken into consideration as we begin to craft DMNA's official stance on the matter.

I want to begin by acknowledging my relationship to Edgewood. I am an alumna of both Edgewood High School and Edgewood College, a former educator at Edgewood Campus School, a former assistant softball coach at Edgewood High School, and I currently teach part-time as a fitness instructor for Edgewood College. While this certainly can be interpreted as a bias, I like to think it gives me insight into that community. In addition to being a part of Edgewood, I am also an active member of the DMNA and a long-time resident of Monroe Street. I am lucky to have had the opportunity to explore this matter from various lenses, but my involvement in both communities is not rare. I am one of many residents from the Dudgeon-Monroe neighborhood who have benefited from both Edgewood's campus and the surrounding neighborhood and I truly hope that this is taken into consideration by both the city and the association.

From the perspective of a former educator, I am appalled, embarrassed, and disappointed at the amount of pushback that our neighborhood is giving an educational institution. Whether our children attend Edgewood, West, or any of the high schools in the area should not matter. Lifting up the next generation is an integral part of who we say we are as a neighborhood. It is echoed in the signs that many of our neighbors proudly place in their lawns indicating that "all are welcome." Unfortunately, we have fallen into a "not in our backyard" mentality when it comes to putting those wonderful slogans into action. To purposefully throttle the growth of any educational institution seems like a step backwards for us as a community. Further, to deny the expansion of a facility that would improve the high school experience of students who are learning and growing in our neighborhood is shameful, especially in light of the extraordinary efforts that the school has made to minimize the impact that the facility would have on the neighborhood around it. And to put stock into the lamentations such as "other schools don't have stadiums, why should Edgewood?" is quite a slippery slope and echoes attitudes that, once again, fundamentally go against who we claim to be as a neighborhood. Such an argument could be used to back pulling funding from innovative programs in education just because they weren't around when we were in school. It's a dangerous and disgraceful mindset, especially coming from a neighborhood that claims to be progressive. One of the reasons that I have chosen to make



my home in this neighborhood is our values. Not putting those values into action is more destructive to the moral landscape of our community than any stadium could be to the physical landscape.

Emotional reaction aside, below are some points to consider in making our final decisions. I've categorized them into the following groups: 1) responses to issues raised by neighbors, 2) the undue burden that opposing the expansion would continue to place on the Edgewood community, and 3) the positive impact that the expanded stadium could have on the neighborhood.

### **Responses to concerns about lights and noise raised by neighbors:**

#### **Concerns about excessive noise:**

I feel that Edgewood has gone above and beyond the expectation of a courteous neighbor in ensuring that noise is directed towards campus rather than out into the neighborhood and beyond. The concerns raised by some neighbors have often been misguided, citing examples like already being able to hear the sounds systems from Camp Randall and the Edgewood College PA. Neither system is comparable to the one being proposed by Edgewood High School, therefore making those arguments null and void.

#### **Concerns about the lights:**

Edgewood has done significant research to back their claims that the lights they have chosen will remain solely on the campus. They are also willing to agree upon a lights out curfew time and include it in the Master Plan amendment that can and will be enforced and policed by the city. With all of these details being addressed in the Master Plan itself, it is more than just a good faith effort. It is an actual contract between Edgewood and the neighborhood and the city of Madison.

### **The undue burden opposition to the proposal has on the Edgewood Community (also our neighbor):**

**Effect on the student experience:** I think everyone can agree that a larger sports arena would have a positive impact on extra-curricular participation on Edgewood's campus, allowing them to have a local, centralized facility in which to call home rather than being scattered across Madison and the surrounding communities. Research supports the importance of sports and extra-curricular activities in the development of children and young adults. Right now Edgewood teams travel as far as Verona to practice and play, often times having to schedule JV and freshman teams at different times and/or different facilities than their Varsity teammates, effectively making it less appealing to both students and parents to join and/or continue to participate in the affected sports. This currently has a negative impact on the student experience as a whole. We have an opportunity to intervene, and as adults who claim to value education, we have a responsibility to do so.

**Effect on the student athletes and the sports programs:** Getting to learn from and being supported by teammates of all levels further promotes a better understanding of the sport and a better development of the skillset required to master it, encourages positive self-worth, and provides an enriching environment for healthy interpersonal relationships to flourish. It also ensures the health and longevity of the program itself. That comradery is very difficult to build and sustain with teams scattered across the city.

**Effect on the incredibly passionate, hard-working coaching staff:** Also worth mentioning is the burden placed on the coaching staff. Scattering the teams across fields all over the community adds unnecessary coordination to their already extensively long list of responsibilities, not to mention making it much more difficult to build inter-level comradery within a program. These men and women, who give up a sizable amount of their time to coach, are incredibly passionate about what they do. They are not coaching for the monetary gain but rather because they have an interest in the betterment of younger generations. Allowing them to have one, centralized place for their teams to gather, learn, and grow together gives them an opportunity to put that passion into coaching rather than schedule coordination.

**Effect on Edgewood Parents:** Having scattered games and practices puts an undue burden on parents who have several children in a sports program, making them choose between which child to support and often forcing them to drive all over town for drop-off and pick-up duties. I am not a parent myself, however I do know it is one of the most difficult jobs in the world. Adding more complexity to the endeavor when there is a viable solution that we, as a community, can be a part of, is a very difficult concept to swallow.

**Effect on visiting teams:** Having multiple fields puts an undue burden on visiting teams, families, and fans who also have to keep track of where their kids are playing as it is quite often in a different place each time. They face the same issues faced by Edgewood parents, having to choose which of multiple children to support and having to drive across town, sometimes multiple times a night, to drop off and pick up their kids.

**Positive impact on the neighborhood:**

**Improved traffic flow from 4-6pm:** If appealing to our desire to actually be the neighborhood that we claim to be isn't enough, then I fear any other arguments may fall on deaf ears. That being said, I would like to share the positive impact that the stadium could have on traffic flow and area businesses. Right now, as we are all aware, the hours of 4 – 6pm bring standstill traffic to Monroe Street. If we allow Edgewood to install proper lights, this would surely decrease the amount of traffic flowing in and out of the school at this time, as games would be allowed to start later, allowing for more practices to be able to take place in the meantime on campus rather than at other facilities. Less traffic at peak hours is surely something we can all get behind.

**Increased revenue for area businesses:** And lastly, I foresee an uptick in business for Monroe Street merchants if we allow Edgewood to invite teams and fans to play on campus. Monroe Street has a wealth of restaurants and businesses that all too often remain unknown to people who do not live in our neighborhood. Exposing new clientele to these community gems would help to bolster them and ensure that they keep their doors open. After a year's worth of decreased revenue due to construction, I think any effort that we can make to support our neighborly businesses is worthwhile.

In conclusion, I challenge our neighborhood to live up to the values of inclusivity and cooperation that we claim as our own and welcome Edgewood's opportunity for growth as we would for any of our other neighbors. At this point in negotiations, our pushback as an association and a neighborhood seems petty and feels like the lingering remnants of a sort of rivalry that has formed between Edgewood and the neighborhood over the years. We are better than that and the students affected by our actions deserve better than that. Edgewood has predated most of the homes and all of the current residents in the area, so for them to put in so much effort to appease our demands is not only admirable but should be rewarded with compromise and gratitude rather than continued conflict. It is time for our association to work with Edgewood rather than against it. Let's be bridge builders like all of the signs we proudly display in our windows and lawns say we are.

