DMNA Annual Meeting: 
The Effigy Mounds of Lake Wingra
By Daryl Sherman

You are in for a treat! Join us at the DMNA Annual Meeting, 2:00-3:30 p.m., Sunday, April 19, Room 115B, Predolin Hall, Edgewood College, to hear Robert Birmingham speak on the topic The Effigy Mounds of Lake Wingra. Pie and ice cream and a short business meeting with election of officers will precede the speaker.

Living here we all know that Lake Wingra area is a very special place. What you might not know is that it has always been a very special place. America’s first inhabitants thought so. “The shores of Lake Wingra have one of the highest concentrations of Effigy Mounds in the world”, says Robert Birmingham, former Wisconsin State Archeologist and an eminent authority on the mounds. Virtually every high place from Lake Mendota to Lake Kegonsa had an effigy mound or mounds on them, but tiny Lake Wingra was the spiritual center of it all. Though 80% of the mounds have been plowed up or built over, the Four Lakes Area still has one of the richest groupings of extant mounds. Each type of mound has its own spiritual and cultural significance. Come hear Professor Birmingham tell you all about it. If the weather cooperates, he will lead a tour around the mounds on the Edgewood campus to show what he’s been talking about.

About Robert Birmingham: Long-time State Archeologist for the Wisconsin Historical Society, he is now a professor of archeology at UW Waukesha. Among his books and writings two are on the subject of his talk, Indian Mounds of Wisconsin, published by University of Wisconsin Press, has been called “The first comprehensive book on the mounds of the Midwest in 150 years.” Spirits of the Earth: The Effigy Mound Landscape of Madison and The Four Lakes recounts the rich history of the mounds in our area. He was awarded the Merit Award from the Midwest Independent Publishers Association for Aztalan: Mysteries of an Ancient Indian Town, the Increase A. Lapham Award of the Wisconsin Historical Society, and the Wisconsin State Park Hero Award for promoting Aztalan State Park.

Edgewood Addresses Transportation Issues
By Shawn Schey, Edgewood Liaison Committee

The Edgewood-DMNA-Vilas Liaison Committee, including representatives of all 3 Edgewood schools, has worked together to find solutions to traffic issues generated by the campus as a whole. As a result, Edgewood High School has recently implemented six new measures to alleviate traffic issues:

• Staggering the high school and grade school departure times so there isn’t one large exodus onto Monroe Street. The departure times are coordinated with 3 departure times for both schools at 15-minute intervals.
• Students, faculty and staff at the high school can get subsidized bus passes for Madison Metro.
• Students, faculty and staff receive one free breakfast or lunch per quarter in which they consistently bike or walk to campus.
• Families who have multiple cars are encouraged to bring only one vehicle to campus at a time. When parents volunteer, they’re asked to drop their student off, then return and park later for their volunteer work rather than driving a separate car.
• High school students who carpool receive preferred parking spots.
• The high school added two new bicycle racks.

Edgewood College implemented the fol-
President’s Message
Attention Apartment Dwellers

If you live in an apartment or condominium, we want you to be involved in DMNA. But it is sometimes hard to reach you. The Hornblower may be the only method we have to communicate with you. It is mailed to about 1,600 addresses and over 25% of those are apartments or condos. Almost 200 of the addresses are in new buildings built in the past two years.

DMNA wants you to be involved with the neighborhood and not just a temporary dweller. Our committees are diverse and active. Visit www.dmna.org/committees and check out volunteer opportunities and contact the committee chair if you are interested. Sign up for DMNA News emails at www.dmna.org/dmnanews.

A special request is for technically savvy people to support our web site. Reply to webmaster@dmna.org if you are available. Minimal time required.

We also need volunteers to be DMNA Block Captains in buildings because Madison ordinances require locked entrances on multi-unit dwellings, and we can’t just knock on doors to conduct our annual membership drive. Send an email to membership@dmna.org if you can be a block captain for your building.

