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IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

EDITOR'S NOTE: The "President's Letter" will not appear in this issue. In its place, we put neighbor Ken Golden's Alder's Letter, providing a summary of neighborhood and city news and issues.

NEIGHBORHOOD ISSUES

The Dudgeon-Monroe neighborhood has been relatively quiet in terms of issues this fall. This is not so good when I think of the Ken Kopp's site, but I can live with it. There are some issues perking:

- Edgewood is planning a new academic building on the Woodrow St. side of the campus. Discussions between the neighborhood and Edgewood have resulted in an agreed-to plan.
- There are continuing discussions with the University with respect to the impact of football games on the nearby neighborhoods. These discussions, with the notable exception of some over the top security issues on Breese Terrace, have been amicable and constructive. I believe that searching residents' cars with dogs without any probable cause is not warranted and am hopeful that next year the UW can be convinced of that when their street use permit is up for renewal.
- The Harrison ped/bike overpass is almost done completing the SW path.
- The Edgewood Avenue Bridge is going to need replacement soon so don't put your hard hats away just yet.

CITYWIDE ISSUES

A great deal of my attention of late has been going to citywide issues and learning about the new areas of my aldermanic district. I now represent Nakoma, Dunn's Marsh and Allied Drive. I no longer represent University Heights or the northern half of the Regent neighborhood. Learning about the issues and the players takes a considerable effort. One idea I've floated and am interested in pursuing is trying

to create a "Study Circle" on race involving DMNA and Allied Drive area residents. I've just begun to discuss this with various parties, and I think there are some possibilities. Stay tuned.

Citywide, I co-chaired the Transport 2020 committee, the committee that is studying rail and enhanced transit alternatives for the Madison metropolitan area, and I've been getting involved in the approval process of that committee's report. The report contains an exciting set of proposals. The vision would enhance all transit modes. It begins with over 20 park-and-ride facilities on the edge of the metropolitan area. It also involves enhanced regional transit with intercity buses connecting outer communities to transfer points. The headline proposal, of course, is the commuter rail system. I see commuter rail as an important part of the system but one that will predominantly serve outer areas and hopefully benefit inner areas. Finally, the area of the Transport 2020 project that I find most intriguing is the streetcar idea. This is not likely to be part of the first phase of Transport 2020. It involves installing streetcars in the downtown area circulating between Blair St. and Breese Terrace, connecting Madison's major visitor destinations. An exciting part of this is to use the streetcar system to connect some near-in neighborhoods to the circulator. Park Street corridor is ideal for this service. It might generate considerable redevelopment for this neighborhood. I have not identified a good route for street-running rail in our neighborhood. Ideas would be appreciated.

On some other citywide matters, as you may have heard, the Council passed a restaurant no-smoking ordinance. It is seen as weak because it permits a lengthy period of time before implementation. This was done to secure more yes votes. Key elements of the ordinance include:

- Eliminating the exception for restaurants whose sales of alcohol are 50% or less.



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Story ideas welcome. Call Kathy Madison at 238-3533.

DMNA reserves the right to edit articles.

ALDER'S LETTER cont.

- Establishing a 1-year, one-time hardship exemption if revenues drop more than 10% compared to the previous year. This exemption will be automatically repealed on January 2, 2006.
- Banning smoking in full service bar areas. This will be effective on January 2, 2005 for restaurants whose alcohol sales are less than 33% of gross revenues and on January 2, 2006 for restaurants whose alcohol sales are 33% – 50% of gross revenues.
- Clarifying that employees only can use an employee smoking room.
- The full text of the adopted ordinance can be viewed at www.ci.madison.wi.us/council/31888final.doc

MISCELLANEOUS

I'll end with just a couple of stray facts I've picked up.

- The use of the Monroe Street branch of the library is up over 10% over the past year. Impressive, particularly considering the loss of traffic associated with Ken Kopps' closing.
- The Gregory Street speed humps have not had an appreciable impact on traffic volume, though I did note something else. Recent volume studies on the western end near Glenway show a drop in traffic by a few hundred vehicles a day compared to quite a few years back. I can't really explain this measurement.
- Despite its wonderful press clippings, the actual amount of speeding enforcement done by MPD in Madison in 2002 is lower by quite a bit (30%) compared to 2001.

I hope everyone has a good holiday season and I look forward to hearing from you about any other issues concerning the city, the region or the world for that matter, given the Council's tendency to venture into foreign policy.

– Alder Ken Golden –

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Seems too cold and miserable to shovel?

