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Change is Coming to the Neighborhood

By Linell Davis, Hornblower Committee

Monroe Street has been designated a transit corridor, so our neighborhood will feel the full impact of the Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Overlay Plan approved by the Common Council in January (see page 3).

Most of us recognize the looming threat of climate change, the injustice of economic inequality that results in a shortage of affordable housing, and the environmental destruction that comes from paving over farmland to build more suburban housing. Given these realities we can see that the zoning and transit changes we are facing represent good policy. Intellectually we know that we need to use our cars less and we know that people who live in high density urban areas have a lower carbon footprint than people who live in the suburbs.

Even so, when we delve into the details of what the city is doing, we worry about what these changes mean for our quality of life. Our concerns include parking problems, increased noise, and loss of privacy. No one can promise you a trouble-free transition to the new urban landscape. Change can be hard. It usually takes time and ingenuity to adapt.

Madison anticipates adding 100,000 people to its population between 2020 and 2050. If this growth is pushed to the outskirts, we will have more traffic congestion and greater negative environmental impacts. To prevent this, the city promises improved bus service and promotes higher density development

near the city center. The idea is to slow the increase in traffic, reduce suburban sprawl, reduce emissions, and reduce driving's negative impact on the environment. With more multi-use development, people should be able to meet their daily needs closer to home. It provides the opportunity to create more affordable housing close to transit. It means more space for people and less space for cars.

The city of Madison has given us a structure to enable us to move to a more sustainable future. While it may not be the future you were hoping for, it is the future our community requires.

... and DMNA is Engaged

By Josh Napravnik, Chair,
DMNA Zoning Committee

As the City of Madison grows, our neighborhood will inevitably see more development and zoning proposals. DMNA's Zoning Committee has established four priorities for the Dudgeon Monroe neighborhood to help guide our responses whenever changes are proposed.

1. Walkability and public transit.

We value the ability to walk to nearby businesses and to increase or maintain the walkability of our neighborhood. We also value Monroe Street's role as a transit corridor and want proposals that enable safe, reliable public transit.

2. Sustainability. We appreciate Dudgeon Monroe's proximity to nature and recognize the impending threat of climate change. We would like to prioritize sustainable development to protect our environment.

3. Affordability. We know that Dudgeon Monroe is one of the wealthier neighborhoods in Madison, and want to increase its affordability to make it accessible.

4. Economic vitality. We value the Dudgeon Monroe business community and support proposals that foster a thriving business district.

You'll see that we did not include many items that come up frequently in zoning discussions such as parking, building height, and others. They were deemed of lower priority. This will help us decide between trade-offs, for example, when more above-ground parking spots would lead to reduced green space.

We don't always agree as a Zoning Committee or as a neighborhood, but I value the opportunity to come together to establish our core values and debate how to improve our neighborhood. If you have thoughts on your list, we would welcome your ideas at zoning@dmna.org.

DMNA Annual Meeting

Sunday, April 16, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.

The business meeting and election of officers will be conducted via Zoom.

Check dmnanews@dmna.org for details



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Membership Drive Results

By Kathy Engebretsen, Membership Committee Chair

Thanks to many conscientious Area Reps and Block Captains, our membership numbers this fall were very close to the previous year. Dues income totaled \$9,132 representing 761 residents who contributed \$12 either by PayPal, cash or check. We are grateful to the many who chose PayPal since we have to spend far less time tabulating and depositing money.

There were many generous donors who gave a total of \$2,916 in addition to their dues. The current budget did allocate an amount from funds on hand for printing a new directory; new donations may be used to offset any unexpected expenses related to the directory. The membership database has now been updated to reflect changes submitted prior to January 1.

Join the Hornblower Team

Become a co-editor and help shape the messages that arrive four times a year when the Hornblower is delivered to 1600 mailboxes in the Dudgeon Monroe neighborhood. In our world of increasing internet communication, this printed newsletter reaches people across the full spectrum of digital involvement. Bring your experiences, ideas and talents to serve our special community. To learn more, reach out to hornblower@dmna.org.

