

The STOP SIGNS That Started It All

The DMNA celebrates 50 years

By Renie Schapiro and Ann Clark, Hornblower Committee

This year, we celebrate the Dudgeon Monroe Neighborhood Association (DMNA)'s 50th birthday as the vibrant community organization that represents some 1500 households. Maybe there's some fudging about its age, however. You could date its origin earlier, when neighbors came together around safety for their children and sowed the seeds of today's DMNA.

In the early 1970s, young couples, many of them with professional husbands and stay-at-home moms, flocked to homes on Gregory Street. But Gregory was a thoroughway for drivers avoiding the stop-and-go traffic of Monroe Street. Parents were concerned about speeding and the safety of their kids.

They invited city traffic officials to come to Gregory Street to discuss installing stop signs to slow traffic. Dozens

of parents and kids showed up to meet the city officials, but the officials said no to stop signs. The determined neighbors organized a petition, and two of them, Rick Friday and Burt Wagner, went to the traffic department to deliver it. Friday recalls that the official there told them that only organizations, not individuals, could submit petitions. "I blurted out, 'We are the Gregory Street Neighborhood Association,'" Friday said. "I made it up on the spot." The petition was accepted. Neighborhood moms with strollers and little children packed a city meeting where the stop signs were on the agenda. And they got those stop signs installed.

The neighbors were flush with victory when they took on another community concern: the Dudgeon school had just been "decommissioned." Instead of kids attending a school a few blocks away,

the kids would have to spread out to two schools, each more than a mile away.

It was this campaign that led to creation of the official Dudgeon Monroe Neighborhood Association in 1973. The first four presidents were the stay-at-home moms who had been working hard on neighborhood issues. They relied on resident Rebecca Young, a groundbreaking civic leader, who shared her political savvy from her time on the Madison School Board. Two of these early leaders, Shirley Lake and Sally Miley, took their first step out of the homemaker role in political careers.



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Our Role in Resisting Climate Change

By Linell Davis, Hornblower Committee

The intensity of the evidence just keeps increasing to the point that even the most complacent among us cannot deny that climate change is here now. No one of us can do it alone, but one way or another most of us have enlisted in the battle to

fight against it. Governments, businesses and organizations at all levels are also engaged and what we do in our small pieces of the world often parallels what we see happening in these larger systems.

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From the President, Diego Saenz

What a special summer this has been! I'm so excited that DMNA is not only sponsoring the First Fridays at Lake Wingra this summer, but we also piloted DMNA providing beer. I'm so thankful to Tyler Leeper and Annemarie Maitri for starting First Fridays last year and for making it even better this year. We are so pleased that they reached out about sponsoring the event and that our support has helped it continue and keep getting better.

I've loved meeting friends and new folks at Wingra during these events; this is what makes our neighborhood so special. I also really like having more bite-sized events like these. While big events are great, if it happens to rain on that day, it can be really tough. It's also so inspiring to see more of a spirit of being able to try things when it feels like the stakes are lower at smaller, more frequent events.

At the First Fridays people have shared interesting ideas for new projects they have observed in other neighborhoods that we might want to shamelessly copy. Do you have an idea for something we could try in our neighborhood? Is there something you've seen and thought: Why don't we do that in DMNA? Are you already doing something awesome and think DMNA might be able to help? Reach out to me and let's talk!

Fall Membership Drive and Directories

By Kathy Engebretsen, Membership Chair

We are pleased to report that under the leadership of Catherine Jagoe the new neighborhood directory will be ready for distribution this fall. DMNA budgeted to cover copies for all residents. Our last issue was printed in 2018 and everyone has been eager to have more up-to-date information in a hard copy form.

Our team of block captains will again visit all households to deliver the directories, collect annual dues of \$12, and ask about updating membership information. Many options for payment are accepted - the use of PayPal is especially helpful. You may use the QR code printed on the back of this newsletter or on each membership form. The link to our website <https://dmna.org/PayDues> will allow you to complete that process as well.