Sincerely,

Meghan Ross



**From:** Ethan Brodsky <ethan.brodsky@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 16, 2018 5:57 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Comments on Edgewood Football Stadium Proposal

Mr. Arntsen -

My name is Ethan Brodsky and I live at 866 Woodrow Street and am writing in regard to the Edgewood football stadium proposal. This is going to be an extremely long letter and I'm sure you've got a lot on your plate right now, so if you read nothing else at this point, I ask that you please at least read the next paragraph, which is the only time-sensitive request in the letter.

I have been told that you will be moderating the Edgewood neighborhood meeting this coming Wednesday. If this is the case, or if you have any control of how the meeting is conducted, I am requesting that you require each speaker to begin their comment with their address (or at least what street or "neighborhood" they live in, or the distance from their home to the proposed stadium) and their past and current affiliations with Edgewood (i.e. alumni, parent of student, employee, etc...). When we went through this process two years ago, Edgewood encouraged large numbers of alumni and other boosters to attend and their comments drew the meeting out to last so long that many immediate neighbors of the proposed stadium had to leave before it was over and were unable to speak. I understand that anyone who would like to speak must be allowed to do so, but it's also important that, at a "neighborhood meeting" that is intended to get the "neighborhood's opinion" on this proposal, Edgewood's neighbors are afforded an opportunity to speak.

That said, the rest of my comments are in regard to the proposal in general and not the conduct of the meeting this week and are thus less time sensitive.

I'm going to leave my personal opinions on the stadium proposal out of this letter and focus solely on the objective scientific measurements and analysis that I have made to study it.

Edgewood's current stadium proposal, as detailed in their Liason Committee meeting presentation on 8 Oct of this year and in the "Goodman Athletic Complex" page on their website:

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Edgewood has been long aware of community opposition to this stadium. In a 15 June 2015 article in the Wisconsin State Journal about improvements to Edgewood's "athletic practice facility", Edgewood President Michael Elliot acknowledges that "the project 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":

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He is then quoted as saying: "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. That is our focal point." The article details how the football team will continue playing their games at Breitenbach Stadium.

It is clear that Edgewood understands that neighborhood opposition to this project is extremely strong, and I would argue that is a very good reason for the city to proceed with caution here and not allow the proposal to be fast-tracked without adequate study. Because of the nature of the zoning code and construction itself, the harm that would be created by mistakenly allowing the construction to proceed would be far higher than the harm associated with delaying it until it could be more carefully considered.

Currently there has been little evidence provided by Edgewood to support their claim that the stadium will have minimum impact on neighboring properties - many of the claims they have made are directly from marketing materials provided by their suppliers and dubious at best. Notably, in the presentation at their Oct 8 meeting, they made two patently false claims regarding noise ("noise on surrounding properties will be < 60 dB") and light spill ("falls to zero outside the blue line") that were obviously untrue to any listener with any familiarity with those topics.

During the 2017 process, Edgewood repeatedly pointed to Waunakee as a model for the advanced lighting technology they were proposing to use. On the city's "District 13 Development" page (next to your picture!):

<https://www.cityofmadison.com/council/district13/development/>  
there is a quoted request from Edgewood president Mike Elliott:

Effective for the 2017 fall sports season, Waunakee High School is using the same style of lighting that Edgewood is proposing to use in their upgrades. If you are interested in and/or concerned about the Edgewood proposal, I highly encourage you to attend all or part of one of the Waunakee sporting events listed below so that you can decide for yourself how disruptive or not having lights like these in our neighborhood would be. No matter what your current or future opinion on the potential Edgewood upgrades may be, we will all benefit from being informed when it comes to the specifics of what is being proposed. Edgewood has specifically asked that we consider the following assertions (quoting from Edgewood High School's president, Mike Elliott):

- Observe how these lights minimize light glow, spill and reflection.
- Stand outside the stadium and observe how the light ends at the edge of the track.
- Stand behind the shrubs outside the stadium at the west end of the field and see how little light escapes. This would be similar to our tree cover on Woodrow Street.
- Observe how the entire sky is not illuminated above and around the stadium.

(Note that at the 8 Oct 2018 meeting, Mr. Elliott was instead suggesting Mansfield Stadium at Memorial High School for comparison. I inquired at that meeting why he had switched from suggesting Waunakee to Mansfield and he said that it was just "because Mansfield was more convenient to get to" and that "Waunakee also has the same lights as Mansfield and that we intend to use")

I took his suggestion and did exactly what he said, observing the Waunakee stadium on numerous occasions, but coming to exactly the opposite conclusion. I'm a private pilot and fly out of the airport adjacent to the Waunakee stadium regularly, so I am in the area regularly, and observed a number of games there, took photos and videos on 15 Sep 2017 and 6 Oct 2018, and collected rigorous data on the most recent date.

I have put several videos of the stadium online here:

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These videos were taken from carefully-selected positions that were chosen to be representative of specific locations on Woodrow Street, specifically the center of the sidewalk at the center of the driveway for 830 Woodrow Street, and the same point for the shared driveway for 812/820 Woodrow Street. If you were to take two steps backwards from locations that these videos were filmed, you would be standing on these landowners' property, approximately 15-20 feet from their homes.

The sampling locations were chosen by overlaying a map of our neighborhood, with the current location of Edgewood's practice field, onto a map of Waunakee's stadium, and matching the horizontal distance from the sideline and position along the field for each sampling point to what they would be in our neighborhood. I did this in Google Earth and can share maps showing the corresponding sampling points, if that would be helpful. I then identified the points on the ground using a handheld GPS.

At each of these locations, I collected quantitative data on sound and light using professional digital instruments. All light measurements were collected with an Extech 403125 digital illuminance meter. It reads out in 0.01 lux increments and is accurate to +5% of reading + 10 digits in its low range.

Measurements were taken of horizontal illuminance (typically used for measuring sky glow) and vertical illuminance (typically used for measuring light trespass). Noise measurements were collected with an Extech 407736 sound level meter using the A-weighting range and "fast" (125 ms) response filter, which is the conventional practice for measuring noise of this type. The instrument is rated to  $\pm 1.5$  dB from 35-90 dB. The noise measurements were collected with the meter either handheld at chest to eye level or on a tripod at the same height.

From a sound standpoint, at the locations corresponding to the driveways of homes on Woodrow Street, I was measuring sound levels substantially higher than the "60 dB" levels that Edgewood has claimed. I measured sound levels of 81.2 dB from the PA system, 82 dB from the band, 80.9 dB from the crowd, and 68.4 dB from the cheerleading squad. The highest sound level I measured was 87.3 dB, just after a "pick six" by Waunakee. The stands were not anywhere near full.

I also recorded a third video, from a parking lot roughly 750 feet from the sideline. Many homes on the 2200 and 2300 blocks of Monroe and West Lawn, portions of Keyes and Leonard Street, and most of the homes on Terry and Woodrow Street are within this distance of Edgewood's field. This is what the game looks and sounds like from that distance:

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Even at this point, measured sound levels were 67 dB from the PA system and 64 dB from the band, far higher than the 60 dB claimed by Edgewood.

