

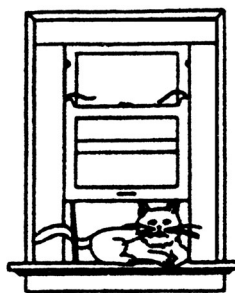
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personifies the  
neighborhood's gratitude  
to Shawn  
for creating this  
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to welcome  
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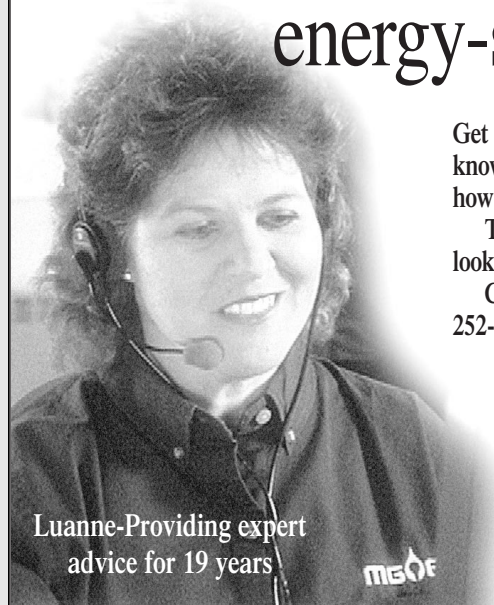


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## President's Message

Greetings DMNA Neighbors, and welcome to autumn. There have been a lot of great things going on in DMNA this summer, and some very exciting prospects in the near future: The Mayor and our Alderman—Ken Golden—have gotten very involved in the neighborhood grocery store issue, and the Ken Kopp's site. We had an amazing Jazz in the Park in June. A great time was had by all (especially me, hamming it up as emcee). We helped clean up Lake Wingra, helped expand Flags Over Monroe Street to Flags over Madison, and worked closely with the city and Edgewood on new construction and the future of the Park and Pleasure Drive.

Wow! In my last article, I talked a bit about the importance of our businesses on Monroe Street and how much vitality and value they add to the neighborhood. They are active participants in the ongoing work and improvements to Monroe Street, to the business district, and to our neighborhood as a whole.

For that they deserve our business and our thanks. So here goes.  
**The first annual Dudgeon Monroe Neighborhood Association Presidential Awards!**

- For long term dedication to the safety of Pedestrians crossing Monroe Street: **PASQUAL'S**. Thanks for volunteering, every night and day, to bring in and put back out the flags that have helped pedestrians re-assert their rights.
- For dedication to the clean-up of one of our most precious resources—Lake Wingra: **WINGRA BOAT AND SAILING CENTER**. Thanks for lending us your boats, your launch, and your help in our annual effort to "take a stake in the lake."
- For really large donations to help pull off our most widely anticipated annual social event, Jazz in the Park: **MALLATT'S PHARMACY, MONROE ST. FINE ARTS CENTER, WINGRA CANOE AND SAILING, UTOPIA, NECKERMAN AGENCY, and THE LAUREL TAVERN**. With donations of at least \$350 (\$700 by the Laurel!!!), these businesses really helped make Jazz a reality this year. (See related article for other sponsors of Jazz in the Park)

**Our support** of these businesses, and all the other ones, and will go a long way to maintaining the neighborhood we love! Remember, there's lots going on, so if you are interested in helping out, please contact me or any of our committee chairs. See article on page 2!

Have a great autumn.

*Brian Solomon*

## Annual Fall Drive: Time To RE-MEMBER

**September 15 to October 5**  
this year, the D-MNA  
Membership Drive makes its  
annual appearance between  
Madison's two big seasons of  
winter and road construction.

This is more than just the time  
when your Block Captain visits to  
collect data and dues  
—still only \$7 per household—  
**THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY**  
to offer your services to the  
committees and action groups that  
transform those modest dues into  
the publications, neighborhood  
improvements, and social events  
for which D-MNA  
is deservedly famous.

Your Block Captain will have  
better information on the projects  
and levels of commitment  
available in each area of interest.  
*Please see related article on page 2.*

This year's Neighborhood  
Improvement Fund supports the  
work of D-MNA's active  
Lake Wingra Committee—which  
helped produce educational the  
Wingra Water Trail brochure.  
*Kindly see another related article.*

So, besides just renewing your  
membership or joining our  
association, please consider  
making an additional donation  
to our Neighborhood  
Improvement Fund or  
volunteering—as an individual or  
family—to maximize the return on  
your monetary contributions to  
our wonderful neighborhood.





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**APOLOGIES... Directory corrections**

With apologies to those affected, we offer the following corrections to the 2003-2005 Directory.