Your dues support many DMNA activities: publication and delivery of the quarterly Hornblower, social events such as the 4th of July Children's Parade, First Fridays at Lake Wingra, Winter Solstice and the September Good Neighbor Gathering, and maintenance of nearby parks and gardens by volunteers. We can always use more volunteers if you have time to spare in the coming year. Our website provides contact information of committee chairs. We currently have several block captain vacancies and prompt delivery of the directories will only be possible with a few extra volunteers. Contact Kathy Engebretsen at kae610@att.net for more information.

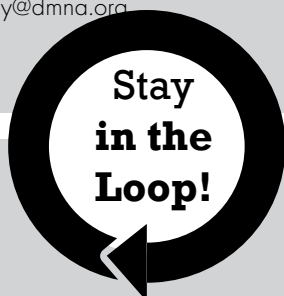
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Mark your calendar for Sunday, September 10, noon to 5 p.m., for the “kiddapalooza” of area festivals: The Madison Good Neighbor Gathering (GNG)! Last year we were rained out but this year we hope the weather gods will be kind to us. For the third year, Brittingham Park will be the place for fun, food and friendship. Coordinated by the Neighborhood House Community Center and sponsored by seven neighborhood associations (Baycreek, Bayview, Dudgeon Monroe, Greenbush, Monona Bay, Triangle and Vilas), this public event is open to all. Kids and families will enjoy a dual inflatable slide, dance classes, games, Wild Rumpus circus activities, lots of music (including Don’t Mess with Cupid), a bike parade, food carts and much more. Thanks to the support of DMNA and Vilas neighborhood associations, as well as many businesses in the Monroe Street, Regent Street and Park Street areas, this event is free and open to the public. If you would like to help keep

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12-5 pm

this event free, we are looking for additional financial donations and volunteers. For information on where to make donations and how you can get involved go to neighborhoodhousemadison.org/madison-good-neighbor-gathering/

See you at the GNG—cross your fingers for sunny skies!

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We had another very successful 4th of July Children’s Parade and Celebration. This was thanks to many volunteers and donations from our sponsors. Special thanks to our crew leaders: Marie Trest (games), Amy Williamson (parade), Allison Malacek (food/beverage), and Lisa Grueneberg (general coordination), and to the many people donating their time and items the day of the event. We are grateful to our sponsors: DMNA, Chocolate Shoppe Ice Cream, Trader Joe’s, Emily Balsley Illustration, Thrivent and Monroe Street Family Dental.

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Stop Signs



And Dudgeon school? A political compromise kept the school from being sold to a developer. Instead, nonprofit education-related tenants occupied the building. Wingra School eventually bought the building, and the land is a public park owned by the city.

Today the DMNA is governed by a volunteer council and committees addressing various local concerns. It supports this quarterly neighborhood newsletter, The Hornblower, a website, dmna.org, and an e-newsletter, dmnanews.

As only the second neighborhood association in the city to pivot from sponsoring social events and Santa visits to advocating for the neighborhood with city officials, working to improve our amenities and building a spirit of neighborliness, the DMNA was pioneering.

Future articles in The Hornblower will examine how, over the last 50 years, the DMNA has helped build and sustain the neighborhood we value today.

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Climate Change

As an example, Dane County reports ongoing programs to keep our lakes clean by removing sludge and phosphorus from lakes and streams. Some of us echo and support the county's efforts by reducing phosphorus-hungry grass in our yards in favor of rain gardens and other measures that reduce damaging runoff from our property. The county reduces flood risk by removing debris from rivers. We reduce flood risk by using a rain barrel or using permeable materials for driveways and walkways. Dane County has been working to trap carbon by converting land into pasture and prairie. We see our neighbors replacing their grass with prairie and introducing plants that are friendly to birds and bees.

The county reduces emissions with 33,000 solar panels on a 90-acre solar farm. In the neighborhood we do see some solar panels installed on roofs and we even see clothes hung out on a line to dry. To further reduce their carbon footprint, some residents have dispensed with the family's second car or moved to electric or hybrid cars. We have reports that people are turning off air conditioning in favor of more natural cooling methods. In winter people are setting the thermostat back and paying more attention to energy-saving insulation, furnaces and appliances.