I also stopped in a quiet parking lot (off Division Street) that is approximately 3,000 feet from the Waunakee stadium, with no direct line-of-sight path to the field, and could \*still\* hear the crowd noise, music, and PA from there. Drawing a circle that distance out from Edgewood's proposed stadium includes everything out almost to Speedway and Regent Street, Monroe from Wingra School to the Monroe Street public library, the Vilas Neighborhood out past Grant Street, Vilas Park out to the Zoo, much of Lake Wingra, and portions of the arboretum. Crowd and PA noise from Edgewood's proposed stadium would be audible over much or all of this area.

Because these types of noise are so different from other kinds of noise, it is difficult to come up with comparisons to these sound level numbers that are meaningful to everyone. As someone who has studied snowmobile noise (I used to advise a UW project to build clean and quiet snowmobiles), it is helpful for me to think that these numbers in the low 80s are substantially louder than the (since 1975) legal limit of 78 dB for a snowmobile doing a full-throttle pass-by at 50 feet, but, obviously, a snowmobile pass-by only lasts a few seconds. The 87.3 dB measurement is comparable to the level you'd hear standing 50 feet from an interstate highway as a semi-truck drove past you. Other comparisons in that range would be a chainsaw at 50 feet (~85 dB) or a car horn at 50 feet (~86 dB).

Those are all "mechanical" sounds though, and very different in nature from crowd noise, which is a mixture of the constant "murmur" of conversations and the "surges" as everyone cheers at once. In a paper by Hayne et al. published in the Proceedings of Acoustics 2006:

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the authors observe:

"In complaints about crowd noise, complaintants are not necessarily consistent in the way they describe the intrusiveness of the noise. In some instances, the complaint is with the constant unescapable babble, but in other cases, the disturbance is caused by frequent loud intrusive noises. Clearly crowd noise can be both of these."

To better understand the impact of this, I look at a paper called "Community Annoyance with Sports Crowd Noise: A case study of the facts in a jury decision", written by Jack Evans from Engineered Vibration Acoustics and Noise Solutions and published in the Proceedings of NoiseCon 1990:

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It studies a case in Texas regarding a sports complex built immediately adjacent to a residential neighborhood, and details testimony from expert witnesses explaining that "broadband noise approximately 10 dB over ambient becomes objectionable, but narrow-band or tonal noise much closer or even below ambient can be perceptible annoying" (not only would Edgewood's proposed stadium exceed this, but their current use already does). It also states that "speech interference and distraction may occur with ambient sound levels between 60 and 70 dBA when the speaker and listener are separated by 15-20 feet, as would be very likely in the backyard", and that

"75-80 dB will interfere with speech at five feet". It also notes that "continuous exposure to a varying and intermittent intrusive noise of 60 to

70 dBA, while not endangering health, can be annoying and cause stress", that it is not viable to use music or other background noise to "mask"

sounds of these levels, and that "crowd voice noise, with nearly instantaneous increase and decrease in volume, has an almost startling effect unlike the gradual rise and fall of volume of intermittent source such as aircraft flyover or railroad traffic" (and is thus more disturbing than non-intermittent noise of a same level). Edgewood's proposed stadium would exceed all of these thresholds.

Of course the environment around Edgewood is different from that around Waunakee, so to get a basis for comparison, I observed a Junior Varsity Football game at Edgewood on 11 Oct 2018. Based on a photo I took of the bleachers, there were approximately 50 spectators in attendance. I recorded the following sound levels (dBA, fast weighting), being careful not to take measurements when there was any traffic on Monroe Street.

From the sidewalk in front of the 812/8200 Woodrow driveway:

Whistle: 64.4  
Ambient: 42-43

From the sidewalk in front of 2314 Monroe Street:

Whistle: 64.3, 64.2  
Crowd: 61.7  
Ambient: 45-47

From the front stoop of 2310 Monroe Street: (i.e. at the home's front door)

Crowd: 68.4, 61.7, 68.6  
Team chant: 63.7 (organized, far end zone), 63.7 (disorganized, mid-field)  
After-game yelling: 61.6  
Ambient: 46-48

All of these measurements are \*already\* in excess of the "60 dB" that Edgewood is claiming neighbors will experience with crowds twenty times larger. Notably, they already involve both broadband (cheering) and tonal



(whistle) sounds that are both 20 dB over ambient, whereas the Texas case found that "broadband noise approximately 10 dB over ambient becomes objectionable" and "narrow-band or tonal noise much closer or even below ambient can be perceptible annoying". Indeed, neighbors have already found these sound levels to be objectionable, and Edgewood's current use of the facility is already generating noise complaints.

To try to estimate what it would be like with a larger crowd, I did a bit of research into how to scale noise levels with crowd size. A simple model based on physical principles would suggest that every 10x increase in crowd size corresponds to a 10 dB increase in noise. The paper "Prediction of Noise from Small to Medium Sized Crowds" (Hayne et al., Proceedings of ACOUSTICS 2011):

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finds that an increase is 11 dB in the "transient" component of noise and 15 dB in the "steady-state babble" (presumably because individual speakers within the crowd raise their voice levels in response to the louder background levels, resulting in higher levels than just purely combining a bunch of equal voices).

If the cheers from a 50-person crowd are 69 dB at a particular listening point, then a 500-person crowd would be 80 dB at that same point (11 dB more), and a 1,200-person crowd would be 84 dB from that point ( $69 + 11 * \log_{10}(1200/50)$ ). These measurements are very much in line with the 87 dB I measured at Waunakee, considering the differences in measurement distance, measurement position (behind the end zone instead of across from the stands), and crowd size.

All evidence suggests that homes on Woodrow and Monroe Street will experience sound levels that are at least in the 80-90 dB range, that homes out 750 ft from the stadium will experience sound levels in the 60-70 dB range (also objectionable), and that homes out to 3000 ft will be able to hear the noise from the stadium.

As for light pollution, at a location next to the Waunakee stadium corresponding to the driveway between 812 and 820 Woodrow Street, I measured vertical illuminance of 3.34 lux and horizontal illuminance of 0.98 lux. Note that Edgewood is now claiming that they will use lighting fixtures with only 60% the light level that Waunakee uses, so these figures should be adjusted accordingly, but after doing so, that yields levels comparable to what you would experience at civil twilight (20-30 minutes after sunset) rather than at night time, and are many times brighter than a full moon.

I performed the same measurements on Woodrow Street on a dark night last spring and measured levels of 0.00-0.06 lux (basically the low end of the meter's sensitivity range) everywhere except in immediate proximity to streetlights. This will be a enormous change in the night sky over a large area on game nights.

Note that all these figures are measures of illuminance, which is basically a measure of the total light falling onto a surface from all directions, not luminance, which would more directly correspond to the perceived brightness or "glare" when looking at the stadium lights themselves from a point where they are directly visible. The instrument to measure "perceived glare" cost thousands of dollars and I couldn't justify buying one for this, but it is clear from the videos of Waunakee that glare will be an issue.