Above all, be a pedestrian in the neighborhood. We have parks, interesting homes and gardens, coffee shops, effigy mounds, restaurants, Shakespeare theater, shopping, pet supplies, the Southwest Path gardens and prairies, art galleries, bus stops, banking, real estate, knitting supplies, gifts, costumes, drug stores. See www.dmna.org/neighborhood for resources and places to visit. Stop and chat with neighbors. If you take your camera and have a good photo the Hornblower could publish, send it to hornblower@dmna.org.

And join us for special DMNA events such as Jazz in the Park, the July 4 Children’s Parade and Summer Solstice.

Al Nettleton, President DMNA

Update: 3414 Monroe Street Development

Lynn Pitman, Zoning Committee Chair

Revised redevelopment plans were submitted to the City Department of Planning and Development on February 9 after a public meeting convened by Alder Dailey on February 5. Because the new plans now include a fourth floor, a conditional use permit will be required. The new design includes 19 units, 21 residential underground parking spaces, and first floor commercial space. Landmarks Commission review: March 2 (Hornblower in press); Plan Commission hearing: April 20. More information and updates: dmna.org/zoningcommittee.
Our Jens Jensen Jewel
By Linell Davis

Characteristic of the late stage of his career, Jens Jensen designed Glencwood Children’s Park on a small piece of donated land that had once been a quarry. It is somewhat hidden from Monroe Street and the Southwest Path, but it is a jewel of landscape design. Members of the Parks and Gardens committee realized this anew when they attended the showing of Carey Lundin’s *Jens Jensen: The Living Green* at the UW Arboretum on January 8*. The film illustrates that Glencwood perfectly embodies Jensen’s design principles.

Jensen greatly admired the landscape of the Midwest and saw that it was being lost with urban development. Jensen-designed parks do not have manicured lawns and exotic plants. They have native plants, free flowing waterways, rock outcroppings, sun openings to create gathering and playing spaces and other elements that evoke wild nature in the city.

Jensen made a connection between nature and the performing arts. In Glencwood’s design he envisioned an elevated outdoor stage at the west rocky ravine adjacent to the audience’s “Player’s Meadow”. This feature was never constructed, but the open lawn at the south end of the park has become a venue for the city-wide summer solstice musical celebration, Make Music Madison. Jensen would be pleased that his council ring is used for bonfire gatherings and performances during winter solstice celebrations. In addition to the council ring, there were four other circular openings intended within the park’s east canopy, reflecting Jensen’s belief that communal gatherings should be egalitarian rather than hierarchical. Two of these spaces are visible – the “Sing Ring” and the “Dancing Ring”. The “Mothers Ring” and a “Clay Modeling” children’s ring don’t currently exist.

True to Jensen’s design principles, Glencwood Children’s Park will allow you intimate contact with nature despite its urban location. The park will delight and surprise you as you move through it and experience it at different times of the year.

*Additional screenings of Carey Lundin’s documentary are being planned for Madison and the film will be shown on PBS in the fall.

Edgewood Transportation continued

Looking for transportation measures in 2008. These are still in effect:

- Shuttle buses from 2 off-site locations bring 74 faculty/staff and 45 students to campus.
- The off-site shuttle is mandated for new hires.
- Edgewood purchased 2000 bus passes for their students this year.
- A biking program offering incentives to those who commute by bike includes free movie tickets, free food on campus, bookstore gift certificates and personal days off for faculty and staff.
- A “Safe Ride Shuttle” from campus to State Street operates Thursday-Saturday nights making 12 runs per night for roughly 560 riders each weekend.
- Students who need cars only on weekends park them at the Westwood Christian Church.
- Parents are asked to discourage their students from bringing cars to campus and freshman cannot park on campus.

Contact Shawn Schey with questions or comments at shawnschey@yahoo.com.