Watching the news about climate change can be disheartening, but when we look around for what we personally can do, it is easier to be hopeful. We can observe what our neighbors are doing, and we can get ideas by looking at what government agencies and companies are doing.





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On Hot and Sticky Days, Things, & Habits

~notes from your Path and Parks Gardeners

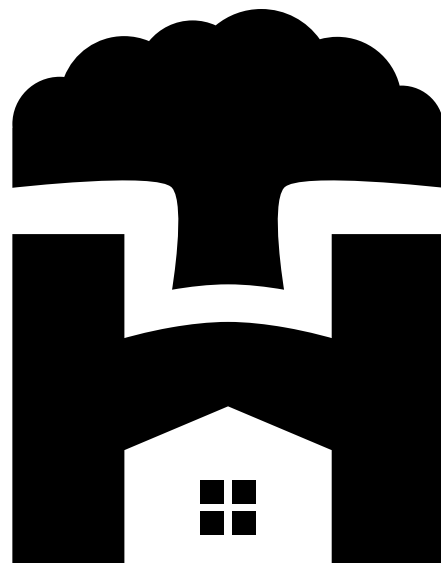
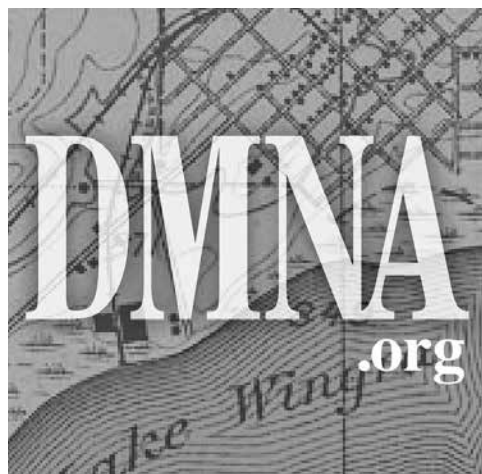
By Sandy Stark, Parks and Gardens Co-chair, SW Path Co-chair

It's been a long, dry summer. Though we don't have to water well-established native gardens, (yes, a blatant plug and pun), what DMNA volunteers DO have to do is weed. All summer, Prospect Gardens volunteers met on selected Saturdays to do just that, and a few self-selected Odana and Glenway area volunteers piled brush or plants at various places along the SW Path for city pickup. This year, DMNA mostly targeted aggressive birdsfoot trefoil, burdock, buckthorn and hedge parsley.

You might have these in your terraces or yards, and think them just fine. After all, they have lovely, bright yellow blossoms (birdsfoot), or tall leafy stems with clusters of, first, lovely purple flowers that turn into brown burrs (burdock), or clumps of carrot-like lacy stems with small white blossoms (hedge parsley). All good, right?

But as they spread, they will displace or take space that could support native plants that absorb stormwater and sustain pollinators. And in all cases, those late summer burdock burrs will stick to and injure unsuspecting critters—birds, insects, mammals (you and your dogs) and be carried by them elsewhere.

For more on these plants, go online: dnr.wi.gov and ipaw.org. Or stop and ask us when we are working. Or do a good deed and bag and toss burrs (into your own) trash when you find some, will you? And thanks!



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Neighborhood News Briefs

By Sonia Newmark, Hornblower Committee



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It is exciting to welcome many new businesses to Monroe Street, as well as celebrate longstanding traditions. Saturday, September 9 is the 45th annual Monroe Street Festival. For details on all of the Monroe Street events and festivals, go to monroestreetmadison.com, as well as social media.

Keep an eye out for the Saturday workshops at the Monroe Street Public Library. Some for all ages, and some just for children, workshops have featured painting and printmaking among other activities.

The Monroe Street Guidebook is out. Pick up a copy at one of your local businesses.