The videos I linked to earlier from the Waunakee stadium show an intense glare from the lights and sky glow over the field, directly contradicting the claims from Mr. Elliot and his suppliers. It would be preposterous to believe that light spill from the facility can be limited - even if the luminaires can perfectly control the pattern of emitted light, the entire point of installing the lighting is to light the field surface to ~300 lux (SI equivalent of 30 foot-candles) in an area where ambient nighttime light levels is well below 1 lux.

Even with hypothetical perfectly designed luminaires that spill no light to the sides, the light will shine on the 5300 m<sup>2</sup> field itself and then be reflected back into the air (one study I found quotes an albedo of 0.08 for artificial turf), causing a substantial increase in ambient light levels, likely to be many times brighter than current levels. This will be even worse during humid or dusty conditions, when the light is further scattered in all directions by the atmosphere. This glow will extend over a large area of the city and be visible from much of Lake Wingra and the arboretum. This is exactly what I observed at Waunakee and would be an enormous detriment to our neighborhood. It is well-understood that it is impossible to eliminate this glow. Reading the "Artificial Sports Lighting Design Guidance" from Sport England (a major sports promotion organization in the UK):

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They state that:

"Sky 'aura', meaning the glow which appears above a lit pitch when it is viewed from a distance at night, results from a combination of the reflectance of the pitch surface and light scattering by dust or moisture in the air above the pitch. As such, it is a consequence of factors other than the lighting itself and is largely unavoidable."

Regarding the question of "glare" (a form of light pollution in which direct-path light from a source is so bright as to cause annoyance or visual discomfort when looking in its general direction), Edgewood has claimed that these new lighting fixtures will "prevent" glare, but my experiences from the Waunakee stadium show that glare will be objectionable when viewed from locations corresponding to homes on Woodrow and Monroe Street. It is especially notable that when I, as Mr. Elliott suggests, "stand behind the shrubs outside the [Waunakee] stadium at the west end of the field and see how little light escapes. This would be similar to our tree cover on Woodrow Street", I observe exactly the opposite - that a huge amount of light escapes and is visible.

I have begun putting together a 3D model showing the actual position of the stadium lights to that this can be better understood. It suggest that the lights will be directly visible from many homes on Woodrow and Monroe, sometimes with a direct view of the light towers out of bedroom windows.

This degree of light trespass will be absolutely unacceptable to many homeowners.

Finally, one should note that the new energy-efficient LED-based luminaires that Edgewood proposes to use emit a broadband light spectrum that, as noted in a Oct 2010 publication by SPIE (The International Society of Optics and Photonics), "closer to sunlight than traditional bulbs and therefore more disruptive to many species", and that "many of these light sources have a large amount of blue light in their spectrum... [which] disproportionately brightens the sky" and "will have a profoundly negative effect on light scatter and sky glow" and "has the potential to interfere with circadian rhythms and cause sleep disorders":

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I have not been able to find any published spectral information is for the Musco TLC-LED-1150 luminaires that Edgewood proposes using, but this would be an important consideration considering the stadium's proximity to natural areas.

It is also similarly impossible to control the spread of noise pollution, both from the amplified public address system and natural sounds associated with a football game (crowd noise, whistles, marching band, etc...). Even with the claimed "directional" PA systems, they will have to adjust the volume up so that announcements can be heard over the crowd noise, and much of the sound will reflect off of the bleachers and other fixed objects and spread out over the surrounding neighborhood in an uncontrolled manner.

I'd also like to point that, during the 2015 approval process for Edgewood's Campus/Institutional Master Plan, the neighborhood acquiesced (with some limitations) to Edgewood College's intent to develop a surface parking lot (designated "Site One" in their current master plan) into an 80,000 square foot athletic facility that includes a gymnasium with a seating capacity of 1,000-1,600 persons. This site is \*immediately adjacent\* to Edgewood High School's proposed football stadium.

The "Site One" development was mutually agreed to by the neighborhood in 2014 in the context of the current and proposed use of the surrounding portions of the Edgewood campus as documented in the currently approved master plan, and would likely \*not\* have been agreed to as proposed had the high school's intention to construct a football stadium immediately adjacent to it been known.

The potential impact to the neighborhood of a 1,600-seat basketball area immediately adjacent to a 1,200-seat football stadium is substantial and it is impossible to consider these projects in isolation, since the Site One development has already been agreed

to in the existing master plan. The existence of a "solid wall" of sports facilities along my street will have a severe impact on our neighborhood. The combination of these developments would turn Woodrow Street into a miniature version of Breese Terrace, with a mini-Camp Randall and a mini-Field House across the street from a row of residential homes. You'll note that there are very few owner-occupied homes remaining on Breese Terrace.

Even without the stadium, "Edgewood crowds" already create major problems for our neighborhood, as their severe lack of on-campus parking for their campus users causes enormous spill-over of parking onto Woodrow Street (one of the only in the area that does not require residential parking permits).

Edgewood College dormitory residents frequently leave their vehicles parked on Woodrow long in excess of 48 hours, and there a constant stream of commuter vehicles coming and going, waiting for parking, and causing damage to other vehicles while parallel parking. I know that there's nothing more NIMBY than complaining about parking and that the Monroe Street residents have a bad reputation in that regard, but there's a major difference in scale between the impact of mixed-used developments that attract a few dozen vehicles per night and a football stadium that attracts hundreds.

Edgewood's efforts to build a stadium in this residential neighborhood will damage the use, value, and enjoyment of neighboring properties, hurting the investment of homeowners, and reducing the quality of life of for those living on adjacent streets. Does the city want to create another area of deteriorating rental housing with student renters turning over every year, at the same time as they are putting so much time and money into converting the Greenbush neighborhood back into owner-occupied housing?

I thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Feel free to email or call me with any questions you may have,

Ethan Brodsky  
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Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Catherine Jagoe <cajagoe@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 16, 2018 8:33 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Edgewood stadium proposal

Dear Mr Arntsen,

I was horrified to hear that Edgewood High School is pushing forward with their proposal to build a 1,200 seat stadium with 80 foot high lights and a sound system. I live a block and a half away, and am deeply opposed to this plan. I have lived on West Lawn Avenue for over 30 years. We chose this neighborhood and this house because it was peaceful and green, because it had grocery stores within walking distance, and is close to the UW. I love the DMNA neighborhood. There have been issues over the years with Edgewood High School students on our street, which is very close to the Edgewood main entrance, particularly their disrespectful driving and parking habits, but our block is now 2 hour parking only which has helped a lot. I thought our problems had been solved, but this is much, much worse.

I'm opposed to *any* stadium plan for three reasons:

(1) My quality of life would undoubtedly diminish because of the inevitable noise and disruption, the increased traffic and parking **26-40 evenings a year**, according to the report in the Wisconsin State Journal.

(2) there would be an environmental impact to wildlife from the construction, bright lights, a sound system, and increased traffic. I value the fact that we are so close to Lake Wingra and that so far, we've managed to preserve some oases of green space nearby. Those would be degraded by these changes.

(3) and last but not at all least, economic impact. I would *never* choose to live in a house close to a stadium. I can't believe this will not drive down property values and downgrade the neighborhood so that it eventually becomes more run-down rental properties than homeowners with families. This will no longer be such a desirable area to live in. Home-owners' property values will drop. We pay high property taxes, and so far the benefits have made that worth while, but I honestly don't know if I would want to continue living here if this stadium is built. It makes me terribly sad to think of losing our beloved home, edged out by greed and profiteering on the part of Edgewood High School.

