

DMNA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Look For Us At Your Door!

Another fall is upon us, and with it comes the annual Fall DMNA membership drive. About 100 neighborhood volunteers will soon begin knocking on doors with smiles on their faces and membership forms in their hands.

Please welcome your block captain, who will be asking you to give \$7 for you and your family to join your neighborhood association, provide information for the Dudgeon Monroe Neighborhood Directory, and also asking you to consider giving your time to one of our committees.

Join A Committee

You have a great opportunity to become a valuable part of a dynamic, friendly and effective group of neighbors to improve everyone's quality of life and have a good time doing it. If you have a practical streak, you might want to think of your efforts as supporting the value of your property.

The committee descriptions (on the reverse side) explain the work of each committee to help you decide where you might get involved. We hope you will have time to think carefully about what you are interested in before the whirlwind interview with the block captain at your door.

Taken as a whole these committees show the many tasks the DMNA undertakes to improve our neighborhood. The DMNA is among the strongest and best of Madison's neighborhood associations because of the contributions of volunteers and the many residents who choose to become dues paying members. Please take this opportunity to participate in whatever way your time and resources allow.

Provide Info For The Neighborhood Directory

The data collected on the membership forms will be gathered into our 2009 Neighborhood Directory and distributed to all current members of DMNA. With its ready reference to your neighbors' names and contact information and names of potential babysitters, pet sitters, and folks willing to do odd jobs, we think you will find it essential.

Be assured that the directory is distributed strictly to members, and the association aggressively pursues rare instances of use for commercial purposes. You can confidently include information about your family, which your neighbors will want to build a friendly relationship with you.

What Have We Done For You?

In its 36 years the Dudgeon-Monroe Neighborhood Association has been instrumental in many significant improvements in this neighborhood by working with individuals, city officials and other civic organizations. We live, quite simply, in an increasingly wonderful neighborhood.

Many of these improvements are tangible, such as park play equipment and gardening in our public spaces. Our streets are safer with a pedestrian/bike path, traffic calming, yard speed sign campaigns and crosswalk flags. Developments are better designed in keeping with the



character of our neighborhood.

The DMNA promotes a sense of community with social events, the newsletter, a website, neighborhood directories, and simply the communal spirit that comes with people working (and sometimes playing) together on neighborhood problems and projects, enriching many lives.

We ask you to help us to help you more by joining and by contributing in any way you can.

Thanks!

DMNA COMMITTEES

We hope you will choose one or more volunteer opportunities below when the DMNA volunteer comes around. Feel free to contact chairs for more information about serving on the committee or just to talk about concerns and issues.

PARKS & GARDENS

Chairs: Margaret Nelson, 258-9437 and Peter Nause 233-7254
Help to plan and develop neighborhood park & garden spaces. Volunteer with friends for invasive weed pulling days; help develop short- and long-term plans for playground equipment, park benches, and ornamental landscapes throughout Dudgeon- Monroe.

SOCIAL EVENT PLANNING

Chair: Vacant. Help foster relationship building with special social events like the winter wine tasting, spring pie and ice cream social, and autumn beer tasting. Develop new ideas, help organize events, set up and clean up for events, advertise, work with community businesses for donations, and more.

NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING & ZONING

Chair: Mike Florek, 255-6594. Develop expertise on current zoning and development issues, plan their best outcomes, and advise the Council about them. Represent the neighborhood interest by appearing before various city boards and commissions and, after consultation with the Council on major issues, present our views.

MEMBERSHIP

Chair: Linda McQuillen, 251-6902. Help maintain and increase our organization's membership of neighborhood residents, leaders, and volunteers. Coordinate membership outreach activities and help in neighborhood communication, annual membership drives, directory designing and printing, and newsletter distribution.

JAZZ IN THE PARK

Chairs: Ted Petith & Beth Tryon, 441-0876. Help foster a sense of community in the neighborhood at the annual June event in Wingra Park. Select musical bands, obtain city authorizations, raise funds, coordinate tents and power, design and sell T-shirts, plan kids' activities, and handle publicity with local TV, radio, and print sources. Lots of help is also needed on the day of the event!

HORNBLOWER

Chair: Ann Clark, 238-5612. Write articles for this quarterly publication of the Dudgeon-Monroe neighborhood. Creative, informative, and entertaining contributions are always welcome. You will often be the first to know! Newsletter distribution coordinator sought as well (about 6 hours a year).

TRANSPORTATION

Chuck Kalish, 257-7843. Help monitor changes in traffic patterns, anticipate and plan for changes resulting from development, work with residents and city staff to identify problems and implement solutions, raise awareness of regulations protecting pedestrians and bicyclists, and help slow and calm traffic in Dudgeon-Monroe.

LAKE WINGRA CLEANUP DAY

Chair: Kristin Branch, kjbranch@hotmail.com. Help clean Lake Wingra and the surrounding area at this one day annual event. Traverse the surface of the lake in canoes and kayaks, provided by Wingra Boathouse, and pull unwanted debris from the water. The event is held annually on the Saturday before Father's Day in June. Lots of volunteers welcome!

WEBSITE

Chair: Jane Riley, 238-6824. Webmasters wanted who can work with HTML, Perl, and CGI. Any technically savvy web designers are welcome. We also are seeking a website writer/reporter to keep the site updated with current articles about the neighborhood.

HISTORY OF DUDGEON-MONROE

Chair: vacant. The DMNA History Committee records and shares historical photographs, events, stories, architecture, and neighborhood development. Volunteers sought for Chair, committee membership, projects, ideas, and historical document contributions!

SW BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN PATH COMMITTEE

Chair: Sandy Stark, 255-4195. Help reduce the number of invasive plants along the bike/pedestrian path and establish native alternatives. Help tend the new prairie at the intersection with Glenway Street. Join others who weed and plant along the path on the third Saturday of most months through October. Solo gardeners are also needed.

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Chair: Bill Barker, 238-1219. Participate as an at-large member of the DMNA Neighborhood Council. We meet monthly and often have vacancies to fill. You would commit to helping with at least one DMNA project during the year as well.