STREET NAMES: A signpost to local history

By Ann Clark, DMNA History Committee

Street names in the neighborhood illuminate bits of Madison and DMNA neighborhood history. We offer you the first historical installment here.

We will continue the alphabetical list in our next issue. We have no information on nine street names so if you know anything on the origins of Briar Hill, Commonwealth, Copeland, Crandall, Cross, Lewis, Minakwa, Prospect or Wyota, please contact Ann Clark of the DMNA History Committee at 608-238-5612.

Arbor: The street takes its name from the adjacent Arboretum.

Baltzell: John R. Baltzell (1827-1893) was City Attorney and Police Justice. In 1879 he was elected Mayor. Originally from Fredericktown, Maryland, he graduated from Princeton University and then came to Madison to practice law.

Breese: Breese J. Stevens (1834-1903) was also a Madison mayor.

Chapman: Dr. Chandler Burnell Chapman was an associate of Leonard W. Gay, who owned and developed much of the land from Commonwealth Avenue to Dudgeon School.

Edgewood: The street was named after Edgewood Villa, a Catholic girls' school founded in 1881.

Fox: Dr. Philip Fox (1840-1932) was a Madison physician and surgeon, whose family came from Indiana to Dane County in a covered wagon in 1843. During the Civil War, he was a surgeon with the Second Wisconsin Infantry Division.

Gilmore: The Rev. Frank A. Gilmore (1865-1919) was a Unitarian minister in Maine, Massachusetts and Madison. He served on the library board and the hospital board.

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Transit Network Redesign – New System

By DMNA Transportation Committee and Michael Schneider, Chair

The first of many modifications to Metro Transit is set to go into place this summer. Each of these modifications will have a significant impact on how Madison residents travel around the City of Madison, but collectively these initiatives have an opportunity to revolutionize transit in the Madison area. The initiative that will alter the Metro system this summer is the Transit Network Redesign, with new schedules to be released later this spring.

One of the biggest changes for DMNA residents is that the Monroe Street weekday headway (time between buses) will decrease from 30 minutes to 15 minutes, what the city is defining as a “Frequent” route. This is one of the key concepts of a network with an emphasis on ridership: a larger percentage of the limited available resources is used to improve the frequency of key routes. This improves efficiency and aims to maximize accessibility, defined as the

number of places one can get to in a set timeframe. Monroe Street, like Whitney Way, University Avenue, and Park Street, is one of the key backbones of the transit system. Providing more resources to the route along Monroe Street will increase frequency, one piece of the entire network aimed to improve accessibility. More information on the study, tradeoffs of the ridership selection, and draft maps can be found on the city’s website.

Efficiency thrives when a transit agency can focus scarce resources on a limited number of key routes, and thus it is advantageous for a municipality expecting population growth to incorporate land use goals that support pedestrian-focused development

along key transit routes. The city’s Transit-Oriented Development initiative aims to do just that, by selectively modifying zoning constraints to permit compact development around its key transit routes. While these modifications may be minor, they have the potential to create a reality where the city can support pedestrian-oriented development with high quality transit. More information on TOD can be found in the Winter 2022 edition of the Hornblower.

Future Metro Initiatives

- Fleet Electrification
(Ongoing; 50% Zero-Emission Buses by 2035)
- Fare Technology Upgrades (Expected 2023-2024)
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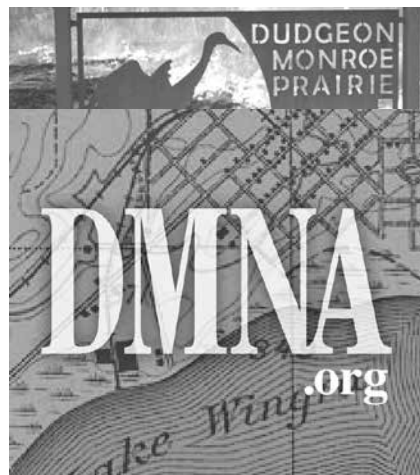
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SCOOP, BAG, AND TRASH IT

By Peg Davis

Our pets give us a whole lot of love—and poop. Bryan Johnson, recycling coordinator and public information officer for the City of Madison Streets Division, says that in 2021 Dane County's trash included an estimated 1,815.6 tons of animal waste.