As the Alder for District 13, please, please, please defend our right to say no to this stadium and keep the Edgewood master plan as is. I do not believe it is in the best interests of the district, and it would be a great loss to me personally as a homeowner.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Jessica Weeks <jessica.weeks@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 16, 2018 10:05 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Edgewood stadium expansion

Dear Alder Arntsen (hi Allen!),

I would like to share my view that the proposed Edgewood stadium expansion is not appropriate to the neighborhood. I don't think it is a reasonable expectation for a high school in this neighborhood to have a stadium with noise, lights, etc. Even the local public high school serving our community does not have a stadium! I am very concerned about the noise level and light pollution and its impact on the neighborhood. I think that Edgewood, like other local high schools, needs to accept that this is not the appropriate setting for a stadium. I very strongly oppose this proposal.

I can't be at the meeting tomorrow because of parent events at the high school and Franklin elementary, but if I could be there, I would strongly voice my concern.

Thanks for all of your work representing our community.

Sincerely,  
Jessica Weeks  
2234 West Lawn Avenue



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**From:** Trest, Dennis CW2 USARMY NG WIARNG (US) <dennis.trest.mil@mail.mil>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 17, 2018 7:05 AM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen; president@dmna.org  
**Subject:** Edgewood Athletic Field Proposal  
**Attachments:** Edgewood Proposal.docx

Gentlemen,

I am unable to convey my concerns in person, so please consider my enclosed letter regarding the proposed changes to the Edgewood Practice Field.

Alder Arntsen, I do not have Mr Napravik's contact information readily available, I would appreciate it if you would forward my correspondence to him.

Thank you,  
Dennis Trest

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Dennis Trest  
CW2, FA  
Targeting Officer  
USFOR-A / TAAC-East





Dear Alder Arntsen, Mr Hoffert, and Mr Napravnick,

I would like to voice my concerns regarding Edgewood High School's proposal to install lighting, sound, and additional seating to their practice field. This proposal has many facets that are important to the overall issue and deserve specific comments. I apologize in advance for the length of my statement and not attending the public meetings in person as I am currently serving in Afghanistan.

I am a resident of Monroe Street at the intersection with Edgewood College Drive. I moved into the neighborhood over eight years ago fully understanding that Edgewood is a neighbor. The Dudgeon-Monroe Neighborhood has a distinct character and enjoyment about it that my family loves, and we intend to spend many years here. The Edgewood Campus is part of that character and enjoyment, and I understand that as a neighbor and a business it has its own priorities and vision for the future. However, just like any other individual neighbor, Edgewood does not have the right to unilaterally alter the character of the neighborhood to the detriment of even a minority of others. The proposal constitutes such an alteration of character and directly impacts my ability to enjoy my property.

The Lighting proposed will be placed on towers approximately 80 ft in height. Those in themselves are a significant change to a predominantly single family home neighborhood. The talk by the Musco representatives in March of last year was very interesting, and their product seems very high tech and leagues beyond what was available only a decade ago. I did notice that the Musco representatives made clear use of the word "should" when describing the abilities of their product to reduce glare and minimize the impact on surrounding properties in this project. It must be taken into consideration that they are sales representatives, and it is their job to market their product in the best light possible, no pun intended. I did look through their website which has extensive positive examples of their product. A broader internet search shows that not all of their installations were as warmly received and athletic field lighting in general has caused controversy and ill will amongst neighbors across the country.

The same is true for the description of the sound system technology that (since the audio contractor was not present) Mr. Elliott discussed. It was presented in a hypothetical, best case assumption of conditions that again was predicated on information provided by a sales representative. He also pointed out that the design of the system was preliminary. The sound system control is not the only consideration regarding increased noise. Mr. Elliott admits that he does not have the ability to control the human voice. 100, 500, up to 1,300 people can be in attendance at these events.

The traffic and parking solutions proposed by Mr. Elliott are the best effort that can be expected from Edgewood. But again, he does not have control over the actions of his students, their fans, or that of opposing teams or outside facility users. I do appreciate that he is cognizant of the difficulties that events at Edgewood bring to the neighborhood, but his best efforts do not take away the reality that even with provided parking, those events place a stress on the residential streets and the community.

I am also concerned with the frequency of use for this facility. It is true that Monroe Street is already a corridor for UW events (Camp Randall, Kohl Center, etc.). Edgewood will have to coordinate their events to not coincide with these, which means that their events will be in addition to an already stressed corridor. To be clear, I do not hold ill will towards Edgewood HS

or its students. The location of the campus and available access makes expanded use proposals such as this unreasonable.

Several community members have spoken in favor of the facility. I can appreciate that community members see value in the prospect of attending a game there. Or two. Maybe more, if they wish. Or not if they don't. The residents adjacent to the field will not have that option.



This is the view from my living room. My yard is 95 ft from the track, 180 ft from the End zone. If the goal post were Camp Randall's, my yard would still be in the stands.

I will have seats to every lacrosse, soccer, track & field, and football game and every other event they decide to host. Every. Single. One. Whether I want to or not. Whether I am at my window, on my couch, eating dinner, reading a book, or trying to sleep. The games will practically be in my house. 35 or more times a year. I will not have the luxury of saying "not today" that my neighbors a few blocks away do. Everyone in the neighborhood has a voice that should be heard. But to this end I must say that those most affected have a significantly higher stake in the issue and should be given appropriate consideration.

As a homeowner I am concerned not only with the enjoyment of my property, but also its value. No one can reasonably argue that such a project will not have a negative effect. For similar projects, like the Bishop O'Connell HS referenced above, realtors expect a decrease of 9 – 11% for the properties adjacent to the stadium. Properties within two to three blocks are also expected to be negatively impacted. For me this translates into approximately \$40,000 in value. The properties adjacent to the practice field alone have a combined assessed value of around



\$14 million. That is a significant tax base to impact for providing a venue that Edgewood High School has successfully managed decades without. The City of Madison stands to lose annual tax revenue from reduced home values in the neighborhood in addition to added maintenance expense from increased traffic on the surrounding streets. The added infrastructure to Edgewood HS adds \$0 to assessment and \$0 tax revenue as it is tax exempt.

Opposition to this project does not deny students the opportunity to participate in athletic events. The practice field exists. Edgewood also owns property 15 minutes away that is arguably better suited for this kind of project. Edgewood HS student base predominantly commutes from outside the Dudgeon-Monroe neighborhood. I do not state this negatively. It is a fact and there is nothing wrong with that. But it does mean that Home games will involve travel regardless if they are played on the Monroe Street campus or at another Edgewood property. Edgewood is not asking for the ability to host home games out of necessity. Their students are not denied opportunity for lack of facilities as generations of alum can attest (numerous persons in my family included). I cannot understand how having a "home field" here vs there is worth alienating a good portion of the community as well as altering the neighborhood attributes they are so proud of "being a part of" and figure so prominently in their outreach.