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2144 West Lawn . . . 251-2435  
(B) City of Madison  
(J) Teacher

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What we’re up to D-MNA Committees, Dates, and Chairs

- Edgewood Woodlands** . . . . . Works with the Parks Dept. staff and Edgewood College to restore the Park and Pleasure Drive corridor to a woodland. Refer to DMNA website for restoration plan.  
Meets at west end of Park and Pleasure Drive the 2nd Sunday of the month, 2 - 4 p.m.  
**Bill Barker**, 238-1219, barker@geology.wisc.edu.
- History** . . . . . Works to obtain and archive information, documents, memoirs, and photographs of importance in the history of the DMNA neighborhood. Prepares publications on neighborhood history.  
Annual organizational meeting with additional subcommittee task teams for specific projects.  
**Chair vacant.**
- Jazz in the Park** . . . . . Organizes annual June event in the park featuring a big name band, other entertainment, and children’s activities.  
Meets two to three times several months ahead with individuals then performing specific tasks such as publicity, fundraising, etc.  
**Billy Larimore**, 238-7938, billyfx@aol.com.
- Lake Wingra** . . . . . Monitors and works to sustain the health of Lake Wingra. Organizes the annual clean-up, coordinating volunteers on canoe and on foot.  
Work crew meets the morning of Jazz in the Park and at other unspecified dates. (Proposal for 2004 is shoreline restoration of the lake in coordination with city parks department.)  
**Hannah Harris**, 232-1462, ajharris@chorus.net.
- Membership Committee** . . . . . Supports the work of area reps and block captains. In charge of annual membership drive, Hornblower, and welcome kit distribution.  
Periods of intense activity during Sept. and early Dec., early April and early June.  
**Needed:** someone to distribute 150-200 publications to 9 area reps during that period. Also a person to occasionally deliver a single publication to individual residents.  
**Paula Benkart**, 702 S. Prospect, 255-2690.
- Oak Savanna Restoration** . . . . . Works with UW Arboretum restoring native ecosystem across from the Dudgeon Center. Families welcome—get to know your native plants. *Everyone is invited to participate.*
- Work crews meet the 1st Saturday of each month 9:00-12:00, Feb.-Dec. weather permitting, at the Arbor Dr./Monroe St. parking lot.  
**Margaret Nelson**, 258-9437.
- Parks & Gardens Committee** . . . Centered around work parties for clean-ups in Dudgeon Park, Wingra Park, and Children’s Park. Also plans and leads restorations and improvements. Maintains neighborhood sign garden and the Monroe St. planters.  
Meets once annually  
**CO-CHAIRS Cami Peterson**, 233-2436, peterc@dnr.state.wi.us; and **Katie Werner** , 236-4429.
- Path Committee** . . . . . Represents DMNA and neighborhood interests regarding SW Bike and Pedestrian Path. Organizes work crews for planting and weeding.  
**Chair vacant.**
- Publications Committee** . . . . . Coordinates neighborhood publications: DMNA Directory and Hornblower ads  
**Julie Meyer**, 231-1558, juliemeyer@ameritech.net  
Hornblower newsletter  
**Kathy Madison**, 238-3533, kmmadison2000@yahoo.com  
Web Page, www.dmna.org,  
**Jane Riley**, 238-6824, webmaster@dmna.org.
- Social Committee** . . . . . One annual organizational get-together to plan for the neighborhoods four fun community events:  
1. Fall Beer Tasting, Winter Wine Tasting  
2. Spring Annual Meeting  
3. Ice Cream & Pie Social  
4. Children’s 4th of July Party  
**CO-CHAIRS Mary Jo Croake**, 231-1406, maryjo@terracom.com; and **Ann McDermott**, 233-6273.
- Transportation Committee** . . . . . Focuses on neighborhood transportation issues including the ‘Memo of Understanding’ between UW Athletic Dept. and adjacent neighborhoods. Also initiated and monitors “Flags Over Monroe Street.”  
**Steve Murray**, 238-6824, murriley @msn.com.
- Zoning Committee** . . . . . Monitors and addresses issues concerning neighborhood land use and zoning.  
**Chair vacant.**

OCCASIONAL INVADERS

by Pat Kandziora

Occasional invaders is a term for pests that enter your home or other structures because they had the opportunity to get in for shelter or they wander in accidentally through loose-fitting siding and other gaps in the home exterior. Insects, such as Asian lady beetles, earwigs and cluster flies are common occasional animal pests in the Dudgeon Monroe Neighborhood.

Environmental cues, like cooler temperatures and shorter days in autumn, or rising temperatures in the spring, cause insects to seek shelter from the extreme temperatures of coming winter and summer. Sometimes these insects end up in our homes. In fact, they cannot live long indoors: their food and breeding areas are outside. Most of these are little more than a nuisance to humans and do not pose a health or safety threat. Some people are allergic to large numbers of the Asian beetles. **For most people, the biggest risk of these insects is the unnecessary, over-application of pesticides to control them.**

How does a homeowner tell the difference between a true health hazard and a nuisance, and then know the best way to deal with their situation?

The answer is Integrated Pest Management (IPM). IPM is a simple set of steps everyone can take for the safest path to pest management.

