



Dudgeon-Monroe Neighborhood Association

SUMMER 2008

UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE 14: JAZZ IN THE PARK, Wingra Park (see insert for details)

JUNE 14: LAKE WINGRA CLEANUP, Wingra Boats (see insert for details)

JUNE 21: SUMMER SOLSTICE BONFIRE, 6 to 10 p.m., Glenwood Children's Park Council Ring

(See article, p. 2 for details)

JUNE 21, JULY 19, AUG. 16: SW Path Gardening Work Party, Meet at Glenway, 9:30 a.m.

DMNA SW Path Committee Needs New Members!

We need: Diggers, planters, mulchers, maintainers to work in groups and solo gardeners & designers—as well as those who have ideas about tending the path corridor from Glenway to Commonwealth.

Project crews meet the 3rd Saturday of the month, April-Oct, 9:30-11:30, with earlier starting times as it gets hotter. Watch for signs at the Glenway planting. Contact: Sandy Stark, 2720 Gregory Street, 255-4195, or sestark@wisc.edu for more information.

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An Invitation to Jazz in the Park

Bring the kids, grandparents, friends, blanket, and picnic and join your neighbors to listen to some fine local jazz performances and celebrate summer together at our free, low-key family festival at Wingra Park on Saturday, June 14th. It is sponsored by our Dudgeon Monroe Neighborhood Association and a number of area businesses for your enjoyment. Check the insert in this issue for details.

The line-up of bands for our festival are the **Edgewood College Jazz Ensemble** playing a wide range of jazz from big band

favorites to modern selections; **El Clan Destino**, performing Latin Jazz, with Nick Moran and others well-known local artists; and **Glenn Davis and the Blues Commission** featuring West Side Andy.

Start the day by joining the Annual Lake Wingra Cleanup sponsored by DMNA with the Friends of Lake Wingra.

Please thank our wonderful Jazz in the Park and Lake Wingra Cleanup volunteer coordinators when you see them: Jane Riley, Beth Tryon, Kathy Engebretsen, Ted Petith, Billy Larimore, Bruce Winkler, and Kristin Branch.

DMNA President's Message

By Bill Barker, new DMNA President

Lake Wingra, the great jewel with which we are entrusted, sparkles a little brighter this spring. The lakes gracing our lovely city are natural ones, created ten thousand years ago as the retreating glacier dumped billions of tons of sand, gravel and boulders into existing stream valleys. Sediment continues to find its way into our lakes, borne nowadays by poorly designed storm sewers. Over the years, the one near Wingra Boathouse carried quantities of sediment-laden runoff from our backyards and streets sufficient to fill in a portion of the lake and impede boating. A dredge removed a large quantity of mud and filled in the old ice skating rink, hopefully creating a new soccer field in Wingra Park.

Additionally, a second project to improve lake water clarity occurred a few weeks ago. Using robotic submersibles to spread nets beneath the ice, commercial fishermen removed 26,000 pounds of mud-stirring carp; volunteers quickly returned hundreds of muskellunge, gar and walleye to the lake.

Please help keep the momentum going by joining us in Wingra Park Saturday, June 14th, for our annual Lake Wingra cleanup, followed by Jazz in the Park! Rumors of a carp design for this year's T-shirt are unfounded.

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Visit www.dmna.org for additional information about the Association.

IN THE 'HOOD

Summer Classes & Activities For All Ages

Beat the high price of gas by finding learning/fun in the neighborhood. Choices are many and wonderful!

The **Monroe and Sequoia libraries** are as usual full of...bugs? The summer reading program theme this year is "Catch the Reading Bug." Both branches also have preschool story times and Monroe has baby and toddler yoga classes and Preschool Players. Check www.madisonpubliclibrary.org. The **Knitting Tree** schedules summer knitting classes for all skill levels and interests. Call 238-0121. **Wingra Boats** will host free educational lake tours, windsurfing and sailing lessons for all and day camps for kids (fishing, adventure, canoe & kayak and girls' boot camp) as well as its usual boat and mooring rentals. See www.wingraboats.com

Vilas Zoo: The new Children's Zoo is growing by the day, with gibbons, red pandas, meerkats, porcupines, wallabies, and a venomous snake exhibit. Summer

Zoo School and Feast with the Beasts are opportunities for fun and learning. Check www.vilaszoo.org. The **UW Arboretum** offers rich and varied nature programming for individuals and families, such as Earth Focus Day Camps, Earth Partnership for Families, and free public tours Sundays at 1 p.m. 263-7888 or www.uwarboretum.org.

Monroe St. Fine Arts Center: Over 150 week-long, wide-ranging art, music, and drama classes for children 4-16 will be offered plus Saturday morning art classes for ages 2-3. A new Art Studio class will be offered every afternoon for 13-16 year olds to work on their own art. Private art and music lessons are also offered. Stop by at 2526 Monroe St. or check www.msfac.org. **Edgewood High School** provides a broad range of classes for enrichment, developmental academics and the arts for all students entering grades 6-8. Sports camps for grades 1-9 are also available. See www.edgewood.k12.edu.