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**who to call to take the chill out of the bill**
The Glenway Prairie site volunteer season is March through October. We meet at the intersection of Glenway and the Southwest Path, behind the Glenway Golf Course, the second Saturday of each month, generally 10:00 a.m.-noon. Spring cleanup and planning will be March 14 and April 11. Garlic mustard weeding begins in earnest April 11 and May 9, along with seasonal prairie burns along the path. We are planning more tours of prairies and rain gardens and events around monarch and bird migrations this summer. If you’ve always been interested in joining us, this is a good season to start. Two prairies and a garden area are well-established, and we are moving on to begin small new areas, hoping for nearby residents’ stewardship of them. This is a perfect solo, small group or family project that can be tailored to your interests and schedules.

We welcome scouting troops, master gardeners, and community service students to all our activities! Contact Sandy Stark, 255-4195 or seystark@wisc.edu. Join us! Volunteers are also invited to work with neighbors from Dudgeon-Monroe and Regent in the gardens surrounding the Prospect Street ramps and stairs to the Southwest Path. Volunteers have transformed about 1,800 square feet of weeds and invasives into beds of prairies flowers, grasses and perennials along with raspberries, strawberries, a rhubarb patch and three cherry trees. Maintenance, including weeding, is now a top priority. Please volunteer to help by attending workdays on the third Saturday of each month starting in April, 9:00 a.m.-noon, weather permitting. Or you can work on your own schedule. You will be making a lasting contribution to our wonderful neighborhoods plus getting to know your neighbors. Please contact Jake Blasczyk, 251-9506 or jblasczyk13@gmail.com. Jake will help you set up your own individual schedule or add you to his email list that announces the scheduled workdays.

In addition, the Parks and Gardens Committee tends 3 greenspaces that would welcome your gardening enthusiasm. To volunteer at the Glenwood Children’s Park south-entry native planting bed or the Leonard Street greenspace, contact Peter Nause, secnatland@yahoo.com. To help at Wingra Park Orchard Garden contact Percy Mather, percy.mather@gmail.com.

Volunteer Gardening Opportunities
Sandy Stark, Jake Blasczyk, Peter Nause

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Recommendations for Your Garden
By Linell Davis

Spring is the time to decide what you want to do about gardening this year. You can make it special with suggestions from our neighborhood gardeners. Sandy Stark has some ideas for attracting birds to your yard. Birds like berries, so consider planting native shrubs like serviceberry, chokeberry or dogwoods. Keep the birds happy through the winter by planting winterberry or sumacs. If Virginia creeper is creeping around your yard, perhaps you should tame it rather than eliminating it, because it produces berries favored by 35 species of birds. Native wildflowers are also attractive to birds. Include asters, coreopsis, sunflowers, black-eyed Susan, and purple coneflowers. Hummingbirds particularly like columbine, lupine and phlox.

The garden that is attractive to birds can also attract bees and butterflies. These pollinators so critical to agriculture are experiencing collapsing populations. Peter Nause reminds us that we can all nurture pollinators by planting native wildflowers. Choose plants that flower at different times to provide nectar and pollen throughout the growing season and plant in clumps.

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Although DMNA Treasurer Julia Billingham has only lived on Sprague Street for two and a half years, she is no stranger to the neighborhood. When she and now-husband Stephen started dating about fifteen years ago, he lived at the end of Arbor Drive and Wingra Park. Julia also grew up in the Vilas and University Heights neighborhoods. She became involved in the DMNA because of the Knickerbocker development. Julia felt “encouraged to see the DMNA provide voice to neighbors’ concerns.” She was then motivated to become Treasurer and serve on both the Zoning and Nominating committees. “I wanted to learn more about and help shape our neighborhood.... I see it as part of my civic and family duty to be involved and to contribute.” She and her family love their location because of natural gems like Lake Wingra, the beautiful older homes, and proximity to shops and restaurants. She appreciates living in a safe neighborhood with a great mix of neighbors. Both new and established neighbors have many opportunities to actively participate in our neighborhood, she feels.