A key IPM step is to understand the risk posed by a pest and know what to do to prevent it.

Asian lady beetles vary in the number of spots and a few different colors. They have a dark “M” shape behind their heads. They are beneficial in that they eat aphids that eat our gardens and carry no diseases. The old-time lady bugs are still around, but there are fewer of them. Asian lady beetles have no natural predators which makes them successful competitors for food also needed by lady bugs.

Cluster Flies are slightly larger than the common housefly and are distinguished by short, golden colored hairs on the midsection (thorax) of their body. The larvae (maggots) of cluster flies develop inside the bodies of earthworms. They mature and emerge as adults in late summer or early autumn. Once inside, they can be found on windows on warm winter days.



Earwigs do not live on humans—in ears or otherwise. They thrive in damp, dark places—like mulch and wood piles. They are considered beneficial as a food source for birds and toads and also because they eat other insects.

Lady beetles and cluster flies can over-winter by the thousands in structures. It is suspected that, in autumn, they are attracted to the warmer south side of structures and can crawl through small gaps in siding, or holes where pipes enter the house.

Any time of year is a good time to begin an IPM program using the following simple IPM steps:

**Inspect and repair pest access points:**

- openings around pipes that enter the house
- gaps between the foundation and structure
- loose-fitting siding
- broken door sweeps and screens, including those on attic vents
- poorly closing doors

These steps will help you save on energy bills, too.

**Vacuum large numbers of these insects** if they are already inside the home. Lady beetles emit an odorous, distasteful defensive fluid that stains, so if you have a lot of them, vacuum them but discard the bag.

**Eliminate food, shelter and water sources** by clearing vegetation, leaves, firewood and bark mulch away from the outside of the foundation. Repair waterline leaks and dripping hoses. Allow garden mulch to dry a bit before watering again, do not keep it soaked.

For these types of insect pests, consider pesticide use only as a last resort to deal with an infestation in or directly next to the house. Most pesticides break down and must be reapplied to remain effective. Some products on the market claim to last several months without need for reapplication. In either case, pesticide residue has to be present all the time, to be working on these types of pests. *That means YOU are exposed to them, too.* Another pitfall of pesticide use on these occasional invaders is that the product must directly contact the insect to be effective—pests already in the walls will likely not die from the chemical. If you have an infestation, you may want to manually remove them as they emerge in winter or spring. Then, use the IPM steps listed above to prevent future problems. These species will return each year unless the “welcoming” habitat is changed.

For more information about integrated pest management, contact the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection at 608-224-4547 or visit <http://ipcm.wisc.edu/programs/school/>.



**AUTUMN 2003**

**Many thanks to the neighbors who volunteered at the Annual Lake Wingra Clean Up on June 14th. The event would not have been possible without your help.**

**THANK YOU ALSO to Bob Glebs and the Wingra Boat and Sailing Center for donating the canoes and rowboats the volunteers used!**



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# LAKE

## Ways to Help Lake Wingra's Health This Fall...

Here are some simple things that each neighbor can do during the fall season to help care for Lake Wingra. If we all participate, our collective actions can **MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE!**

**Do not apply "weed and feed" fertilizer to your lawn this fall.**  
Phosphorus (included in most lawn fertilizers) is the most significant pollutant contributing to poor lake health. Most lawns in the Lake Wingra Watershed have enough phosphorus naturally present to support a healthy lawn. Any additional application will runoff into the lakes during the next rain storm. You can test your lawn's phosphorus level by requesting a test kit from the UW Soil and Plant Analysis Lab at 262-4364 or picking up kit at retail outlets such as Jungs, Bruce Co, or Johannsen's. The UW Soil and Plant Analysis Lab analyzes samples for \$15—\$30 to test both your front & back yards.

Recently, the County Board unanimously passed and County Executive Falk signed, new policies for the management of county lands eliminating the application of phosphorus-containing fertilizer to improve lake water quality. For more information visit <http://dc-web.co.dane.wi.us/danedept/press/>.

Lake, people and animal-friendly lawn care ideas can be found at the Greater Madison Healthy Lawn Team website at <http://www.healthylawnteam.org/home.htm>. (Sample ideas: aeration, overseeding, corn gluten)  
Also visit the Friends of Lake Wingra website at <http://danenet.danenet.org/fowingra/>.

**When raking, keep your leaves on the terrace and out of the gutter and street.**  
Leaves left in the gutter and street eventually find their way to the storm sewers inlets and lake carrying harmful nutrients to the water, which degrade water clarity and quality and harm native plant and fish life (and swimmers!). Gutters free of leaves also help people needing to park their cars on the street.

**If you live near a storm sewer inlet, keep it free of leaves and debris.**  
Did a decal appear on your storm sewer inlet this summer that says "Do Not Dump, Drains to Lake"? This is a reminder that what goes into the storm sewer inlet goes directly to the lake untreated. In fact, the biggest threat to Lake Wingra today is polluted water that enters the lake through storm sewers. Because the watershed is 75% urban (streets, housing, business infrastructure), the rainwater that enters storm sewer inlets carries road salt, automobile byproducts, pet waste, lawn clippings, leaves, pesticides, and other contaminants. Keeping the inlets clear also helps prevent flooding.

