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Keys to Community: Celebrating Four New Permanently Affordable Homes at Owl Creek



Pictured above: Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway, Ald. Sean O'Brien, MACLT's partner developer Kaba Bah, and MACLT homeowners Ariel Christian and Chet Wells.

We celebrated a major milestone in January: four new permanently affordable twin homes are now complete in Madison's Owl Creek neighborhood!

Community members, city leaders, and housing advocates came together to mark the occasion, with remarks shared by Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway, Kaba Bah, Alder Sean O'Brien, Mason Cavell and MACLT homeowners Ariel Christian and Chet Wells.

These twin homes were developed and built by Kaba Bah with funding provided by the City of Madison. This project is part of a growing effort to build lasting community-rooted solutions to housing affordability in Dane County.

We absolutely love the area. We never thought we'd be able to actually buy a home but, because we have the privilege of working jobs that we love, we are rich in other ways. Because of those jobs, we were okay not buying a house and building equity, we were okay renting. But after learning about MACLT and the generous down payment assistance through the City, we could actually buy a house and build equity. It's incredible!

– Ariel Christian, MACLT homeowner

We are excited to partner with community-minded developers like Kaba Bah to provide this homeownership opportunity for four new Madison families. Thanks to the City of Madison for making this possible, and we look forward to creating more permanent affordable housing under the land trust program.

– Mason Cavell, MACLT Executive Director



Pictured above: MACLT Executive Director, Mason Cavell at Owl Creek ribbon cutting event.

Pictured below: Exterior of picture of the four new twin homes in the Owl Creek neighborhood.



Join Us for Virtual MACLT Orientation

Join us for our next virtual MACLT Orientation to learn about Madison Community Land Trust (CLT), how our permanently affordable homes work, and what to expect as a future homeowner.

Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2026

Time: 5:30-6:30 PM

Register for MACLT Orientation here:

<https://us06web.z>

Click Here to register for
Orientation!

The Big Share 2026 IS Around the Corner!

On Tuesday, March 3, 2026, join us for [The Big Share 2026](#)—a high-energy, online day of giving hosted by Community Shares of Wisconsin (CSW). It's a simple, fun way to support the life-changing work of MACLT alongside other incredible local nonprofits.

Mark your calendar, spread the word, and get ready to be part of something big on March 3!

[Click Here to Learn More about The Big Share 2026](#)



SAVE THE DATE
**TUESDAY,
MARCH 3**



THEBIGSHARE.ORG

FREE First Time Homebuyer Education Course

The Urban League of Greater Madison is hosting its first **First-Time Homebuyer Education Course of 2026** on **February 3, 10, and 17**. This course guides aspiring homebuyers through the full homebuying process—from budgeting and down payment savings to choosing a lender, understanding mortgages, and maintaining

for down payment or closing cost assistance.

Dates: Feb. 3, 10 & 17, 2026

Time: 5:30–8:30 pm

Location: Black Business Hub, 2352 S. Park St., 4th Floor

RSVP HERE for Free
Homebuyer Education Course

Spring Home Maintenance Workshop 2026

As we head into the warmer months, now is the perfect time to get your home ready for spring. The Urban League of Greater Madison is hosting a Spring Home Maintenance Workshop 2026, in collaboration with Project Home and Madison Gas and Electric (MG&E). This free workshop is designed for current and future homeowners who want to protect their investment, reduce unexpected repair costs, and support long-term housing stability.

Participants will learn practical tips on seasonal inspections, energy efficiency improvements, outdoor upkeep, and preventative maintenance. Experts from Project Home and MG&E will also be available to answer questions and share important information about utility resources, including guidance related to the winter moratorium, which ends April 15, 2026.

Date: Tuesday, March 10, 2026

Time: 6:00–8:00 PM

Location: The Hub (Black Business Hub | Urban League of Greater Madison)
4th Floor, 2352 S. Park St., Madison, WI 53713

RSVP: Community members can register scanning the QR code on the flyer below.



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projecthome Every Home Safe and Sound
MG&E Madison Gas and Electric

SPRING HOME MAINTENANCE WORKSHOP 2026

IN COLLABORATION WITH PROJECT HOME AND MG&E, THIS WORKSHOP WILL HELP PARTICIPANTS PREPARE THEIR HOMES FOR THE SPRING SEASON WITH EXPERT GUIDANCE AND WILL LEARN PRACTICAL STRATEGIES FOR WINTERIZING THEIR HOMES, IMPROVING ENERGY EFFICIENCY, AND REDUCING UTILITY COSTS AS TEMPERATURES CHANGE.

REGISTER HERE:



TUESDAY, MARCH 10TH, 2026

THE HUB, 4TH FLOOR | 2352 S. PARK ST., MADISON, WI

6:00-8:00 PM

ANY QUESTIONS?
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Do you qualify for an MACLT Home? Check out the new income limits below!

Do you qualify for an affordable MACLT home? Check the chart below and submit a [Pre-Application](#)! MACLT serves families below the income limits in this table, and these numbers go up every year. Look for your household size and see if your household's total income is below the limits listed here. If so, we encourage you to fill out our Pre-Application today to be the first to know about homes for sale! Pre-Application: <https://maclt.org/pre-application/>

Do you qualify for an MACLT affordable home?

Look for your household size and see if your household's total income is below the limits listed in the chart. If so, submit a Pre-Application today!

2025 Maximum household gross (before taxes) income limit (80% Dane County Median):

FY 2025 Income Limit Category	Household Size							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
80% Income Limits	72,700	83,100	93,500	103,850	112,200	120,500	128,800	137,100

Are you interested in buying a CLT Home?



Take a closer look to see if you qualify!

Are you interested in buying a CLT home?

For a complete list of qualifications and step-by-step process of buying a CLT home visit: [Home Buyer Guide](#)

Complete the Pre-application to see if you qualify: [Madison Area CLT Homebuyer Pre-application](#)

Pay it Forward

If you're thinking about a way to make a meaningful impact that lasts beyond your lifetime, consider including Madison Area Community Land Trust in your estate plans. You can also help keep homes permanently affordable by choosing to sell your home to MACLT, ensuring it remains a resource for families for generations to come.

Learn more about our Pay It Forward program visit:

<https://maclt.org/donate-archive/donate-property/>



Leave a Legacy
PUT YOUR HOME INTO A
LAND TRUST


KEEP YOUR HOME PERMANENTLY AFFORDABLE
MACLT can help you keep your home permanently affordable for future generations.


WE WILL HELP FIND THE BUYER
We will help find a low-income buyer and support them along the way.


PAY OFF YOUR MORTGAGE
Pay off your mortgage, gain a modest return, and ensure that the next homeowner can do the same.

Contact us at info@maclt.org to consider options for a tax-deductible property donation!

Donate to MACLT today!

Articles Worth Reading

[Madison unveils new affordable housing in Owl Creek | Digging Deeper | wkow.com](#)

[Mayor, community partners celebrate completion of 'missing middle' affordable homeownership project | Department of Planning & Community & Economic Development | City of Madison, WI](#)

[Lawmakers aim to curb hedge fund homeownership, a Dane County rarity | Government | captimes.com](#)

[Learn more about MACLT Volunteer Opportunities](#)



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