Peter Nause, a more established neighbor, has been acting as the Parks and Gardens Committee chair or co-chair “for almost 10 very rewarding years now.” About 15 years ago, while living on Leonard Street, he got involved with the successful plan to close the street off from Monroe Street. Peter donated his skills as a landscape architect to provide a plan to the city for the newly created greenspace at that site. He donated and planted many of the flowering shrubs. He “really enjoyed the satisfaction of helping make the neighborhood a better place.” Peter made new friendships as he was gardening, which “enabled greater sense of being part of the neighborhood.” Peter also has a deep connection with the Glenwood Children’s Park. The life of the park’s designer, Jens Jensen, inspired him to study landscape architecture.

We are grateful to our new neighbor Julia and our neighbor Peter for tending vital elements of our DMNA Council and our neighborhood.
Moved? Register to Vote!
If you have moved since you last voted, you can register to vote at the polls on Election Day. Early registration is open until 20 days before an election at the City Clerk’s Office. Check online at www.myvote.wi.gov for voter information and registration forms to mail with your proof of residence. Proof of residence is required to register at the polls or for early registration. Go to the Madison City Clerk website, www.cityofmadison.com/election/voter/pre.cfm, for the list of documents you may use for proof of residence. You can also register to vote at any Madison Public Library. The spring election is April 7.

Lock Your Car
Lock your car, don’t leave things out visible in your car and report any thefts immediately to the police at 255-2345. This is the advice of Molly Jean Thompson, South District Community Policing Team, in response to the many thefts from cars reported in the DMNA area in December. If you see someone behaving in an unusual way in your neighborhood, report that as well. If you see a crime being committed call 911.

Don’t provide opportunities for thefts—be proactive!

Colectivo Café to Open in March
Milwaukee-based Colectivo Coffee will open its second Madison location at 2530 Monroe Street in early March. In addition to coffee, tea, microbrews and other café beverages, the shop will offer baked goods, sandwiches, all-day breakfast items and burritos. Colectivo is moving into the space that was formerly occupied by Pasqual’s Cantina Mexican catering kitchen and, previous to that, Pasqual’s restaurant. The original building has been completely renovated to incorporate abundant street-side windows and a skylight in order to bring natural light and outdoor scenery into the café.

Chocolate for a Good Cause
The Monroe Street Merchants Association is sponsoring the sixth annual Monroe Street Chocolate Walk Saturday, April 18, from noon until 4 p.m. Participants in this popular event, which is a fundraiser for Henry Vilas Zoo, are invited to collect chocolates and other treats at more than 15 contributing shops and restaurants lining the 1500-3500 blocks of Monroe Street. Henry the Lion from Henry Vilas Zoo will be on hand. Tickets will go on sale mid-March at Orange Tree Imports, 1721 Monroe Street. Better hurry! Participation is limited to 175 chocolate lovers.

Monroe Street Green Debuts Youtube Video
Monroe Street Green, the Wisconsin Environmental Initiative (WEI) program that helps Monroe Street shops and restaurants proclaim their commitment to environmentally friendly business practices, recently launched its first video on the Monroe Street YouTube channel, https://m.youtube.com/user/MonroeStreetMadison. The video highlights Monroe Street Green as the state’s first Main Street Green business district and profiles member businesses including retail, food-and-beverage and service establishments. Members share examples of their commitment to green practices and sustainability and their fondness for Monroe Street. John Imes, WEI president, invites neighbors to check the Monroe Street YouTube channel every three months or so to view upcoming Monroe Street Green videos profiling additional member businesses.

Monroe Street Crossing Flags
You may have noticed recently that black-and-white flags have joined the red pedestrian-crossing flags in the holders at several crosswalks along Monroe Street. While help in raising the level of awareness of pedestrian safety is welcomed, the black-and-white flags have been removed because they do not meet the specifications set forth by Safe Communities

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Neighborhood News Briefs

Madison-Dane County. If you or someone you know is responsible for the alternate flags and would like them back, or would like to discuss ways to assist the DMNA Transportation Committee with the flag program, please contact Transportation Committee Chair Charlie Crisanti at charlie.crisanti@gmail.com.