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We have failed in past winters. Among the unsuspecting victims of poor shoveling in our neighborhood have been two middle-aged women:

- the resident who hit her head when she fell on a snow-covered icy patch and spent six months trying to sleep upright because of the resulting vertigo, and
- the live-alone neighbor who fell on an unshoveled walk and broke her wrist, having to call her neighbors whenever she dressed for months to help her pull her clothes over the pins securing the fracture.

Have a heart! This year, please be a hero and clear that sidewalk promptly and carefully! Remember that careful shoveling after those first storms is necessary to keep that concrete showing. And you can remove accumulated ice with salt or the ice scrapers in plentiful supply at the hardware store. The city requires you to keep applying sand or salt to any sidewalk ice you cannot remove—there must be an active abrasive, not just a single application.

Need another nudge? Remember that the city requires that snow and ice be removed from your sidewalk before noon of the day following a storm. If you have a corner lot, you are responsible for a broad path (remember those strollers and wheelchairs) down the ramp or curb.

And yes, Virginia, there IS a fine:

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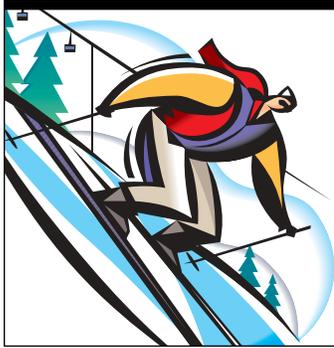
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POETS & WRITERS

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PHONE NUMBERS EVERY PEDESTRIAN SHOULD KNOW

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Traffic Engineering Shop 266-4767
Pedestrian signal malfunction

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City Engineering 266-4537
Cracks and tilted sidewalks or curb ramps

Missing sidewalk or curb ramps

Alderperson Ken Golden 266-4071
All above problems or any other concerns

MORE LOCATIONS CONSIDERED FOR THRIVING FLAGS OVER MONROE STREET

Our crosswalk flag experiment at the Sprague/Monroe intersection is a great success! Someone wrote in magic marker on one of our flags "I Love Flags over Monroe Street!" and the Transportation Committee's flag crossing demos at Harrison Street during "Monroe Street Days" brought many more compliments. Most important, pedestrians really are crossing Monroe Street much more quickly and safely, and getting much more respect from motorists. We are planning to spread the concept to new locations this coming spring to serve people in other parts of the neighborhood!

And people have been using the flags in great numbers. The official evaluation of video footage of the intersection showed that 53% of the pedestrians, and nearly all adults with children, used the flags. This is more than three times more than the other two cities for which we have statistics.

And drivers did their share too. 80% of the time, drivers stopped for pedestrians with flags before the next natural gap in traffic. There was considerable halo effect as over 60% of the time, motorists stopped for the pedestrians who didn't use the flags as well. There have been no pedestrian/car accidents, in contrast to the year and a half before the flags were installed, when there were two accidents at this location.

Enthusiastic Chapman Street residents added another location in July at Chapman and Monroe, and with the proceeds of the Neighborhood Improvement Fund drive, we are looking to spread this project to help pedestrians crossing at other intersections, especially on Monroe Street. We are actively investigating Harrison and Knickerbocker intersections, and are open to suggestions for other Monroe Street and neighborhood intersections. A location must have significant (and frustrated) pedestrian traffic, a marked crosswalk without a traffic light, and volunteers who agree to be responsible for keeping an eye on the flag supply and condition. Your suggestions and comments will be welcome at annclark@tds.net or 238-5612.

Special thanks to Paul Hanson's staff at Pasquale's who have taken in the flags nightly since early May, as have Chapman's "flag handlers" John and Marge Jacoby and Julie Meyer. We also wish to thank all the Transportation Committee members and our "Small Actions" volunteers who assembled flags, distributed fliers, put up signs, and trained pedestrians in the opening days. And looking ahead, we would like to thank all the Dudgeon-Monroe residents who generously contributed funding to continue and enlarge the project during the membership drive. It truly does "take a village!"

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During a typical membership drive, D-MNA's 85 Block Captains personally contact the over 1200 households in our neighborhood, enroll some 70 percent of them in the association, and collect at least \$2500 beyond the amount of dues for special neighborhood improvements. But in the fall of 2002 they surpassed even those feats, also recording hundreds of e-mail addresses for the new mailing list and signing up 383 neighbors for participation or interest in committees and action groups. Thanks to the Block Captains and the 9 Area Representatives who support their efforts during the membership drive and house-to-house deliveries throughout the year, D-MNA is the strong, active association it is.