**Direct your storm gutter downspouts.**  
Turn them away from your driveway and sidewalk and towards your lawn and garden. This allows the water to soak into the ground on your property and reduces the amount of storm water runoff that goes directly into the lake. As mentioned above, rainwater carries a lot harmful substances and debris to the lake. Redirecting your downspouts will also help to prevent dangerous icing during the winter months.

**Reduce the amount of turf you have to maintain.**  
Fall is a great time to plant gardens. Landscaping with native plants requires less maintenance. Cover bare soil with mulch to prevent it from leaving your property. Rain gardens are particularly effective at keeping storm water and runoff on your property. For more information about rain gardens, visit <http://www.co.dane.wi.us/commissions/lakes/raingarden.shtml>.

**Help spread the word!**  
Have you seen the green and white lawn signs that says **"Safe Lawns, Clean Lakes"** and have lawn care ideas on the back? It's time to find new homes for the signs. If you would like to place a sign in your yard for about a month's time, please contact **Heather Lott** at 238-8932 or [hlott@charter.net](mailto:hlott@charter.net).

Please do your part to help improve the health of Lake Wingra by changing some of your lawn care and property maintenance habits.

**Get Involved!**  
If you are interested in learning more and/or would like to get involved in the Dudgeon-Monroe Healthy Lawn Team/Lake Wingra Committee's efforts, please contact **Hannah Harris** at 232-1462 or [harris@merr.com](mailto:harris@merr.com), **Heather Lott** at 238-8932 or [hlott@charter.net](mailto:hlott@charter.net), or **Gina Krapf** at 218-1511 or [gkrapft@LNC.com](mailto:gkrapft@LNC.com). The group is planning to host an informational session in early October

# WINGRA

## Neighborhood Improvement Fund to Help Lake Wingra

Please consider supporting the neighborhood-wide effort to help improve the health of Lake Wingra with a contribution to the **Neighborhood Improvement Fund**



For the past decade, each D-MNA membership drive has offered neighbors the opportunity to contribute additional money to a separate fund, called the **Neighborhood Improvement Fund**. Recent fund drives have supported landscaping for the Southwest Ped/Bike Path, Glenwood Children's Park and the Flags Over Monroe Street project.

During the upcoming membership drive, your block captain will ask you to contribute to this year's Neighborhood Improvement Fund. Your membership dues will still fund publication of the Hornblower, the directory, the Jazz in the Park/Lake Clean Up (with additional sponsor support), the fall and winter social events, the annual meeting and the routine operating budgets of the neighborhood committees. But when one of these committees needs additional funds to accomplish its goals the Neighborhood Improvement Fund can serve that purpose.

This year's "Neighborhood Improvement Fund" focus is **Lake Wingra—one of our neighborhood's jewels**. We're asking residents to support the D-MNA Lake Wingra Committee's work, and, specifically, to help us (the lake's neighbors) improve Lake Wingra's health. The fund will support:

- educational materials about "lake-friendly" lawn care and property maintenance—*please see the article on Page 5 "Ways to Help Lake Wingra's Health This Fall."*
- signs that allow neighbors to communicate that their yard is "lake-friendly", and
- a rain garden demonstration project to help neighbors learn about one very effective way to keep stormwater on their property and out of the storm sewers that lead directly to the lake.



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Neighborhood Grocery Co-ops

To: Friends & Neighbors on the near West Side August 2003

From: Mary K. Rouse, President, Regent Market Co-op (RMC)  
and Lynn Pitman, President, Monroe Street Grocery Cooperative (MSGC)

Over the past few months, we have often been asked about the relationship between the RMC and the virtual MSGC.

Are we in competition with each other? If MSGC finds a location and opens, will the RMC be forced to close?

Do I need to make a choice between the two coops?

Our answers may surprise you.

By their very nature and legal structure, cooperatives are membership organizations that are designed to provide their members with the products and services (in our case groceries) they want at a reasonable cost. Profits are returned to members or used to improve operations.

We who serve on our co-op boards come from neighborhoods in which the co-ops are located and are elected by our members. The principal way in which co-ops differ from conventional grocery stores is that they are owned and controlled by their members.

The Regent neighborhood will never be left without a grocery store, as happened to the Monroe neighborhood, as long as the people who live there continue to support the co-op that they themselves own.

Over the past year, RMC has undergone a remarkable renaissance. We hope that the Monroe Street Grocery Co-op could be born to similar success.

We do not think the issue is whether the residents of the Regent/Monroe area need to choose between one co-op or the other. Rather, we hope that people will understand how important a grocery store is to the health of a neighborhood, as well as the need to grow the co-operative movement as a whole, and support both co-ops!