Pick it up

The City of Madison requires that dog owners to pick up pet waste and seal it in a waterproof bag. It's important to properly dispose of pet feces because they can spread diseases to humans. You and others, including kids, can become infected by simply touching the soil where the poop sat. Coliform and salmonella bacteria, norovirus, and parasites such as roundworms, hookworms, tapeworms and other organisms can be spread by dog waste. These threats to human health can live in the soil for years. Always wash your hands after you have had close contact with animal feces.

Put it in your bin

Always take your poop bag home with you and put it in your tan City of Madison trash bin. Do not put the poop-filled bag in a

streetside litter container, a metal barrel in a park, or sneak it into residential trash bins that are set out on the curb for collection. Johnson, of the Streets Department, agrees that it can be inconvenient, even nasty, to trek home with a full bag, but he describes the odor that emanates from trash bins on warm days as "spectacularly foul" and adds that some residents want to keep their bins clean. Please respect your neighbors' sensibilities and dispose of waste in your own tan bin.

Don't flush

Pollution prevention specialist Emily Jones of the Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District cautions Madison residents against flushing dog feces down the toilet because MMSD doesn't have the capacity to deal with large amounts of solid waste. Cat feces and litter should never be flushed because they can potentially contain the parasite toxoplasma that can survive the wastewater treatment process. Toxoplasmosis can have grave health consequences for unborn children of infected mothers and individuals with weak immune systems.



Maia and her family always properly dispose of Bart's bagged dog waste in their tan trash bin.

Photo by Peg Davis



BE READY TO VOTE APRIL 4

By Jake Dean, Hornblower Co-editor

Wisconsin's 2023 Spring Election is on Tuesday, April 4, so make sure you're familiar with the candidates and your voting options. Offices on the ballot are Madison Mayor, District 13 Alder and one State Supreme Court justice.

Make your voting plan.

Make sure you are registered to vote at www.myvote.wi.gov.

Vote Absentee By Mail

If you are registered to vote at your current address, request an absentee ballot at

myvote.wi.gov. Make sure to follow all included instructions carefully to ensure your vote is counted, and allow sufficient time for your ballot to reach the City Clerk's office. You may also bring your ballot to an in-person absentee voting location or your polling place on election day.

OR In-Person Absentee Voting (also known as 'Early Voting')

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

OR Vote at the Polls on Election Day

Find your local polling place at cityofmadison.com/clerk/where-do-i-vote. Make sure your polling place has not changed since the last election. You must bring approved voter ID.

Additional information on registration and voting can be found at cityofmadison.com/clerk/elections-voting or myvote.wi.gov.

**SEE YOU AT THE
POLLS, CITIZENS!**

DMNA PATH Gardens Survey

by Jake Blasczyk, Co-Chair, Southwest Path Committee

Ninety-one people completed a December 2022 online survey about Prospect Gardens, Glenway Prairie and Dudgeon-Monroe Prairie. Volunteers have cared for these areas for over 20 years. We now face a shortage of volunteers, and the current crew chiefs, who recruit and direct volunteers, are aging out.

Here are the major survey “take-aways.” Between 70 and 79 % respondents highly valued one or more of the native areas. These quotes show why.

“... very important as models of native plantings, and wise ecological use of land, not to mention, very beautiful.”

“... helps make the Path look like prairie-style parkland rather than a plain asphalt path bordered by an ugly tangle of overgrown nuisance weeds and brush.”

“I smile every time I ride my bike past them.”

Respondents cited what motivates them to volunteer in planted areas.