On behalf of the Membership Committee (Joanne Brown, Lois Cosmides, and Paula Benkart) and every neighbor who benefits from the work of the association, we express our appreciation to:

- AREA 1:** Andrea Urbon, Margaret Anders, Bill & Joan Vanden Brook, Anna Schryver, Micki Fardy, Janet Zentner, Marilyn Fruth, Susan Nicol, Andrea Kaminski, Bailey & Katherine Walsh
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HARRISON STREET BRIDGE



The week before Thanksgiving, cranes lowered into place the new pedestrian crossing linking Harrison Street to Rowley. It's an interesting re-creation of the old trolley bridge which once crossed at the same point.

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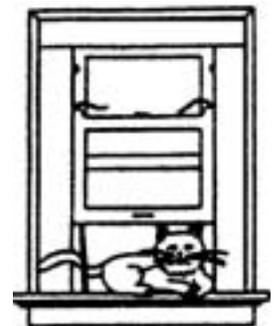
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Mentors and Tutors Needed

Changing demographics in Madison in the last five years have created a need for more school volunteers.

Interested readers can contact Shirley Hammond, Madison Memorial High School Mentor Coordinator at 233-2406 or Kathy Price at 663-4941, Madison Metropolitan School District.

DEAR WEBMASTER,

I read about the new neighbor mailing list in the last issue of the Hornblower but I haven't heard anymore about it. Is it active? SIGN ME UP

Dear Sign Me Up,

The neighbor mailing list is active but hasn't sent out any announcements yet. There are two reasons for this. The first reason is that the email sign-up generated by the membership drive is still going on. Individuals may go to www.DMNA.org click on Neighborhood Mailing Lists in the Hot Topics section. This takes you to the mailing list sign-up page. Choose the list called, "Neighborhood Announcements" and follow the instructions to become a member of the mailing list. Additionally, the Web Committee is entering neighbors' email addresses that were collected during the membership drive. Once the addresses are entered, an invitation to join the list will be sent.

The second reason you haven't received an email for the Neighborhood Mailing List – there isn't any information to send out yet. The D-MNA made a commitment to use the list only to provide a reminder of neighborhood association events and to provide timely information about important news for the neighborhood. The neighborhood-wide mailing list is not intended to be a routine update service. However, the D-MNA committees will have the ability to provide updates through smaller mailing lists that the individual committees can create.

FROM THE WEBMASTER:

Look for "Dear Webmaster" in each issue of the Hornblower. If you have a question you wish answered, send it to "Dear Webmaster" via the feedback option at www.DMNA.org. The D-MNA Web Committee retains the right to choose which questions will be published and will endeavor to provide answers that are of interest to the entire neighborhood.

MONROE STREET GROCERY CO-OP SPONSORS NEIGHBORHOOD SURVEY

The Board of the Monroe Street Grocery Cooperative commissioned UW Business School students to conduct a survey of local grocery shopping habits and preferences. The survey was distributed randomly to 1000 homes in the Vilas, Regent, and Dudgeon-Monroe neighborhoods at the end of October. As of this writing, the survey results are being analyzed, but Business School students have already reported an astounding 57% return rate, which would appear to indicate that interest in a grocery continues to run high.

Data collected in the survey will be used to strengthen MSGC's business plan as we move toward establishing a viable grocery. It was important to survey a large, random group from the surrounding neighborhoods (and not just Co-op members) to get as accurate a picture as possible of who might actually shop at the Co-op and what sorts of purchases they might be making. Pertinent survey results will also be shared with Regent Market Coop.

Although High Pointe Properties has not responded to our recent letter asserting our continued interest in creating a grocery at the former Ken Kopp's, we are continuing in our efforts to steward positive development at the site.

The survey will also be posted on the DMNA Web site www.dmna.org so that neighbors who were not part of the original survey can participate. Feedback from the neighborhood continues to be important, and helps refine our collective vision as we move forward.

Rosemary Zurlo-Cuwa for the MSGC Board

RARE OCTOBER VISITOR

by Douglas Evans

A long eared owl slipped into my back yard, which borders the bike path. It perched in a pine tree up close to the trunk, and blended so well it was hard to detect. I found it surrounded by a mob of angry and noisy crows, which kept well out of reach. Its back was to me, but it twisted it's head 180 degrees and looked at me with it's big yellow eyes, the long ears erect. Finally disgusted by all this, it sailed off to the northwest. I was hoping it would hang around and get rid of the rabbits that wipe out plants one is trying to establish. I had two rabbits; one seems to be missing.