Should this plan move forward it cannot be undone (at least not without significant expense). Assurances by Edgewood High School administration, Musco Lighting, and the sound system contractor that points of concern are addressed and mitigated sound reasonable but are not a guarantee of success. Who determines what constitutes acceptable levels of noise, light spill, light glare, and traffic brought by these changes? Once it is built, is it reasonable to believe Edgewood would cease late night or the frequency of events if light, noise, and traffic mitigation "don't work out"? Will residents have to go through a rigorous complaint process with the city to find reprieve from violations of stipulations in a revised ten year plan (or any other agreement with the neighbors) as Mr. Elliot suggests? In the few interactions regarding complaints with people on school property I have had, their answer was "call the Police". Their unwillingness to address concerns directly and cordially neighbor to neighbor, as you and your neighbor surely would if you had a disagreement or complaint, does not set a very promising precedent.

A neighbor has procured audio testing equipment and made noise measurements. Although not a disinterested professional, he has shown that even without the proposed improvements the noise levels based on his findings are already at or above the levels the Edgewood proposal suggests the field will generate. I believe this is reasonable cause for an official noise study to be conducted prior to any approvals or permits. If Edgewood is that confident in its assessments there should be no objection.

You are probably aware that many neighbors feel Edgewood High School has not been honest in stating their ultimate goals in their dealings with the community. I agree with that sentiment and it is exhausting and not fair for them to constantly ask the neighborhood to revisit proposals year after year. I also hear some neighbors (mostly from people living outside the neighborhood) suggesting that it is not a new but an existing athletic field that is part of the neighborhood and people should not be surprised when improvements and modernizations are made over time, therefore a compromise should be found. It IS a new field built in 2015. Edgewood wanted a PRACTICE FIELD so students have to travel for practices every day. Edgewood received that compromise from the neighborhood. No lights, no sound, no competitive games, no outside users. In my opinion it shows bad faith that the electrical infrastructure for lighting was installed into the PRACTICE FIELD despite assurances that it was

not Edgewood's intentions to ever have lighting. Now Edgewood is asking for exactly what they said they were not going to ask for, and if the past is any indicator, Edgewood will continue to ask for more compromises in a continuous stream of future requests until in the end it has achieved exactly what was intended to begin with. For the record, Edgewood immediately began hosting actual games contrary to their PRACTICE FIELD agreement which further puts their good faith intentions in question as far as I am concerned.

Lastly the timeframe of the current proposal is concerning. Considering that the proposal does not involve safety or critical infrastructure concerns, there is no pressing reason for this process to be fast tracked. I feel the opposition last year and resistance to the existing PRACTICE FIELD shows that an expedited approval process would only serve to delegitimize the city's role as a steward of I am urging you to insist they abide by the current ten-year plan that the neighborhood agreed to in good faith.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Dennis Trest

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**From:** Amy Thomas <amyandadam@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 09, 2018 10:31 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen; Bidar-Sielaff, Shiva  
**Cc:** Adam Halstead  
**Subject:** Edgewood High School Stadium Lights

Dear Alders,

Thank you for your service to the near west side!

We are writing to express considerable concern about Edgewood High School proposal to install lights and sound system at their stadium. There are many layers to this issue, our primary concerns are:

- for the quality of life and negative impact on immediate neighbors;
- traffic and crowd management in broader neighborhood;
- the use of the stadium as a fundraiser (via rentals) for a private institution;
- concern that, being a private high school, oversight and accountability to the public/neighborhood would be minimal if the lights/sounds were installed;
- the value/focus of football, a sport diminishing in youth engagement as it is directly linked to traumatic brain injury and degenerative brain disorder.

As it stands we both strongly oppose the installation of lights and sound system at Edgewood High School/College.

Thank you,  
Amy Thomas  
Adam Halstead  
Virginia Terrace



**From:** Joni Messner <joni430@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 09, 2018 1:35 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** EHS Stadium lights

General Information

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City: Madison  
State: WI  
ZIP: 53726  
Phone:  
Work Phone:  
Email: joni430@aol.com  
Should we contact you?: Yes

Message:

Hello Alder Arntsen-

My husband and I both support the addition of lights at the EHS field. How can we voice our opinion in a meaningful way? Will there be a vote at a neighborhood meeting?

Thank you,

Joni and Glen Messner  
430 Hillington Way

Recipient:

Allen A. Arntsen

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** kengofpluto  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 11, 2018 4:37 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Fwd: Input as requested

Al, here is a criticism I wrote to and about DMNA. FYI

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Tyler Leeper <[tyleeps@gmail.com](mailto:tyleeps@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** October 28, 2015 at 7:02:36 AM CDT  
**To:** "Ken G." <[kengofpluto@yahoo.com](mailto:kengofpluto@yahoo.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: Input as requested

Thank you for your input Ken.  
Tyler Leeper

On Fri, Oct 16, 2015 at 11:23 AM, Ken G. <[kengofpluto@yahoo.com](mailto:kengofpluto@yahoo.com)> wrote:

DMNAs opposition to all of the new buildings on Monroe street is poorly thought out. It supports ideas that don't agree with the values of the people who live here. If adopted by the city, it would prevent young people from living here, hurts the business district by denying it patrons, adds to overall city traffic by forcing people to live further out where transit service is poor, adds to vehicle miles traveled which puts crap in the air and contributes to climate change and has given the association a bad reputation in city hall, lessening its influence. Perhaps some more progressive environmentally oriented people should take over.

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** BARBARA Z RICHARDSON <barbandtomrich@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 11, 2018 7:03 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** The Goodman Athletic Complex

Dear Alder Arntsen,

I am excited Edgewood is proposing a home field with grandstand seating! This has been needed in the neighborhood for years. I went to West in the 70's and my son currently goes to Edgewood. I was raised in the Vilas neighborhood and just recently built a new home next to my mom who still lives in the same house. I love this neighborhood! It has never been a "quiet" neighborhood. We're walking distance from the stadium, Vilas park and Monroe Street, all of which draw crowds. The athletic complex would be an asset to the community. How could fostering our children's involvement in sporting activities and/or spectating sporting events be detrimental to the community? This is just the thing that fosters a sense of community and family. To make it more convenient is just what we need! Those who oppose the "stadium" say there has never been a venue of this sort and the high schools have managed so far. Things have changed, the Madison area has grown tremendously. Where we used to have a rush hour minute we now truly have a full hour. To continue transporting these teams/spectators all over the city when we have an opportunity to minimize travel/pollution would be a crime. Edgewood has comprehensively addressed all concerns the neighborhood has posed with directional lighting and sound, and reducing the grandstand size. Simply put, people don't like change. When the bike trails were proposed there was an outcry for fear of increased crime; this never happened and it is an asset to the community. We experienced first hand this fear of change not only from the neighborhood but from the city as well when we built our new house in this old neighborhood. Pitchforks and torches would be a pretty accurate description of the zoning committee meeting when we were applying for a variance. These are but a few examples, I'm sure you have plenty of your own. Anyhow, I am for the Goodman Athletic Complex, I am for our neighborhood and I am for our children.

Sincerely,  
Barbara Zeps Richardson  
1918 Adams Street  
Madison, WI 53711

**From:** Matt Helf <mjhelf1@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 11, 2018 9:30 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Cc:** James Imhoff; info@edgewoodhs.org  
**Subject:** Support for Goodman Athletic Complex

Good Evening Alderman Arntsen,

I appreciate the opportunity to share my support with you regarding the Goodman Athletic Complex. I was born and raised in Madison; while I left after college, I returned several years ago to raise a family in Madison. Whether living throughout the midwest or here, I continue to be amazed at the goodwill put forth by the Edgewood community. I attended Edgewood in the 90s and the camaraderie, relationships and sense of community experienced then are integral to where I am today.