“Desire to contribute to the well-being of the neighborhood, plus love to develop and maintain prairie gardens”

“I love the neighborhood and it only works if everyone pitches in.”

They also stated challenges to volunteering. More people (58) are unlikely to volunteer in the near future than likely (33). Top three reasons are (1) volunteering elsewhere, (2) health issues and aging, and (3) little free time because of jobs, kids and family.

Worth noting: 56 of these respondents are willing to contribute cash annually for two years to compensate a hired coordinator of volunteers. Annual contributions ranged, but averaged \$81.00. Contact jblasczyk13@gmail.com for the complete report.



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Neighborhood News Briefs

By Sonia Newmark, Hornblower Committee

Big news for Monroe Street!

“**Grow on Monroe**” is a new campaign to “grow” businesses on Monroe Street, and it is receiving a huge boost with a \$17,000 grant from the City of Madison! The Monroe Street Merchants Association applied for this one-time grant in September, from the City of Madison. The grant is through the State and Local Recovery Funds, which are a component of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

The funds will help the existing businesses that are still recovering from the pandemic, as well as encourage new businesses. Planning is underway for a new Monroe Street spring event to kick off “Grow on Monroe”. This year’s event will be held in conjunction with Earth Day, on Saturday, April 22 - watch for details including music and other festivities. Other projects being planned are banners and planters for Monroe Street, as well as increased visibility/awareness for Monroe Street as a destination - locally as well as for visitors to Madison.

First Friday, the first Friday evening of the month, continues with special events

and refreshments at many Monroe Street businesses.

Spring Gallery Night will take place Friday, May 5 from 5:00-9:00 p.m. As the date draws near, watch for details of what is taking place in the many participating Monroe Street businesses.

Serendipity Saturday is a drop-in art activity at the Monroe Street Library (1705 Monroe Street). Two Saturdays a month (not always the same Saturdays) the Library will be hosting art activities for kids. The Monroe Street Library League has given money for this project as well as to “freshen” up some of the furniture inside the library.

Arty Party, the annual fundraiser for the Monroe Street Art Center (1732 Monroe Street), is taking place on Friday, April 21, 6:30-9:30 p.m. The money raised, benefits financial assistance scholarships.

As you walk, shop and dine on Monroe Street, remember that you can always check for upcoming events on the Monroe Street Merchants Association website (monroestreetmadison.com), as well as those of individual businesses.

Openings

Torn Edge Arts Metalsmith Studio (1639 Monroe St.) is opening at the beginning of February. Sue Moberly, a retired Madison art teacher of many years, is missing teaching so she is opening up studio space to teach classes. To begin with, classes in metal smithing and stained glass will be offered on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Keep an eye out for the classes you want to take!

One and Only is a new American Bistro coming to the old Brasserie V space (1923 Monroe Street). They are hoping to be open in the late spring/early summer. More of the exciting details will follow as they get closer to their opening.

Chabad Madison Jewish Center (1713 Monroe Street) is coming to Monroe Street. They are currently fundraising, and hope to break ground on their new building this year.

Thanks to Orange Schroeder

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Glenway: This street is named for the Glen, now Glenwood Children’s Park. It was once called Swaine Road, for the Swain family who owned the Plough Inn at one time.

Gregory: Jared Comstock Gregory (1823-1892) was a New York lawyer who came to Madison in 1858. He was elected mayor in 1873, served as a University of Wisconsin regent for 12 years, ran unsuccessfully for Congress in 1881, and was Postmaster of Madison during the first term of President Cleveland.

Keyes: Elisha W. “Boss” Keyes was appointed postmaster by President Lincoln in 1861 and was an influential head of the State Republican Party just before the turn of the 20th century. Keyes also served as a regent of the University of Wisconsin, assemblyman in the Wisconsin legislature, and municipal judge. He was a stockholder in the West Lawn Company that developed the area bounded by Breese Terrace and Commonwealth, Regent and Monroe.