Summer Street Construction
Cross Street from Glenway to Copeland is the only street reconstruction/resurfacing scheduled in our neighborhood for work this summer. If approved by the Board of Public Works and Common Council, the estimated start date is June 29, 2015.

Save the Date: Monroe St. Festival
The annual Monroe Street Festival is scheduled for Saturday, October 10. The event is being held a little later than years past, explains Orange Schroeder, chair of the Monroe Street Merchants Association, due to a series of Badger home football games in September. Check the fall Hornblower for details.

Southwest Path Bike Counter
The return of warmer weather will undoubtedly bring out more bicyclists pedaling through the DMNA neighborhood. The Eco-Counter totem, located on the Southwest Path east of Monroe Street, tallies bicyclists that pass over loops embedded in the path. Two counts are displayed on the totem. At the top is the count for the day. The thermometer-type display underneath shows the number of bicyclists that have passed cumulatively for the year. City traffic engineer David Dryer says the counter is a reminder of how many bicyclists there are in Madison and the need to watch for cyclists on all city streets. Installed in October, the Eco-Counter totem is Madison’s first electronic visual bike counter. Numbers show that the Southwest Path through the campus area is one of the busiest paths in the city.

Fox and Coyote Sightings
Reports of foxes and coyotes in urban areas recently have been in the news. If you’ve caught sight of foxes and/or coyotes in the Dudgeon-Monroe neighborhood, please contact The Hornblower, hornblower@dmna.org. Information about sightings is being gathered for a possible article in a future issue of the newsletter.

Over-parked Driveway?
As traffic increases in our neighborhood more drivers are parking on residential streets sometimes making it difficult for residents to maneuver their vehicles in and out of their driveways. City of Madison parking ordinance 072 requires that motor vehicles be parked at least four feet away from the entrance to a driveway, alley, private road or bicycle way. Parking closer than four feet can result in a $30 parking ticket or an $80 fine, if the vehicle is towed. To report a vehicle that is impeding driveway or street access, call the Madison Police Department’s non-emergency dispatch at 266-4275, option 5.

Henry Hart passed away at age 97 on November 12, 2014. Henry and his wife Virginia were co-presidents of DMNA in 1992-1993. They initiated Jazz in the Park as a festival to bring neighbors together. Henry was instrumental in initiating the UW Arboretum Oak Savannah Restoration Project in cooperation with DMNA, facilitating the building of the new boat house and caring for Lake Wingra. He was given the DMNA Lifetime Achievement Award at the 2009 DMNA Annual Meeting, at which he addressed us on the Climate Project based on his training (at age 92!) with Al Gore.

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Sears Mail Order Home in Neighborhood!

By Ann Clark

Marie Trest, who resides at 2310 Monroe St. with her husband Dennis and daughter Rowen, noticed that she kept getting pictures of Sears mail order kit houses when researching a remodeling project. Then the article in the last Hornblower galvanized the family into action.

No Sears stamp has been found yet, but the year of construction must have been 1925, considering the scrawled date and initials on the underside of the tub visible through the plumber’s access door. They have identified their house as the Sears Modern Home Puritan model #3190, a Dutch Colonial Revival listed in 1920’s Sears & Roebuck catalogs. The house was in the “Honor Bilt” line, the highest quality of Sears’ offerings. Its price range was $1,947 to $2,475, depending on options.

The exterior matches the catalog description exactly in dimensions, window placement and style and the entrance roof. Although some windows were replaced, they were custom made to match the old ones. The sun porch was an original option, and it has survived, albeit without its roof railing and windows.

The solid oak front door appears identical to the catalog, and it is clear that the owner chose the more expensive oak trim and floor option ($168 extra). Miraculously, the oak trim still has its dark stain and the original listed French doors survive in base-

ment storage.