I want to formally express my support for the Goodman Athletic Complex and the Edgewood Community. The time has come to allow Edgewood High School to host home games on their school campus. When the school first began some 90 years ago, it was surrounded by fields and trees. Today, the trees are still there, but the homes have filled in the green space. It's great, because it makes the area a community, a neighborhood.

In my opinion, this same neighborhood should come together and fully support each other. The school has gone above and beyond to ensure home games would be insulated as possible. From lighting to noise, traffic, and capacity concerns, Edgewood has consistently made design adjustments to alleviate the concerns. At the same time, there has been resistance when given the opportunity to embrace the school's efforts and cheer on the school's student-athletes, on their home turf.

When it comes to game time, every student-athlete should have the opportunity to walk out onto their home field. These types of experiences are so important to the students' development and I encourage you to support this initiative.

The Madison Plan Commission should vote "yes" on January 14. Let the kids play home games, at home.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

Matt Helf  
5831 Sandhill Drive  
Middleton, WI . 53562

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**From:** Robin Lewis <robin3567@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 03, 2018 4:24 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Goodman Athletic Complex

Dear Alder Arntsen,

We are parents of a current Edgewood High School student. We just wanted to express our 100% support for the Goodman Athletic Complex. I know that in the scheme of life there are things of far greater importance. However, we feel that it is a shame that the students of EHS cannot have full use of their home football field. For what it's worth, we would love to see this happen.

Thanks for the work you do and giving this fair consideration.

Sincerely,

Robin, Tom and Annabel Lewis

Sent from Robin's iPad



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**From:** Caroline and Christopher OBrien <obrien53717@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 03, 2018 6:33 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** recognition of Edgewood as part of the community

#### General Information

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**Should we contact you?:** Yes

#### Message:

We request you support the Edgewood Campus small building project which will add needed facilities to the Edgewood field and make it fully functional. As parents of a current, prior and future high school students we request that you support the additions for the Edgewood's football field. Please recognize the Edgewood parents' and students' contribution to our community and show them you see them as another valued Madison "home team."

Making this field fully usable not only takes the burden away from other tax payer funded fields, it would demonstrate that the contribution to our community of Edgewood by its coaches, teachers and students and your tax payers is recognized and appreciated.

Bringing people to true home games there will benefit the business around Monroe that have suffered from the long construction project. I, Christopher O'Brien am a former student of renowned real estate expert professor James Graaskamp, who, if living, I am sure would tell you, bringing in the parents of the players from the other cities as well as the Edgewood student's parents to the site for games will help those businesses...City of Madison businesses. You likely know Edgewood students are required as part of their curriculum to provide service hours to our community. Please demonstrate to them that you recognize them as part of their community and shall assist them with their needs are well, just as they assist others of their community.

Please recognize the fact their parents, who pay their taxes and yet take the whole burden of their children's education of their grade school and high school students, take that cost off the backs of other taxpayers while paying for the education of those other taxpayers' children are part of this community and that you shall provide them with value too. Please do this by allowing Edgewood to have its own completed small field and take pride in that again, at the expense of the parents of the students that attend....yet, while benefiting the whole community.

I, Christopher, am proud of the fact my mother taught at Edgewood, that my children have, are and shall attend Edgewood. I see the value in Catholic education...so much so I have sacrificed and shall continue to sacrifice to send all of my children to catholic school. I actually paid my own high school tuition given the value I saw in a Catholic education, but please know I value children, all children and I have always voted for referendums providing funding for public schools, because I value ALL children, their education and their future. Please show us you value our contribution to all children as well as us taking on the all the costs of our children, and taking on the cost of others. We love Madison, and I, Christopher, love football. So much so, like others, I would attend a football game even I don't have a student on the team. I would guess others in our community would enjoy watching Edgewood play if they could play at "home" at a field where Edgewood has ample parking which has not been the case at Breese Stevens Field which has had to be borrowed...and we know borrowing Middleton's field is not providing Madison any tax dollars .nor community nor team spirit.

My wife a citizen now of two countries came here from Ireland where all schools are state funded and all school are actually Catholic schools. She understands, here, if we wish to combine the education in our faith with the children's education, we need to make sacrifices, pay our own way, while paying for the education of other children in our community. We believe approving the request of Edgewood would go a long way toward recognizing the contribution

of the Catholic students' parents as well as the students service to the community.

We recently had housing for the homeless built within a walk from our west side home. We never once complained about the planning of this nor its completion because our Catholic values, our character.

Our very souls reach out to those less fortunate who need our communities help. As my mother, a former Edgewood teacher, would say, but for the grace of God go I. We know there have been challenges added to our neighborhood by this development, even to our property values some say. But meeting the needs of our fellow community members outweighs all. Please show us our needs as community members are valued too now. Both my wife and I grew up in large families me one of 8, her one of 6 so the sense of community, sharing and making room for other's needs has been instilled in us. But a sense of fairness has also been instilled in us. Please be fair to Edgewood and all those who have been involved and shall be involved at Edgewood...because they are part of your community and contribute greatly to your community.

I am a proud UW Madison graduate, as were my parents, as were several of relatives, including my uncle, a former UW quarterback ...many graduates of Edgewood choose to go on to UW Madison, choose to remain part of the Madison community as contributing professionals. Please show the students and their parents, that those who love football, love team spirit and their community are fully welcome by this community by allowing them to have a true "home field" advantage and be filled with all the pride that comes with that. The time to show future professionals, that they are valued, and part of Madison is now.

Please recognize Edgewood High School's team as another "home team."

Please recognize and know the parents and students of Edgewood would never betray the trust we request. All will behave just as they always have, as ladies and gentlemen during, prior to and after games. As you know, rights given, can be taken away. If you trust all those of Edgewood to remain good neighbors, they shall as always. prove that trust was well placed.

Thank you for considering this request as well as your public service.

Christopher and Caroline O'Brien

Recipient:

Allen A. Arntsen

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**From:** Tom Merfeld <tommerfeld@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 10, 2018 2:18 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Edgewood High School home game support

Dear Alder Arntsen

I'm writing to express my support for adding lights, sound and seating at the Goodman Athletic Complex.

Edgewood has been a valuable member of the Madison community for generations. It's students have gone on to great achievement and many have returned to Madison to further advance the community. It's natural to desire a full high-school experience on your native campus. Edgewood supporters -- parents, alums and other members of the Edgewood community -- are making sacrifices to match the school's physical profile with its educational profile in educating the entire student.

I believe it's fair -- for the good of the many -- that the neighborhood bear the natural inconvenience -- on a few evenings each year -- associated with buying a home in the proximity of a high school.

Thank you for your consideration.

Tom

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**From:** Jeff Mandell <jeffmandell@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 10, 2018 4:50 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Fwd: Edgewood proposal

Allen —

I hope that the Alder's office is treating you well. Josh Napravnik suggested that I forward the email below (as well as its predecessor, sent to Sara Eskrich in February 2017) to you.