FACES OF MONROE STREET:

Mystery to Me: A Monroe Street Bookstore

By Inger Stole, Hornblower Committee



For as long as she can remember, Joanne Berg nurtured a dream of owning a bookstore.

A little over a

decade ago, just as she was retiring from a top administrative position at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, she learned that Booked for Murder, a bookstore on Farley Street, was closing. Encouraged by her wife, Joanne decided to “take the plunge.”

She then bought the store’s inventory and started looking for a location. The landlord of what would soon become Mystery to Me was eager to see a bookstore back on Monroe Street, and Joanne, who lives within walking distance from Monroe Street, was delighted to become part of the community. After a few hectic months, Mystery to Me welcomed its first customers on June 15, 2013.

Joanne praises her customers for their “phenomenal” support, particularly during Covid and the reconstruction of Monroe Street that challenged accessibility. She is also vocal in her appreciation of the staff at Mystery to Me, particularly Jayne Rowsam, who has been with the bookstore since its early days.

While Mystery to Me still caters to devoted mystery readers, less than half of the store’s offerings are mystery books. The rest of the constantly expanding inventory is divided between fiction and nonfiction titles,

with Barbara Kingsolver’s “Demon Copperhead” presently topping the bestseller list. The work of curating the inventory to reflect the patrons’ interests is an ongoing task, which Joanne and her staff find quite enjoyable. Thanks

to a grant, Mystery to Me is in the process of expanding the bookstore’s children’s section, allowing for more titles and book-related activities for kids. Another grant

from the City of Madison will allow Joanne to upgrade the store’s interior lighting and spruce up its exterior.

Mystery to Me also hosts a series of book-related events that are accessible online for those unable to make it in person, and a subscription program where patrons buy a 3, 6 or 12-month book subscription. The books are carefully selected to reflect the individual recipient’s tastes and interests. This is truly a gift for the person who has everything!

Mystery to Me is located at 1863 Monroe Street. Store hours are Tuesday - Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The website is mysterytomebooks.com. Make sure to stop by!



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Edgewood Athletic Field –

The Last Chapter?

By Daryl Sherman, Marc Gartler and Tom Huber, members of the DMNA Edgewood Liaison Committee

Edgewood high school failed to prove that the City of Madison discriminated against it when it sought to install stadium lights for nighttime competitions. That was the ruling by a U.S. District Court on Edgewood's lawsuit which was based on religious grounds.

The DMNA is pleased with this outcome. Lights on Edgewood's field would have extended competitive use of the field beyond daylight hours, leading to and extending disruption for our neighborhood. For decades, the field was used for "practices" by mutual agreement between Edgewood and adjacent neighborhood associations. That changed in 2020, when the Edgewood Campus Master Plan was repealed. Since that time, neighbors have experienced much greater levels of noise associated with competition rather than practice. Extending that use beyond daylight hours is something that DMNA will continue to oppose.

After a denial in 2021 by the Common Council, the school turned to federal court. Edgewood argued that the city approved lights at Madison Memorial High School and at UW-Madison's tennis stadium and that this was proof that the city was favoring secular over religious institutions. The decision denying the lawsuit can be found at <http://bit.ly/3HAC15s> and includes an excellent account of the history of past joint neighborhood-Edgewood planning efforts leading up to the court ruling. DMNA has learned that Edgewood is appealing the decision.

DMNA appreciates the time, efforts, and support of the Zoning Board of Appeals, Plan Commission, Common Council, city staff, and Alder Tag Evers as Edgewood pursued the lawsuit and continues to press on with an appeal.

From Our Alder, Tag Evers

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At our January 17 meeting, Common Council approved the new Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Overlay District. The overlay makes sense as we seek to manage our city's rapid growth. The goal is to increase density along our high-frequency transit routes, which include Monroe Street. Nonetheless, the change was controversial as some residents expressed fears about what this policy change would bring to their neighborhoods.