Saturday, September 9 is the **45th Monroe Street Festival**. Come join a day of festivities: special events and sales in almost all of the businesses, performances, special foods, Library Book Sale, and much more. The Monroe Street Library will also hold its annual book sale, selling gently used books, CDs and DVDs.

Trick or Treat on Monroe Street is **Saturday and Sunday, October 28 and 29**. And don't miss the **Monroe Street Dog Costume Parade, Sunday, October 29!**

MMOCA Gallery Night is on **First Friday, November 3**. Many Monroe Street businesses, open later than

usual, will feature artists, wine, special foods, demonstrations, activities and performances.

Saturday, November 25 is **Small Business Saturday**. Support our local Monroe Street businesses, start holiday shopping, and dine in one or more of our local eateries.

Holiday Glow on Monroe is **Friday and Saturday, December 1 and 2**.

The Elf Door Scavenger Hunt will take place throughout the month of **December**.



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OPENINGS

Lallande (1859 Monroe St.), the family-run, European inspired bistro that Annemarie Maitri and Mark Pavlovich have created is now open next door to their Bloom Bake Shop. They are accepting reservations Wednesday - Saturday 4:00-10:00 p.m., through RESY, which can be accessed through their website lallandemadison.com.

One and Only (1923 Monroe St.), the new local eatery in the former Brasserie V space, is the latest of Tim Thompson and Stephani Dalbesio's restaurants. The large open windows are welcoming; dinner, lunch and brunch are served, as well as a daily happy hour and Friday night fish fry.

Turkish Kitchen, formerly at 749 South Gammon Rd., is moving to 2616 Monroe St. (formerly Tin Fox). They are hoping to be open mid-August.

I'm Board! Games and Family Fun is moving from Middleton to 1839 Monroe St. (formerly Hair) and planning to open September 1st.

Camp Cantina (1501 Monroe St., former HotelRed space), serving Mexican food, is scheduled to open at the end of the summer.

Spring is the new name for Pilates on Harrison (710 Harrison St).

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From Our Alder, Tag Evers

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As I noted in a recent blog post, Madison's housing crisis is much in the news lately. A draft version of the 2023 Housing Snapshot Report was released recently and here are some of the highlights:

- The city is seeing a loss in lower-income households and a gain in higher-income households.
- The newest units being built are among the least affordable, due primarily to the high cost of land and rising construction costs.
- The rental vacancy rate is well below healthy levels.
- Renting households at multiple income levels are competing for the more affordable units in the housing market.
- Increasing numbers of high-income households are moving to the city and

competing for high-end and middle-tier housing, driving up housing costs.

- Over 11,000 low-income households are "renting up" and over 13,000 high-income households are "renting down." In other words, our housing market is squeezed at both ends due to a shortage of market-rate and income-restricted units.

The Housing Snapshot Report confirms what I've been saying for some time now. We need a lot more housing at all price levels, and that includes market-rate housing. If we fail to build enough housing, the existing housing stock will continue to get bid up in price. But it's also true that we cannot build our way out of this crisis. The speculative real estate market cannot build what the average renter needs. Consequently, the city must expand its investments in affordable housing.

That's why we need to see our city's housing crisis as a local emergency. Lately, I've called for an Affordable Housing Task Force, but Mayor Satya prefers we work through the existing Housing Strategy Committee. I'm okay with this provided we charge this committee to research the various impediments to expanding affordable housing and propose solutions to overcome these impediments.

I firmly believe we are at a crossroads. Housing is central to our other challenges around sustainability, public safety, and the health of our public schools. We cannot kick this problem down the road. Accordingly, I will continue to push for more affordable housing in District 13, particularly along our transit corridors - Regent, S. Park and Monroe Streets - doing our part as Madison grows into the future.

Signposts to History: Origins of our Street Names (part 3)

By Ann Clark, History Committee

Breese Terrace: Breese J. Stevens, 1834-1903, was a lawyer, an associate of William F. Vilas, Mayor of Madison 1884-1885, a University of Wisconsin regent, and a real estate developer. In 1893 he sold 106 acres of land west of Camp Randall to the University Heights Company and became a director of the company.