Food, housing and financial cooperatives have a long history of working together in Wisconsin and elsewhere. We not only intend to continue in this tradition but also to make it even stronger in the months and years ahead. In fact, representatives from our coops, as well as the Williamson Street and Mifflin Street co-ops will soon be meeting together for this very purpose. The Willy Street Co-op has already been instrumental in fostering the revitalization of the RMC and the development of MSGC. We want to publicly commend their Board and staff for their ongoing support and resources they have given us.

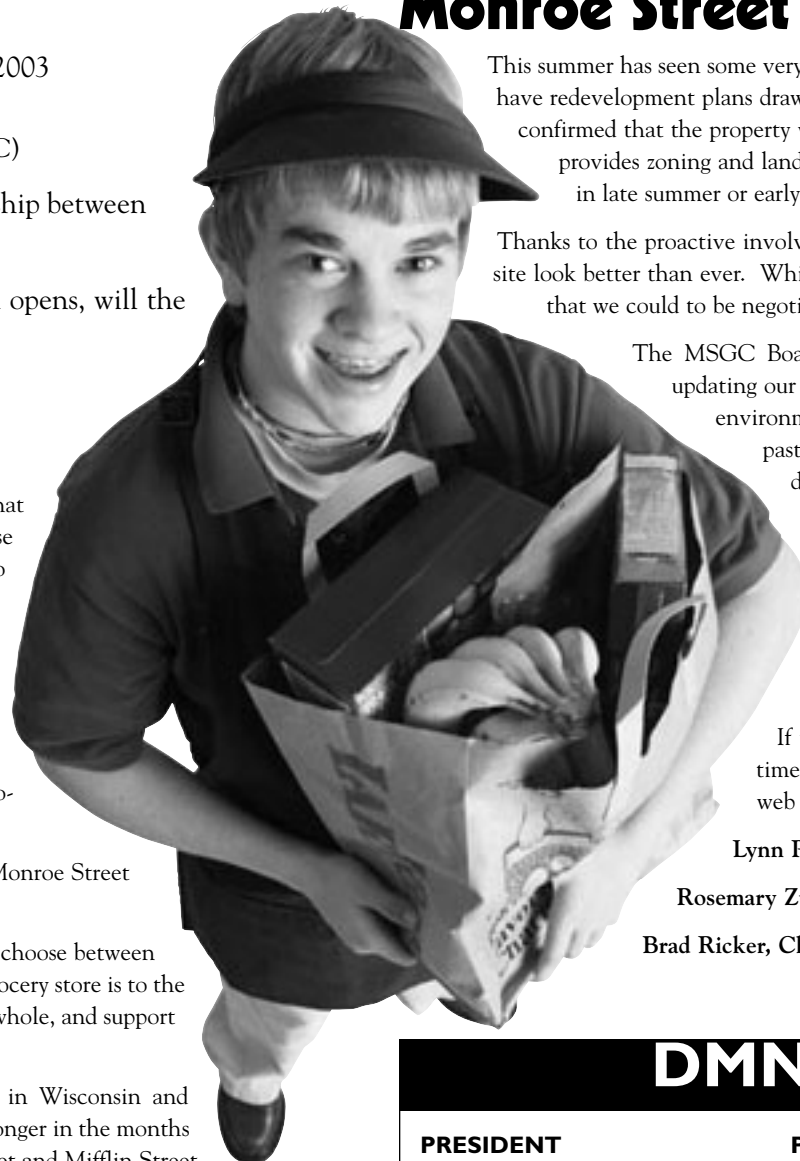
From the time Ken Kopp's closed in May 2001, the boards of the RMC and MSGC have been in regular communication. We have had many discussions about our common future. Our mutual goal is to be sure that groceries are available within walking and biking distance of residents on the near west side and that our neighborhoods are organized on a human scale. We intend to achieve this goal by working together. In fact, there is already reciprocity among the Co-ops. If you are a member of any one of them today, you will receive the Co-op discount at the RMC, Willy Street or Mifflin Street.

Recent closings of grocery stores around the city have reminded us all of our vulnerability to decisions that can be made without reference to the needs and wishes of a neighborhood. One solution is to grow the co-operative movement. Our recommendation is that you support both the RMC and the MSGC. We thank Mayor Cieslewicz for convening a city-wide grocery store meeting on August 27th to continue and expand this discussion.

Thank you.

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is whether residents of the  
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Monroe Street Grocery Co-op Update

This summer has seen some very exciting progress with the Ken Kopp's site. A city council resolution to have redevelopment plans drawn up for the site was passed on July 1, and the required study of the site confirmed that the property was "blighted". The city is preparing a draft redevelopment plan, which provides zoning and land use guidelines, that will go to the Community Development Authority in late summer or early fall. Public hearings will be held on the plan draft at that time.

Thanks to the proactive involvement of our alders and new mayor, prospects for a grocery store at the site look better than ever. While there are still a number of scenarios that could unfold, the possibility that we could to be negotiating for space in a new development later this year is growing.