It's understandable that perceived threats to our single-family neighborhoods would cause alarm. However, change is inevitable in our growing city. Over time, we should expect increases in density, including a diversity of housing forms like duplexes, triplexes, row houses and town houses – all in keeping with what is called the "missing middle." This change will be gradual and not a detriment to neighborhoods like Dudgeon-Monroe.

Part of the difficulty is in recognizing that the origins of single-family neighborhoods, both here and throughout the nation, are inherently problematic. Covenants and deed restrictions kept certain people out. Banks redlined certain neighborhoods, denying mortgages based on race and ethnicity. When the courts ruled such practices unconstitutional, zoning

ordinances maintained this divide by proxy. Consequently, Madison is extremely segregated by race; home ownership among Black residents is 15% compared to over 52% for white residents. This exclusion is reinforced by a shortage of housing, which drives up housing values, placing ownership further out of reach for Black households in Madison. When we tell ourselves we support racial equity, we must be ready to consider practical steps to increase housing choice for all Madisonians.

When you read this Council will have already voted on the issue of eliminating the occupancy restriction based on family definition on February 28. I am concerned about the impact this would have in neighborhoods adjacent to UW-Madison and Edgewood, areas with greater speculative pressure from real estate investors taking advantage of the shortage of affordable student housing. Accordingly, I've been working with residents in the Vilas, Greenbush, Regent, and Dudgeon-Monroe neighborhoods to explore a buffer or overlay that would maintain a tighter occupancy restriction for rental properties proximate to the UW and Edgewood campuses.

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Meet a DMNA Council Member

By Sue Janty, Hornblower Committee

Josh Napravnik describes himself as a "Zoning Nerd" who enjoys reading urban planning books and loves walking his dog. After growing up in Arlington Heights, IL, and graduating in 2011 from St. Olaf College with degrees in political science and Asian studies, Josh relocated to Madison where he began working at Epic. Twelve years later Josh is the Senior Product Leader for order management at PointClickCare, a

cloud-based healthcare software provider specializing in long term care facilities.

Josh is also the spouse of DMNA past President and past Secretary Rachel Fields. Together they are the parents of 18-month-old Joanna Bea. Josh and Rachel chose their Crandall Street home in part for its walkability to restaurants, stores, libraries and parks.

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As new neighborhood residents in 2018 and sharing a belief in saying “yes” to community service, Josh and Rachel attended a DMNA Meeting. At that time the Edgewood High School Athletic Stadium lights issue was simmering, and Josh “innocently,” as he now notes, accepted the opportunity to chair DMNA’s Edgewood Stadium Subcommittee. He sees himself as an independent thinker with the ability to maintain a level head. He values the involvement of Madison residents and finds personal engagement fulfilling, knowing that it’s possible for him to make a difference. These admirable qualities and values helped Josh process as many as 250 challenging emailed opinions on the “lights topic.”

In 2019 Josh was invited to switch focus to his true passion, that of Zoning, including the goal of maintaining and improving the already “walkable” Dudgeon Monroe neighborhood and with the vision of supporting our neighborhood as a place that is equitable, affordable and focused on environmental stewardship.

Thanks, Josh, for saying “yes” to involvement in the Dudgeon Monroe Neighborhood and for making a difference.

Josh’s two favorite urban planning books

Walkable City
(2018)
by Jeff Speck

The High Cost of Free Parking
(2011)
by Donald Shoup.

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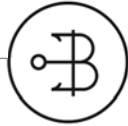
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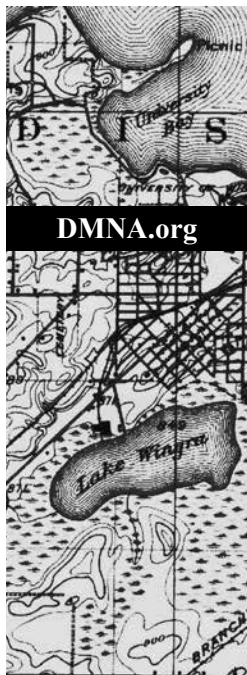
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