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VOLUNTEERS HELP ENHANCE THE PATH

We finally have some sturdy benches in the Glenwood Children's Park. A generous grant from MG&E when the bike path was being constructed provided the materials, and **Rich Chiesa**, a senior at West High and son of **Bob** and **Carey Chiesa**, 2230 Keyes, constructed the three wooden benches. The construction project fulfilled Rich's requirement for Eagle Scout. Two of the benches are placed in the wayside area near the drinking fountain along Glenway, and a third bench is located in the playground area. We are currently working with the Friends of Lake Wingra to explore the possibility of installing an information kiosk located near the drinking fountain.

Without volunteer help, the benches could never have been built. As with so many of our neighborhood ventures, it has taken the commitment of good people who were willing to contribute some hours from their busy schedules to see a project through to completion. Those people who built the benches (and the same goes for the volunteers who have worked on the Odana prairie garden) were from many neighborhoods. DMNA neighbors helping were: **Nils Diller-Pickford**; **Bill and Brian Kenealy-West Lawn**; **Todd Peterson-Minakwa**; **Sue Reindollar**; and **Rich, Bob, and Carey Chiesa** (who provided superb food). Help from other neighborhoods were: **Joe Connors-Verona**; **Harold Crabb-Mt.Horeb**; **Randy and Matt McEllhofs-Kendall Ave.**; **Jeff Hickel-Glendale Lane**; and **William First-Mineau Parkway**. Perhaps moms with young children visiting the playground appreciate these volunteers the most. Now they have somewhere to sit besides on the sliding board.

In August, West High faculty member and Westmorland resident **Don Vincent** organized volunteers to pull giant ragweed. **Elsbeth Mungall, Carol Gosenheimer, Char Thompson, and Sue Reindollar** pulled pounds of ragweed around the Children's Park area and north down the Path. Since ragweed is an annual, we hope by pulling it, we set next year's crop back considerably, at least in the limited area where we worked. Control of the invasive species is going to have to be part of a homeowner's consciousness raising activity. Any railroad corridor is infamous for degraded environments, which spread such nasty contenders for attention as garlic mustard, burdock, ragweed, and Japanese knotweed or Japanese bamboo, into people's backyards and Lake Wingra if left unchecked. Therefore, in the spring, we'll be organizing the garlic mustard brigade.

Also in the dog days of August, a Gregory St. neighbor **Vince (Vito) Gandolph** single-handedly attacked the Children's Park's invasive species which had overgrown the Park to the point that visitors could barely see the path for the weeds.

One of the longstanding and more intense volunteer activities has been the planting at the Odana prairie garden and the seeding of the wooded side of the Path. The first years for a planting are crucial, and it will take three years before we see flowers where they were seeded. Throughout the summer, we weeded and weeded. Even though these are prairie plants, which traditionally don't need as much care as do cultivated garden perennials, they still need a good head start against the weeds, which would take over. So we weeded and watered.

Without the guidance and the offering of free plants and seeds from a retired science teacher, **Jerry Gunderson** of Middleton, there wouldn't be a prairie at Odana. There are many unusual prairie species among the more than 800 plants in the space. **Ed Daley** of Gregory Street moved more dirt and sand than any bobcat, and probably wished he had access to one after we got the second load of sand. Fitchburg resident **Dave Barta**, a senior at Edgewood High School, earned community service hours by moving loads of mulch and pulling piles of weeds. **Diane Hanson** of White Oaks Lane off Schroeder Road helped weed and water on several occasions.

We are rethinking the needs of the Path now that it has celebrated its first full year. Besides the spring cleanup, controlling invasive species, and planting, we will need to focus on traffic issues as a top priority. Any creative suggestions are welcome.



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D M N A HISTORY PHOTO

Ken Doran kindly provides this photo of the house at 2102 Keyes, on the west corner of Prospect. The photo probably dates from the 1920s—quite possibly it is the 4th of July. It is easy to replicate the view now and the changes are striking.



But likewise striking is how little changed the house is. Almost invisible beyond the house is the line of the Illinois Central railroad, running some eight feet below street level at that point. The family and their small dog (on the ledge) are, unfortunately, shaded by the porch roof. Can anyone identify them?

(Note by Paul Beckett, snkbeckett@yahoo.com, 238 2580)



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