As a general matter, I am a supporter of development, change, and urban growth in our neighborhoods. But this Edgewood stadium proposal just makes no sense to me. I've carefully followed the debate, both last time this came up and now, and I have yet to hear a single argument in favor of this proposal that holds any water, and I certainly haven't heard of any pros that counterbalance the cons.

Sara and I are vacationing abroad (but feel strongly enough to take time to email about this) and will miss the public meeting. But I am happy to speak with you, the DMNA reps, the neighborhood liaisons with Edgewood, and/or anyone else.

Thanks for your consideration and your work on this.

Jeff

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**From:** Jeff Mandell <jeffmandell@gmail.com>  
**Date:** Tue, Oct 9, 2018 at 7:27 AM  
**Subject:** Edgewood proposal  
**To:** <josh.npravnik@gmail.com>  
**CC:** <president@dmna.org>

Josh and David —

Sara and I are traveling and will miss next week's informational meeting. But we wanted to share our opposition to the Edgewood stadium expansion.

I have pasted below the email I sent to Sara Eskrich on this topic on February 2, 2017. I stand by our assessment.

I'd also note that we are not opposed to development in the neighborhood (indeed, I wrote to Sara Eskrich in support of the building going up in the former Associated Bank space). Neighborhood change and growth are positive, when they serve the neighborhood (and also help draw others).

Here, the problem is that Edgewood primarily serves non-neighborhood families; those of us who live nearby would be incurring substantial negative externalities that will diminish the quality of life in the neighborhood, without equal benefits for the neighborhood. It does not compute, especially when (a) West HS, which serves most of the neighborhood kids, does not have a home stadium in the neighborhood and (b) this is a deviation from the master plan negotiated between the neighborhood and Edgewood only a couple of years ago.

We are both a neighborhood and part of the larger community. Sometimes the larger community's needs take precedence. An example is how the City could not accommodate some requests from the neighborhood in planning to rebuild Monroe St. We simply had to ensure that Monroe St not only remained the thriving heart of our neighborhood

but also that it continued to serve as a working thoroughfare for many seeking access to UW and downtown. I understood and approved of the City's insistence that our neighborhood's preferences had to yield.

But in regards to Edgewood, there is no clear cut larger good that should trump neighborhood interests. Edgewood is a private school, not a public institution that serves all. Just as the character and interests of the neighborhood limit Hotel Red, the bbq restaurant, or any other private actor—allowing them to join our community and function within it, but subjecting them to reasonable constraints that preserve neighborhood character, health, and safety—so too should similar constraints bind Edgewood. The school, and the stadium, have been accommodated within limits. But this proposal seeks to eliminate this limits and eviscerate any balance between competing interests.

I recognize that there is a diversity of opinion on this matter. I hope DMNA will continue to take seriously the concerns many residents have and represent those concerns to the City.

Thank you for your consideration and your work on this.

Jeff

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Hi Sara. I was unfortunately traveling on Monday and missed the community meeting about the Edgewood stadium proposal. I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed addition of lights and a sound system to the field.

We appreciate Edgewood and all that it brings to the neighborhood. In particular, we are regular attendees at the farmer's market, and we frequently walk the boardwalks behind the school along Lake Wingra's shoreline.

But we also treasure our neighborhood's careful balance between quiet, leafy, family-friendly, residential character, on the one hand, and thriving, urban, commercial center on the other. The push and pull between these two facets of the neighborhood make it a fun, dynamic community that meets residents' needs and attracts visitors.

The addition of lights and a sound system to the Edgewood stadium, however, threatens to disrupt this balance. The proposal would project the bustle of the commercial Monroe St corridor deep into the quieter, more residential streets that make the neighborhood work for the residents. And it would do so at at times--in the evening hours, when families reconvene and recharge at the end of the day, when children go to bed, and when adults savor quiet relaxation--that are sacrosanct to many residents.

At my own home, near the corner of Edgewood and West Lawn, I have little doubt we'd regularly hear crowd and game noise, not to mention additional traffic and crowd spillover after events. Such impact--especially on the number of nights Edgewood proposes using the facility itself and renting it out for use by others--would significantly change our enjoyment of our street and how we are able to use our house. For example, I expect it would reduce the number of nights each year that our young children, who go to bed well before Edgewood proposes ending evening events, would be able to sleep with their windows open or that we would pass time sitting on our front porch and chatting with neighbors.

The simple truth is that Edgewood's stadium, if it had already been expanded as now proposed, would likely have had a material impact on our decision to buy our home a year ago. Indeed, when we first began looking in the neighborhood, Edgewood was in the process of replacing the field. We asked about it and we're repeatedly assured that the 10-year plan provided that the facility was for daytime practices only. It is disheartening to see Edgewood so quickly reverse course and seek to modify that agreement.

I hope to live in the neighborhood for many years. And I hope Edgewood will remain a key part of our thriving community. But not to the detriment of its residential neighbors and the neighborhood around it.

Thank you for your consideration.



Jeff Mandell  
2148 West Lawn Avenue

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** marge stern <margestern@charter.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 10, 2018 6:10 PM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Amendment To Edgewood Campus Plan

My husband and I oppose granting a deviation from the Master Plan for the planned upgrades. We live very close to Edgewood, but on the other side of the campus, and, for that reason, will be less affected than our neighbors in the Dudgeon Monroe neighborhood who live on the highly-impacted side. However, we feel that Edgewood should honor the agreement and Master Plan established fairly recently.

If Edgewood has no place else to play, we will reconsider our opposition; however it is our understanding that it had an agreement with Middleton High School to use Breitenbach field as its home field, too. Furthermore, both East and West High Schools, with populations 3-4 times greater than Edgewood, have to make do with not having a home field on their physical campus so we don't get why Edgewood can't, too, especially because, unlike East and West, a majority of its students likely do not live near Edgewood. Frankly, the majority of West students live closer to both Edgewood and West than the Edgewood students live to Edgewood.

Please do not misunderstand. We want Edgewood to thrive--but not at the expense of its neighbors. My husband is an EHS alumnus and loves his alma mater. We have generally been pretty supportive of Edgewood's initiatives. It does seem, however, for the last 10 years or so, it has had trouble honoring its commitment to its neighbors--and this really bothers us.

Bill and Marge Stern

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Jason Bittner <jjbittner@me.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 11, 2018 9:05 AM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Strongly support Edgewood lights/stadium

We live on Keyes Avenue. We strongly support Edgewood's proposed lighting plans for their stadium and the use of that facility for evening sporting and other activities. It is an asset for our community.

Thanks,

Jason Bittner

2220 Keyes Ave

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Linell Davis <linelldavis@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 12, 2018 10:12 AM  
**To:** Arntsen, Allen  
**Subject:** Edgewood High School Stadium proposal

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Should we contact you?: Yes

Message:

I oppose giving permission to Edgewood High School to build a stadium. Yes, noise, lights, parking, congestion, etc. are reasons enough to oppose, but I would like to point out that there is already one stadium UW immediately adjacent to the Dudgeon Monroe neighborhood. Asking residents to subject themselves to another one is going too far for what is or should be a residential neighborhood.

Recipient:  
Allen A. Arntsen

