

OUR TREE CANOPY

By Linell Davis, Hornblower Committee

The Dudgeon Monroe neighborhood enjoys an increasingly rare urban amenity: it has a large tree canopy. Experts say that cities should strive to have 40% of their land covered by trees. Currently the City of Madison has an estimated 23% tree canopy. Official policy is to increase the canopy but the pressure for infrastructure and development projects has resulted in a decrease in the canopy.

As spring arrives, turn your eyes to the buds on the trees around you as they swell and finally burst into leaves. It is a fine time to appreciate all that trees do for you and for the community. They provide shade, reduce the heat island effect in developed areas, improve air quality, provide habitat for birds and boost the mental health of residents. Trees increase resilience to climate change by reducing the impact of floods and heat waves and by removing and sequestering carbon.

The three components of our urban forest are private trees, public trees and

street trees. Property owners often lack knowledge and choose trees from a limited number of species, making them vulnerable to disease. Currently we are suffering tree loss from Emerald Ash Borer, and as a result unless treated, all ash trees will die in the next few years. DMNA council has paid to have the ash trees shading the playground in Wingra Park treated and Wingra Boats has protected the ash trees leading to the boat launch

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DMNA Annual Meeting **Saturday, April 13, 2:00-4:00 p.m.** **Society of Friends Meeting House** **1704 Roberts Court**

Jennifer Giegerich, Government Affairs Director from Wisconsin Conservation Voters, will speak about ways that we each can leverage programs to help fight climate change. Specifically, President Biden's Affordable Clean Energy Plan has created opportunities to save energy while taking steps to reduce your climate footprint.

A short business meeting and election of DMNA Officers will precede the program.

Snacks and beverages will be provided.

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Spring 2024

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MEMBERSHIP DRIVE RESULTS

By Kathy Engebretsen, Membership Committee Chair

We are happy to report a steady level of membership this year compared with last year. We are grateful to the Block Captains and Area Reps who volunteer each year to bring in the funds that provide DMNA committees with needed funds for successful functions and projects, both continuing and new. Our database has now been updated to reflect all changes submitted prior to Jan 1.

| 2023-24 Membership: 778 | 2022-23 Membership: 770 |
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| Donations: \$2,871.69 | Donations: \$2,954.63 |
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Jim Marx (jmamarx@hotmail.com) will continue to deliver welcome kits to new residents but he needs your help to alert him to those addresses. You need not know names. Those who moved in after our fall drive would likely appreciate a copy of the directory and we do have extras.

Social Event at Garth's Brew Bar



DMNA held a Winter Social at Garth's Brew Bar on January 27, as part of our effort to have more social events throughout the year. We gathered for "buy one, get one" beers, and Infusion Chocolates provided drinking chocolate. This was a great opportunity for neighbors to come out of winter hibernation and catch up with each other.

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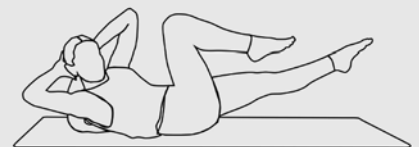
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By Jake Dean, Hornblower Co-editor

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In-person absentee voting will be available for two weeks prior to the election. Check locations at www.myvote.wi.gov; locations may have changed since the last election. You must bring approved voter ID.

Vote at the Polls on Election Day

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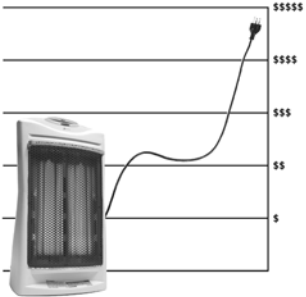


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47 Years of Changes in Dudgeon Monroe

By Shawn Schey, DMNA Council Member at-large

As a long-time resident of the Dudgeon-Monroe neighborhood, I've made note of the demographics of the households from ten different DMNA directories. What follows is a summary of the general trends I've personally observed from the data collected between 1976 and 2023.

This is in no way a definitive nor scientific summary of the neighborhood, as only the households that elected to submit personal information during block captain drives were tallied. And of those, many chose to submit only partial information. When it came to professions, job titles reported were sometimes ambiguous or willfully embellished (sometimes with a comic spin!). Households with children could in actuality be bigger as parents were recording who was still at home when other offspring may have already left for their adult lives. So, consider these details as snapshots in time – not studio-constructed portraits, but candid photos with blurry subjects halfway out of the frame.

Household/Family Size

In 1976, families with five and six children were the norm. Of the households, 28% included children. By 2004, this had risen to 39%, although family size had contracted. Having two kids became the new norm. Single person households were at 23%: 16% female and 7% male.

In 2023, of all the households, 29% included children. Coupled households were in the majority at 72%. Single parent households were holding steady at 3% while single person households increased to 28%: 19% female, 9% male. This may be reflective of the rise in retirees between 2004 and 2023 as the boomer generation aged and passed away.