Glenwood Street: a blend of glen and wood for the area now occupied by Glenwood Park

Harrison Street: Named for Benjamin Harrison, U.S. President 1889-1893

Odana Road: the Chippawa word for village

Prospect Avenue: because it ascends to a fine view in University Heights

Sheldon Street: for Russell A. Sheldon, 1822-1907, who owned a farm in the area

Spooner Street: John Coit Spooner, 1843-1919, was a lawyer, UW Regent, State Assemblyman, and a U.S. Senator from

1885-1891 and 1897-1907

Sprague Street: Ray Sprague Owen, 1878-1967, was a UW professor who surveyed land in this area.

Terry Place: Jared H. Terry, 1838-1923, was a schoolteacher and superintendent in southern Wisconsin. He retired and came to Madison to live with his son in 1889.

Western Avenue: for its time as the boundary line for the western edge of Madison around 1915.

West Lawn Avenue: for the subdivision started about 1903 to replace the West Lawn Farm owned by H.C. Adams.

Woodrow Street – is in the Edgewood Park subdivision next to the Edgewood property owned by the Dominican Sisters. It was first named Linden for the American basswood tree. In 1913 the Madison Common Council ordered the name changed to prevent duplication with other streets named Linden. The developer, John C. McKenna, probably

chose Woodrow for a row of trees – a wood row.

Wyota Avenue – probably for Wiota, a village in southwestern Wisconsin. Wiota was apparently an Indian place name, but its meaning is unknown.

JUST IN: Briar Hill Road: named after the subdivision between Odana and Western dubbed Briar Hill when it was still outside the city limits. The hill had many briar bushes.

We still don't know the origin of the following street names in the neighborhood: Commonwealth, Copeland, Cross, Leonard, Minakwa, Roberts Court or Stockton Court. If you can shed some light on any of them, or have a good story about early years, contact Ann Clark, 608-238-5612.



Meet a DMNA Council Member

Lisa Grueneberg

By Inger Stole, Hornblower Committee

"I love this neighborhood," says Lisa Grueneberg, as we sit on her porch on a lovely summer morning. After spending her early childhood on Sheldon Street, and living in several other Madison neighborhoods, she moved back to the Dudgeon Monroe neighborhood in 2007, feeling that the circle had finally closed.

Initially, the tasks of raising two children and working as a senior computer scientist at Epic consumed most of her time, but she did find time for walks in the neighborhood, continuing her childhood fascination with its older buildings, landmarks, and their histories. Although DMNA had published a printed guide about these sites, it was impractical to carry around. Lisa's solution was to develop an app with almost 100 markers that indicated historical sites, including famous homes and landmarks, the origins of street names and local businesses. By scanning a QR code, you can access the details.



the Association's website as well as editing a weekly e-newsletter. She is constantly on the outlook for issues that "people care about," and she welcomes suggestions from community members. Lisa has also been working on updating DMNA's website, which is scheduled to launch later this fall.

Lisa thrives on "bringing diverse groups of people together," and finds "community building to be very energizing." In addition to her DMNA work, she was recently elected to the Friends of Lake Wingra's Board of Directors. When asked what motivates her impressive involvement with neighborhood-related issues, Lisa confesses to thriving on "being in the know" but she quickly points to the relentless, inspiring, and ongoing efforts by long-term DMNA leaders. It is her wish to help carry the torch.

It did not take long before Lisa's love of the neighborhood - and technological prowess - earned her an invitation to join the DMNA Council, where she currently serves as chair of the history and communication committees. The latter involves responsibility for

Lisa wishes more people would discover the benefits of becoming active in DMNA because "we need diversity and involvement from neighbors from all walks of life." An easy way to get a sense of what is happening is to zoom into a DMNA Council Meeting (details on page 12). The discussions might spark ideas and possibly encourage more neighbors to become involved.

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