Summer Solstice Bonfire In The Glen

Kick off the summer with the Solstice Bonfire at the Council Ring in the Glenwood Children's Park (corner of Glenway & the bikepath) on Saturday, June 21, from 6 to 10 p.m.

Join the DMNA Parks Committee in celebrating the solstice as well as a unique park that was designed specifically for kids. Enjoy an evening outdoors feasting on s'mores, roasting brats and chat-

ting with neighbors and friends. When the kids tire of adding logs to the bonfire and eating s'mores, point them towards the Rose Meadow where guidance and native park materials will be provided for them to play with and create sculpture and small temporary structures. So dress comfortably, pack your drinks and brats, and head on up to the Council Ring! S'more makings and skewers will be provided. Questions? Contact Dina Corigliano at 238-1062.

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THANKS TO SEQUOYA LIBRARY CONTRIBUTORS!

We raised enough money from your extra membership drive contributions to donate \$4,000 to the Sequoya Library fund for the new building improvements! When remodeling plans at the Monroe Street Library are firm, DMNA contemplates directing similar Capital Fund Contributions during a future membership drive to improvements at that branch. The new Sequoya is scheduled to open in October.

CRIME WATCH

Over the winter Monroe Street merchants suffered more than a dozen break-ins. The crime wave seems to have ended for the moment, but merchants ask residents to report anything suspicious. The police are patrolling the area and tracking down clues to identify the guilty parties. According to Orange Schroeder of Orange Tree, "It would be helpful if residents could make a point of visiting the Monroe Street businesses they patronize to show their support. Between the bad weather and the increase in property crime, it's been a rough winter."

A police representative says that small businesses around the city have been experiencing such break-ins recently, but that our neighborhood generally is a low-crime area. Residents who have experienced problems may want to investigate a Neighborhood Watch program, which allows neighbors to work together to reduce the opportunity for property crime. The MPD contact for more information is Mary Ann Ferber, 266-4238.

ODANA TRAFFIC CALMING CONSIDERED

Alder Brain Solomon sponsored a meeting on March 5 with Traffic Engineering to improve bike/ped use and slow traffic on lower Odana Road. Most attendees favored narrowing the lanes and adding a bike lane, but were against traffic islands. Alder Solomon is working with Alder Tim Gruber and Traffic Engineering on a final plan. Contact Brian at district10@cityofmadison.com or 446-1362 with your comments.

WINGRA SHORES PROGRESS

Construction of a two-story commer-

cial building at 2607 Monroe St. next to Michael's Frozen Custard is planned for this summer. It will contain offices for Corcoran's real estate office with the bottom floor as a sales office for the condos.

BOUTIQUE HOTEL UPDATE

A May 5th hearing before the City Plan Commission for a demolition permit is the next step for the architect and investors of the 48-room upscale hotel planned for the site at the south corner of Monroe-Regent. Meetings with neighborhood reps and alders have resulted in minor changes and promises to avoid the worst excesses of sports fans. There will be 52 parking spaces and a traffic circle in the alley auto entrance to provide access only from Regent Street. DMNA's Planning & Zoning Committee plans to ask for assurances that the hotel will materialize as presented.

Your DMNA Council

Pres. Bill Barker
VP Lynn Pitman
Sec. Linda McQuillen & Jane Albert
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NEW At Large Council Members: Bob Block, Mary Erdman, Ken Golden, Tom Kuplic, Robert Lewis, Percy Mather, Paul Nilsen, Russ Phelps, Daniel Rubenstein and Barbara Widder.

We wish to canonize retiring Pres. Daryl Sherman for his three productive years as President. We are also grateful for an extremely hardworking Nominating Committee, Tom Huber, Margaret Nelson, Jane Albert and Linda McQuillen. Thanks are in order also to retiring At-Large members Sarah Carter, David Egan-Robertson and Kate Sells.

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ALDER BRIAN SOLOMON REPORTS

Biking/Cycling News: The Common Council voted 19-1 to adopt the recommendations of the Platinum Biking Committee which I co-sponsored to move Madison toward platinum status for biking from our current gold status.

Regent/Monroe Update: Engineering will begin some resurfacing of Regent and Monroe north of Regent and reconstruction of Randall. This will give us time to decide what to do at the major intersection of Regent/Monroe. All options are on the table, including a tunnel or alternate ped/bike improvements.

Beltline Improvements are planned this summer for much of the beltline. The big one for us is Seminole Highway. At press time, the details are being worked out,

but the main goal is to reduce considerable traffic backup at the Beltline with additional ramp lanes and traffic lights.

More on West Campus: The Institute for Discovery project, which will replace Union South and 215 N. Randall with interdisciplinary research space, is proceeding. UW will increase parking in the area and place dedicated bike lanes on both sides of Randall.

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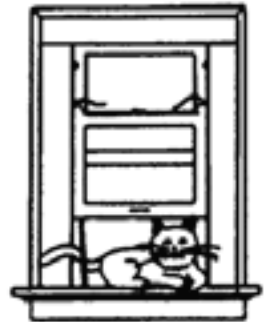


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