Women's Last Names

Between 1998 and 2004, the number of women who took their partner's last name steadily declined. And by 2023, more than one third of women

in couples did not take their partner's last name, either because they weren't married or they were, but opted not to.

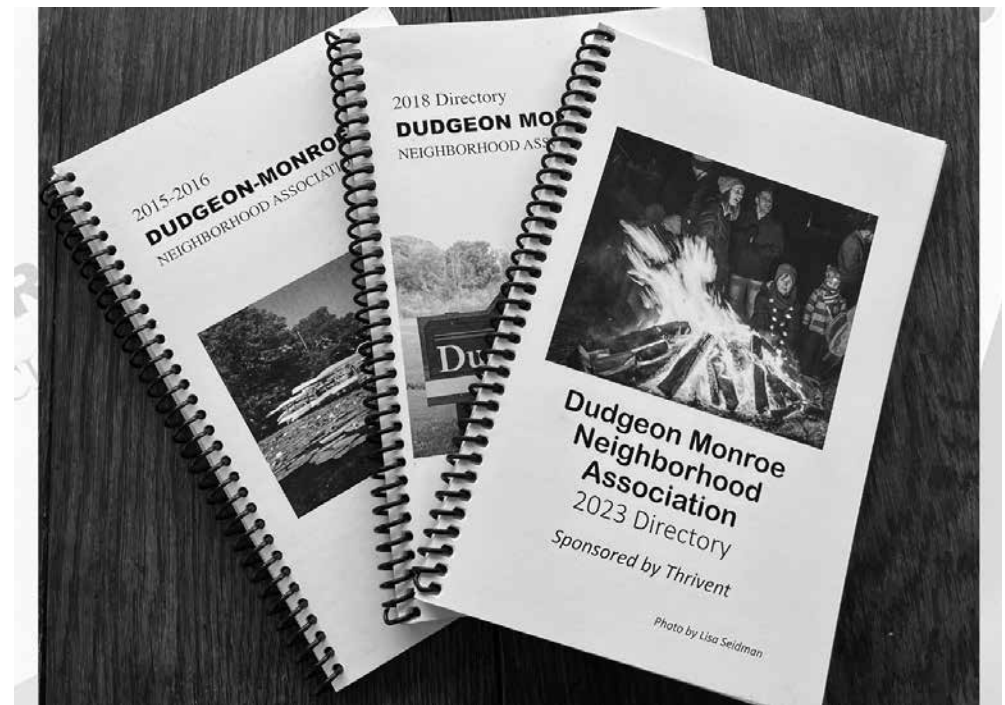
Employment/Professions

In the 1970s, people were primarily employed as car mechanics, maids, factory workers (many at Oscar Mayer), and waitresses. By 2004, the top professions were health care practitioners (16%), teachers (12%) and professors (11%). The next most common professions included administrators, engineers, scientists, writers, attorneys and computer programmers. People reported working in

81 other professions. In 2023, workers in the healthcare field were at 13%, professors at 6%, and teachers at 5%. The next most common occupations were managerial in numerous fields, attorneys, marketing and sales, and directors of organizations.

Retirees

In 2001, 14% of households were occupied by retirees. By 2023, this had risen to 24%. In fact, the most popular "occupation" people listed was being in retirement! This was possibly due to the aging Boomer generation, as well as the effects on the workforce of the COVID-19 pandemic.



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Trading Time

By Carole Kantor, Hornblower Editor

After 20 years of sharing her enchantment with nature to the great benefit of our neighborhood, Sandy Stark is trading her time as an active member of the Dudgeon Monroe Neighborhood Association's council for more time to work on her other passion – poetry.

For years Sandy and Jake Blasczyk have chaired the DMNA council's Southwest Path – the "bike path" – committee. Meanwhile, Sue Reindollar had paved their way by focusing attention on the prairie at the Odana intersection with the path. Sandy has coordinated the annual cycle of recruiting volunteers, weeding, planting, and controlled prairie burns while Jake has coordinated work at the Prospect Gardens along the path. Volunteers show up, often at the last minute, to help out. But the council is still searching for the neighbor who wants to oversee the contributions that volunteers have made, and will continue to make contributions to this treasured feature of our neighborhood.

While the path plantings focus on prairies and native flower gardens, we also have park locations that tend toward more formal plantings. Wingra Park Orchard and the Glenwood Children's Park are favorite spaces that have been another dedicated focus of the DMNA, via the Parks & Gardens Committee. In recent years, Sandy has added to her portfolio the interim leadership of this committee to ensure continued stewardship

of these valued spaces. Here too, volunteers have stepped up (Annie Balch and Connie Bell) but so far an overall chair who will manage the committee's budget, derived from membership funds, is still to be found.