The internal room dimensions also match the catalog, and the telephone shelf and the foldout ironing board cupboard advertised have survived. The ironing board is long gone, but the remodeled kitchen has kept its cupboard door for a recessed spice cupboard in the correct location.

Sears’ catalogs offered one-stop shopping. House buyers received everything needed, down to hardware, nails, paint for 3 exterior coats, cupboards, gutters and downspouts. Sears made its houses to be easily assembled by amateurs with meticulous instructions. They simplified construction, and a rectangular block of oak replacing the joint where the baseboard of the stairs meets a landing, still in place here, was a typical nod to amateur carpenters’ need to avoid a tricky mitered joint.

If this inspires you to embark on your own detective hunt, check searsarchives.com for catalog listings and arts.crafts.com/archive/kithome/rt-searskits for search tips. Contact us if you think yours is a Sears Modern Home!
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Walk, Bike or Bus to Summer Camp
By Aileen Nettleton

Are you looking for a summer enrichment experience for your children right in the neighborhood? We are fortunate to have a number of programs within walking or biking range.

Earth Focus Day Camp at the UW Arboretum provides nature programs for children ages 3-14 “to help children develop an understanding of how ecosystems work, nurture a sense of wonder for nature, and guide children as they explore the habitats, plants, and animals of the Arboretum.” Information and registration forms are at uwarboretum.org/education/efdc/.

Monroe Street Arts Center will be holding half-day, weeklong Art Camps for ages 5-7, 8-10 and 11-13. Weekly classes will be held in July and August for preschool children. Summer private music lessons will also be available. To register visit monroestreetarts.org.

Camp Wingra at Wingra Boats offers fishing, canoeing, kayaking and stand-up paddle boarding and river excursions for children grades 1-9. Many sessions were already full at time of press. See details and registration at wingraboats.com/camps.html.

The Edgewood College Summer Science Camp is designed for preschool-grade 8 children: science-outreach.edgewood.edu/pages/camps/childrens-camps.htm.

The UW-Madison Precollege OPTIONS programs offer 1-week programs for students entering middle school or high school. In College for Kids, students entering grade 6 explore science, technology, engineering, arts and math. In College for Kids2 students entering high school explore one academic area. Students completing grades 5-8 may opt for Technology & Arts or Movin’ Minds—Health Careers.

Check http://eop.education.wisc.edu/eop/precollege/options or call 262-4650. Residential Summer Music Clinics are offered for middle school and high school students: continuingstudies.wisc.edu/smcm.

Young Shakespeare Players involves children and youth in practicing and producing plays. See youngshakespeareplayers.org for information and registration.

The Super Hero Summer Reading Program at Monroe Street and Sequoya libraries will keep children involved in enjoying reading and maintaining skills. Children can sign up in June to read books over the summer and get rewards. For a listing of summer events, visit madisonpubliclibrary.org and click “kids” on the navigation bar on the left.

Garden Recommendations continued

Varying colors and shapes helps to attract different pollinators. The monarch butterfly population is particularly threatened and there is a national campaign to save it. You can contribute to this effort by planting milkweed and liatris, commonly known as blazing star or gayfeather.

As you devote more of your yard to perennial plants that support wildlife, enjoy decorative and edible annual plants in containers.

This is the suggestion of master gardener Percy Mather. All you need are containers with drainage holes, potting soil and a commitment to watering. Ideal for apartment dwellers, containers can be moved around to capture the sun and please the eye. Vegetables such as red lettuce, green onions and patio tomatoes are decorative as well as nutritious. You can even eat your flowers if you plant nasturtium.

However you decide to make gardening special this year, enjoy the process.
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Edgewood College

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Monday, March 23, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Sequoia Library

DMNA COUNCIL MEETINGS
Wednesdays, April 8, May 6, 6:45 p.m.
Wingra School Library

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PROSPECT GARDEN WORK DAYS
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