The MSGC Board is preparing financially and structurally for these events. We are updating our Business Plan to reflect lower interest rates, Madison's changing grocery environment, and new (rather favorable) marketing data we've collected over the past year. A major fundraising effort is planned for the fall, including a bond drive, and a door-to-door membership campaign.

In the meantime, board members continue to communicate with city officials, and participate in the progress of the Neighborhood Planning initiative, and the Willy Street Grocery Co-op Expansion Committee. Our membership is clearly our strength, both politically and in securing the grants and loans necessary to make a grocery on Monroe Street a reality.

If you have questions, would like clarifications, or wish to volunteer your time and energy in the efforts ahead, please call or write one of us, or visit our web site: [www.monroestcoop.com](http://www.monroestcoop.com)

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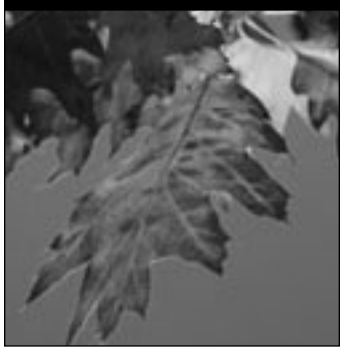
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AUTUMN 2003

Some of the oaks in our neighborhood were part of the oak savannas present before settlement.

Join your neighbors to help restore the Oak Savanna

the First Saturday of each month at Arbor Drive and Monroe Street from 9:00 to Noon (meet at the parking lot)

This is a great way to learn about native plants.

As the flowers recede notice the aptly named grasses—bottlebrush grass, sideoats grama, big and little blue stem.

Also notice the difference in the vegetation under the black walnut tree that secretes juglone which suppresses many plants.

# Mighty Oak Maintenance

by Audrey Highton

The DMNA's close proximity and ongoing restoration of the Arboretum's Oak Savannah makes us all a little more aware and appreciative of the delicate balance nature plays in this unique ecosystem. Indeed, this neighborhood's close relationship to nature through the Oak Savannah, as well as the Edgewood Woodlands/Park and Pleasure Drive and the proposed Lake Wingra Shoreline restoration, is an essential part of what makes our slice of the urban Madison landscape so special. The maintenance of this healthy interdependency between plant, soil, air, and water systems continues to be a challenge and fascination—rich in scientific, recreational and aesthetic pleasures.

However, the challenges and benefits do not begin or end at the water's edge or the street's border. Too little recognized plant treasures live amongst us on our own properties. The mighty white oak, for example, may be 80-100 feet tall at maturity and in optimum growing conditions may reach 400-500 years of age. Trees that are 150 years old are not uncommon and Chapman Street alone has at least five oaks that date back to the Civil War period. A rule of thumb in measuring the age of an oak is that a ten foot circumference would indicate approximately 200 years.

To help us in maintaining these natural wonders, the following recommendations have been made by Steve Holiday, forester with the Department of Natural Resources.

- **Don't prune oaks between April and August** to prevent oak wilt (the red oak is even more susceptible than white oaks).
- **Minimize root damage** under the drip line of a tree from either a driveway installation, or new addition as a result of the compacting of soil from heavy equipment. Further, if you are installing a driveway, consider using another gravel other than limestone/dolomite which may have the undesirable effect of alkalinizing the soil.
- **Do not add soil to the ground under a tree.** This reduces the oxygen available to the tree and regrading of one foot or more would have a large negative impact. Also, trees have a special layer of cells just a few inches high at the soil surface which protects them from bugs and other predators and if you cover up these cells the tree will lose its natural protection.
- **Recognize and treat chlorosis.** YELLOWING of the leaves, where the leaf veins are visible from the body of the leaf indicates chlorosis, otherwise known as "limestone induced iron deficiency." This is a treatable condition and affects almost all of the oak trees in our neighborhood. The condition is exacerbated in urban setting because we both rake up our leaves denying the trees their natural nutrients from the decaying process, and also oak trees prefer a slightly more acidic soil while lawns prefer a more alkaline soil. Certainly maintaining a more forest-like floor beneath the tree would be ideal.
- **Cut down less desirable trees when in competition with more desirable oaks.** Maples, ash, and especially the invasive buckthorn or box elder are culprits. If you pull buckthorn, box elder, or garlic mustard bag them in your regular trash and try to pull them before they go to seed. For more information on invasive species go to the website: [www.DNR.state.wi.us/org/land/er/invasive](http://www.DNR.state.wi.us/org/land/er/invasive).
- **Make sure you trees have enough to eat and drink.** As trees age they need more tree canopy—more leaf surface area or food to support the larger body. All trees are affected by a lack of water. A large maple may require 150 gallons per day while a mature elm needs 500 gallons per day, so, monitor rainfall amounts and feed accordingly. Trees among houses in the city are already stressed and need fertilization. For how much, what, and where contact a certified arborist.
- **Protect your trees from invasive pests.** Generally, clear out dead trees in residential areas because they may attract a large number of beetles who literally hear the cracking of the dead bark and swarm. If the dead tree is allowed to stand the beetles will overwhelm it and then move on to other stressed trees nearby.
- **Plan for the next generation of trees.** Trees don't last forever and people should consider planting strategically placed new trees to replace those that are dying.