The pattern here can be seen in how the neighborhood has changed, with busier families and fewer volunteers, leaving it to older volunteers to carry on. As we celebrate half a century of the Neighborhood Association, we need to all recognize that why we like living here is in large part a result of the attention neighbors have given to ensuring the beauty of our environment. If you would like to get involved, reach out to DMNA's president Diego Saenz (president@dmna.org) or Sandy Stark (sestark@wisc.edu) who can answer your questions about how you might volunteer.

As for Sandy, the item at the top of her to-do list today is her fourth book of poetry (see sidebar). Her inspiration is all around: along the "bike path", in our parks and the nearby UW Arboretum and in the bird feeders in her backyard.

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thieving seeds from my feeder
tray, in the way it carries
its cache back to the bare-
branched tree, as if this alone,
out of all the choices offered,
is exactly what it wants today.

There is still hope
in the bent and weeping pine,
its fine, long needles soaked
with rain, all its small cones
shed as others' food below,
while its own growth slows
for winter, my sturdy wooden
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to weave into, every Spring.

There is always hope,
it seems, in the smallest,
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Sandy Stark
December 26, 2023

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Neighborhood News Briefs

By Sonia Newmark,
Hornblower Committee

As we move into Spring, the businesses and merchants on Monroe Street are expanding their successful First Friday program. Until now the first Friday of the month has been mostly an evening event, with entertainment and games and merchants staying open late, and the eateries offering special drinks and meals. Ask at your favorite businesses though, because even those that aren't staying open late, may now be offering specials!

The First Friday of May, May 3, is Spring Gallery Night, running from 5:00-9:00 p.m. Watch for details about additional special events and offerings.

The Monroe Street Merchants Association (MSMA) has a new logo! It was designed by Michael Braley, who also designed the logo for the One and Only restaurant.

Once again, the Elf Door Hunt that took place in December, was a big hit, with around 75 kids participating!



Closings
SO Collection (1931 Monroe Street) has closed.

Thanks to Orange Schroeder

The Monroe Street Farmers' Market is back for the 2024 season!

The 2024 Monroe Street Farmers' Market will run from May 5 to October 27 on Sundays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Edgewood High School parking lot. There is ample free parking available to all market visitors. Sign up for their weekly newsletter to keep up with 2024 market events, new vendor updates, and relevant news:

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Milward Farrell Fine Art: A Monroe Street Treasure

By Inger Stole, Hornblower Committee



Brian Farrell

Stepping into Milward Farrell Fine Art on a freezing January morning, I am greeted by gallery owner, Brian Farrell. The gallery, an original tenant at Knickerbocker Place, started as an extension of Gary's Art & Frame in Middleton. Today, Brian and Gary, whose last name is Milward, celebrate 29 years on Monroe Street.

For nearly three decades, Milward Farrell Fine Art has offered an impressive collection of fine American craft; three-dimensional objects including hand-blown glass, metal and ceramics by American artists; and a skillfully curated selection of two-dimensional art by local, national and international artists. The gallery also offers a wide selection of handmade art jewelry. Many of the artists represented by Milward Farrell have been with the gallery for a long time while others come and go. They are always looking to represent new and local artists.

In order to offer Madisonians the best possible selection, Brian visits art shows, searches art publications and social media sites, and listens to word-of-mouth in the art community. He also relies on a network of national and international artists that he has developed over the years. During the past three decades, Brian has seen customer preferences shifting. Younger generations prefer utilitarian objects and are less interested in collecting

than their parents were. They are also more influenced by trends and social media. Milward Farrell Fine Art responds to these shifts by offering objects that appeal to a wide range of age groups.

The gallery does a masterful job in making high quality art accessible to everyone. With a wide range of prices, it offers original pieces of art that fit most budgets. It also facilitates requests for commissioned works of art and will send art pieces out on approval to a customer's home to try before purchasing.

Brian stresses the gallery's desire to be approachable. Walk-ins are welcome and browsing is encouraged. He thrives on visitor interactions; he welcomes the energy it creates and loves to talk about art and artists. He hopes that "people will come

in and find things that they want to live with, adding beautiful things can enrich our lives." Asked about how we can best show our support, Brian urges us to stop by, ask your friends if they've been to the gallery, spread the word and bring in out-of-town guests. What better Madison souvenir to bring back home than one made by a local artist?