For further information on your specific tree inquiries contact a state certified arborist.



# CROSSWALK FLAGS: IT TAKES A VILLAGE!

—Dudgeon-Monroe Neighborhood Association Transportation Committee

Crosswalk flags now fly at six locations on Monroe Street. **Harrison, Knickerbocker** and **Pickford** intersections have joined the year-old **Sprague** and **Chapman** flagged intersections sponsored by Dudgeon-Monroe Neighborhood Association. Vilas Neighborhood Association is sponsoring the new **Garfield St.** crossing flags.

There are now 21 "flagged" locations in Madison and other Dane County communities, with another nine scheduled to go up this fall. We're on our way to a network of locations where, for the first time, pedestrians in the crosswalk can communicate with drivers that they are crossing. Drivers can clearly see them and know they must stop as the law requires.

We expect all these new sites will make most pedestrian crossings on Monroe Street much faster, safer and more pleasant. We hope more of us will be encouraged to walk more often for short trips around the neighborhood which is better for our health, the environment, our spirit of community, and local businesses.

The Dudgeon-Monroe Transportation Committee can now claim to have substantially solved the problem outlined in a large '90's resident survey that showed crossing Monroe Street as the biggest problem in the neighborhood. We hope that all these points at which drivers will be sensitized to the need to stop for pedestrians will also tend to slow traffic—the second biggest problem on that neighborhood survey problem list.

Over the past year we have heard some persistent safety concerns. People have worried that the flags will provide a false sense of security, but the safety record of Salt Lake City (1 minor ped/car crash in 3 years of flags at 120 intersections) makes it clear that our pedestrians are well-trained to be wary of cars. Although statistics from this year are not yet available from the city, we have no anecdotal evidence that fender-benders or car/ped crashes

have risen in number at these intersections. We urge parents to be very conservative about letting your inexperienced children use the flags without adult supervision. Younger children don't have the developmental skills or judgement to cross alone and we've seen middle school children step right out in front of cars and taunt them.

We have also heard about some near misses—both with flags and without—when cars have swung around to the right to pass a car stopped for a pedestrian (a \$220 fine and 3 points if they are caught).

- Only step in front of a stopped car, or one you are certain is going to stop.
- Keep your flag up and in front of you and look very carefully around a stopped vehicle BEFORE you step into the next lane when you are crossing multiple lanes.
- If you are driving, always be alert for a stopped car at an intersection that may be stopped for a pedestrian you cannot see.

We want to thank everyone involved in launching and maintaining the flags.

**Safe Community Coalition** vigorously pursued and then administered the grant that partially funded these new locations. **Stacey Vilas**, Madison Police Department officer, and **Arthur Ross**, of the city's Traffic Engineering Department, checked intersections for safety and trained our coaches to use the flags safely.

We especially want to thank the civic-minded businesses that have adopted an intersection: **Pasqual's Restaurant** for the Sprague/Monroe intersection, **Victor Allen's** at Knickerbocker, and **Ancora Coffee** and **Neuhauser Pharmacy** at Harrison.

Residents who serve as flagminders at other intersections include **Marge & John Jacoby** and **Julie Meyer** on Chapman, **Matt & Ann Joyce**, **Hannah Harris**, and **Ken Golden** for Pickford, and as "eyes on the street" backups, **Kathy Madison**, **Jason Speich**, **Cathy Rasmussen**, **Ann Clark** and **Paula Benkart**.

Other volunteers who assembled flags, coached pedestrians on crossing techniques, or helped in a variety of other ways, include **Daryl Sherman**, **John Shenot**, **Steve Murray**, **Jane Riley**, **Tom Huber**, **Kurt Kiefer**, **Mary Ellen Gabriel**, **Elizabeth Wellenstein**, **Catherine Smith**, **Dave Waterman**, **Teri Casady**, **Jim & Shirley Lake**, **Pat Forbes**, **Nancy Abraham**, **Dawn Berney**, **Paul Nilsen** (and children), **Steve Siehr**, and **Janice Baudwig-Poehlman**. If you see any of these folks, please thank them for their work on your behalf!



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# Alder Notes from Ken Golden

## Speeders Hotline Restored

In an earlier issue of The Hornblower, I reported that the Madison Police Department had taken the initiative to make some major modifications in the way the Speeders Hotline functioned and that these modifications, in my opinion, reduced the effectiveness of the Hotline. I am pleased to report that the Common Council has agreed with my assessment and started the process of restoring the Hotline to its original, more effective form.

Why a Hotline? Let me offer some background. Back in the early '90s, I participated on a committee to study strategies for better control of speeding. Speeders Hotlines were examined and seen as effective when letters were sent to the owner of the vehicle. It was thought that when drivers became aware their neighbors were observing them speed, they slowed down. Most of the time, speeders are caught in their own neighborhoods.

Without Council knowledge or approval, our Police Department discontinued the practice of sending letters in response to calls to Madison's Speeders Hotline. Instead, they simply logged the call in and claimed to use the information to guide the deployment of enforcement personnel. This has now been reversed.

If you observe someone speeding or violating other traffic laws, please use the Speeder's Hotline—266-4524. It's a great way of helping speeders become more aware of their behavior and candidly, it's a great way of venting your own frustration over this behavior. Call it off the road rage!

## Update on Ken Kopp's

As you may have read, the City has initiated a process that could result in the condemnation of the Ken Kopp's property, its acquisition by the City and the implementation of a redevelopment plan on the site. Staff are currently drafting the redevelopment plan following the unanimous passage of the resolution authorizing the plan. Mayor Dave Cieslewicz has been very helpful and shown great interest in this issue as well as the issue on neighborhood groceries in general.

We've been very open with the High Point Properties owners. We've notified them that we intend to proceed with this plan if they continue to do nothing. Should they change their tack and begin to offer a constructive and reasonable alternative to the current blight, the City will be willing to step aside for good private development. On the other hand, the City is also declaring it unacceptable to have such an urban cancer growing in the middle of our neighborhood business district. Stay tuned—this one is going to be interesting.

## Edgewood Park and Pleasure Drive

Ald. Sloan and I sponsored a resolution to have the Parks Commission create a process whereby decisions about the Park and Pleasure Drive and the possible alteration or even removal of through automobile traffic might be considered. There are many legal complexities in this situation and it seemed that, in addition to a neighborhood process, a community-wide process was also warranted. In the future, you'll be hearing about neighborhood

meetings to discuss these options and to solicit ideas on how to handle the Drive. Hopefully by next summer, if there is consensus for an approach, something will be in place.

As I write this, I'm aware that the City will be removing the tree that grows in the middle of the Drive. This is something I'm sure all of us would have preferred not happen but unfortunately, lightning made its removal imperative. The tree was split and posed a hazard. I'm sure we're all sorry to see that unique monument go, but I wanted you to know why.

## City Budget

I'm writing this on the day the Governor announced his vetoes. And, while the veto of the legislature's property tax freeze is greatly appreciated, restoring local control to these decisions, I'm mindful of the fact the City is facing a loss of more than \$2 million in state aids. I am certain that we will not raise property taxes to make up for all of this loss but instead will see a curtailment of some City services. We may also see the imposition of fees. None of us want this to happen, but they're an inevitable consequence of the dependency we have on state funding. In Madison, 70% of our budget is supported by property taxes compared to 35% for most other communities. We simply cannot continue to tax people at the rate we're taxing them because we are becoming less and less an affordable place to live. But, given the current political gridlock, I don't see any quick relief coming from the state. It's not a pretty picture.

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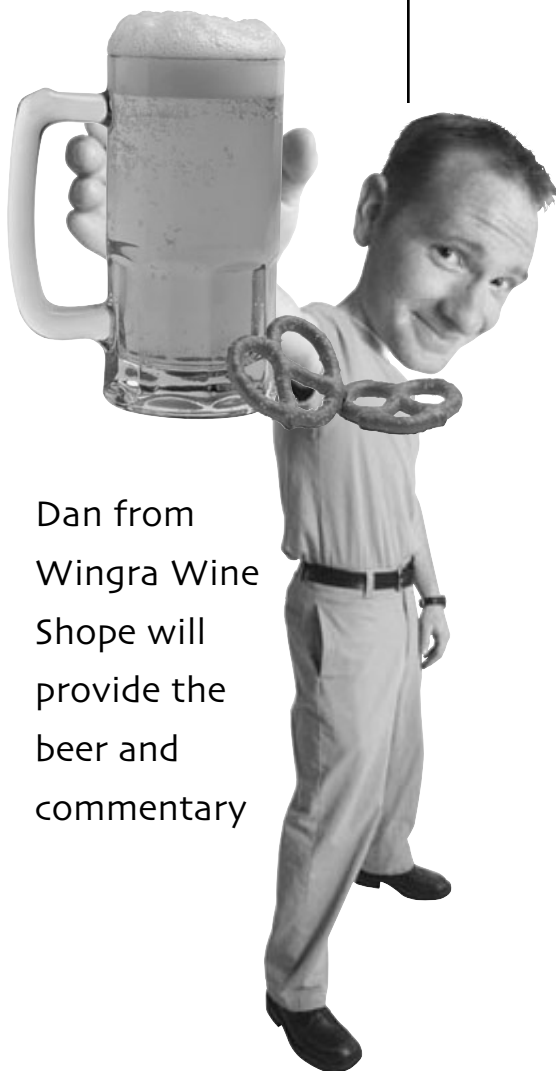
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