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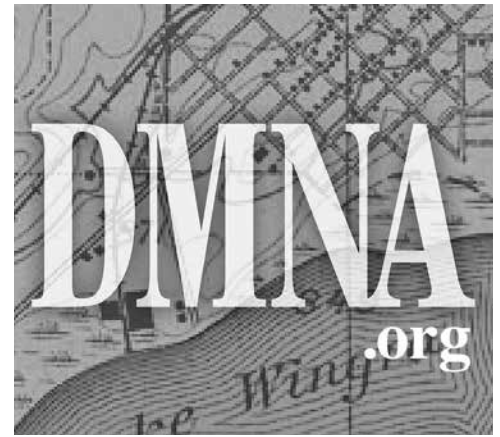
By District 13 Alder Tag Evers District13@cityofmadison.com

Regarding the delay in the opening of the grocery store on South Park, here's the most recent update from Dan Rolfs, Real Estate Specialist, Economic Development Division, City of Madison:

"The City continues to work toward the successful opening of a full service grocery store at the Truman Olson project at 815 Cedar Street. The City has completed negotiations with Kristie Maurer of Maurer's Markets for the lease of the grocery condo. At the same time, Maurer has finalized the financing for the build out of the grocery store. Maurer continues to work with her store design team to complete the technical and mechanical design of the store. The technical and mechanical design of the store are complicated by the fact that the building design was finalized during the period of time when the project was in search of a new grocer. This required the development team to make assumptions regarding the grocery store to ensure that the project could secure financing so construction could commence on the 150 units of affordable housing and grocery store condo shell. However, the City, the development team, and the grocer will work through each of these challenges, just as they have through the entire process, to ensure that residents of South Madison continue to have access to a full service grocery store."

It's been a frustrating process, filled with ups and downs. Despite the delays, be assured it is still happening. Moreover, Pick 'N Save remains cooperative and is not planning on closing before the new store opens.

It's also worth noting that Kristie Maurer's grocery store appears to be worth the wait. As reported in January by Channel 3, the family-owned Maurer's Market in the Wisconsin Dells recently won a major award as the IGA Retailer of the Year.



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MONROE STREET ORIGINS

By Ann Clark, Hornblower Editor Emerita

Monroe Street began as a simple trail cleared by the Native Americans who camped at many locations around Madison's lakes for hundreds of years. Winnebago descendants continued to use it into the 1920s when a friend reported that her mother had been chastised for not locking up against the "dangerous" summer campers.

In 1835, the army hastily built a road over the trail on its way north to connect three forts for the quick movement of troops and supplies as they protected the few isolated settlers from the tribes. In 1837, the Eben Pecks, Madison's earliest settlers, came along our road to open the first public house at Main and King Streets.

Madison was surveyed and platted then, and with James Doty's bribing of the legislature (notably with buffalo robes) it became the territorial capital. People arrived, undoubtedly via Monroe Street, to an unfinished Capitol whose builder kept hogs in the basement. Bored delegates would poke a stick through the shrinking green lumber floor and stir up the hogs whose squealing would drown out the orator. Madison was a bit primitive, but on its way, and Monroe Street WAS the way!

--Adapted from Doug Evans' original article in the Summer 1996 Hornblower. Further adventures of Monroe Street will continue in future issues.

WALKERS AND DRIVERS ALIKE: BE CAREFUL OUT THERE! YOUR LIFE MAY DEPEND ON IT!

By Ann Clark

Crash statistics are on an alarming upward trend for pedestrians. One walker was killed every 71 minutes in the US in 2021 according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

DRIVERS: SPEED KILLS: The faster you drive the more likely you will lose control and hit something or someone. A pedestrian hit at 20 mph is likely to suffer minor injuries, but at 40 mph, death looms. All neighborhood roads are posted 25 mph. An unscientific survey shows typical traffic speeds of 30 to 35 mph on Monroe Street. **ALCOHOL KILLS;** A drunken driver or pedestrian, especially at night, is more likely to lose control and go through a stop sign or walk into a moving car. **BAD BEHAVIOR KILLS:** Electronic distractions and failure to focus are often factors.

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OUR TREE CANOPY *continued from PAGE 1*

Street trees are especially visible and vulnerable as they exist in highly contested spaces. Cars, buildings and sidewalks compete for space that creates pressure on the terraces where street trees grow. If a terrace is too narrow, no trees can be planted and large trees require wide terraces. Currently a survey of Madison street trees is underway.

While everyone claims to love trees, protecting and increasing our tree canopy requires our active attention. Citizens need to be informed so they can advocate for pro-tree policies. We also need to give our time and resources in support of the many volunteer organizations that support trees.



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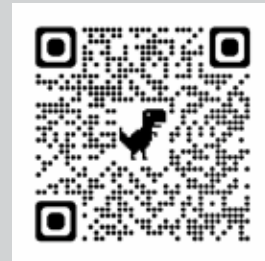
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The updated site which went live in late 2023 supports mobile devices. It has a rich archive of the history of Dudgeon Monroe along with up-to-date information, all in a colorful, visually appealing layout. If you have suggestions for improvement or issues with the new dmna.org site, please let **Lisa Grueneberg** know at comm@dmna.org.

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