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President's Message

As autumn winds down there are many issues facing our neighborhood and council. The Monroe Commons redevelopment of the Ken Kopps site, which seemed so promising a few months ago, seems to have no motion at all at present. We are following the issue closely, and expected the developers to file an application with the city right after the last neighborhood meeting on the project. It seems not to have been filed, and meantime the interest rates are climbing. As each rise in interest rates seems to leave the project more threatened, the lack of movement is scary.

As the leaves fall, the Friends of Lake Wingra seek to educate people on the importance of keeping their leaves off the streets and out of the gutters. There is a lot of co-operation, but cruising the area shows there is still a lot of progress to be made. Do help protect the lake by keeping your leaves on the terrace. Lake Wingra is our biggest and best asset and it is seriously threatened by the impact of our activities. Without our hard surfaces and storm sewers, almost every leaf would remain right where it fell and the water would mostly soak into the ground to be filtered of its debris and organic content before reaching the lake.

The University is updating its master plan and we have been following this closely. Those in charge are seeking a meeting with us. When we have a definite date it will be posted on our web site. Please check the site and attend this meeting and give us (and them) your input. The University and Edgewood are the two largest single influences on our neighborhood. We have good working relationships with both now, which is very encouraging.

Speaking of Edgewood, they are presently working on plans for more student housing and other changes and are keeping us informed. Right now the proposed development is on the Vilas side of the campus, but we will be following the proposal and working with them and with Edgewood, trying to produce the best result for all of us.

Part of the Camp Randall Stadium project will be redeveloping the intersection of Monroe, Regent and Little (it's the one that curves right off Monroe to go West on Regent, right in front of the Field house), and the Southwest Ped/Bike Path. The Transportation Committee is trying to work out a more rational, safer crossing for those using the Southwest Ped/Bike Path.

I encourage you to get involved in this or another of the many issues and projects that call for our attention. Talk to me or any of the committee chairpersons or council members. You may always make contact with me at snippets@execpc.com or leave a message at 238-5106.

This issue of the Hornblower is coming out early so that our businesses can tell you of their holiday plans. I urge you to shop locally, to the extent possible, to help the viability of our entire neighborhood. And I wish you all a happy Holiday Season and a fulfilling New Year.

Daryl K. Sherman



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So, how does this affect you?

The campus does not have a clearly defined boundary and its interaction with adjacent neighborhoods, including Dudgeon-Monroe, is an important issue.

The DMNA Transportation Committee notes that many of the neighborhood's issues with the University involve transportation. Commuting UW employees and students drive through our neighborhood and park on our streets, and resident walkers and bikers may need improvement of their "route to work/class" that is partly on city streets and then crossing onto campus. The literature tells us that a safe, efficient, and pleasant route is necessary to keep our walkers and bikers moving to campus under their own power. Is that the case for you?

Crucial to the success of the UW's year-long planning process is the input of all affected parties. Some formal public input sessions have already occurred, but it is not too late to contribute your thoughts on how campus development should proceed and how it should affect Dudgeon-Monroe.

Please send any input you have to Transportation Committee member Matthew Burczyk at mlburczyk@wisc.edu or call him at 358-4911, or Ann Clark, DMNA's representative to the Joint West Campus Area Committee, at 238-5612 or annclark@tds.net.

The campus's last master plan was completed in 1996, and more than 80 percent of it has been implemented or is in the design-and-construction phase. The campus master plan does guide campus growth so get involved!

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Once or twice a week Astrid or her husband Mark will stop in to help Mrs. Holderman water her flowers, take out the trash, dust the furniture, or help organize her items. While not much work, it takes care of some of the tasks that have become more difficult for Mrs. Holderman since becoming disabled. It also presents a nice excuse to simply pass by and chat for awhile.

Mrs. Holderman herself can attest to the rewards of volunteering with others. Beginning when she was eight, Selma participated with various volunteer organizations throughout her life. "It just gave me a good feeling, and I kept with it wherever my husband and I lived."

Even though she has spent many years helping others, she feels blessed that she is now being helped by others. "Madison is a wonderful place to grow old, and these amazing volunteers have made these last years of my life the best years of my life."

Such opportunities to build a sense of community abound in the Dudgeon-Monroe neighborhood.

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Ordinary salt, sodium chloride (NaCl) is the most common choice for property-owners who diligently keep their sidewalks and driveways free from winter ice. Sodium chloride is cheap, easy to use, and usually effective. But all the salt that we apply to our roads, sidewalks and driveways eventually dissolves, forming separate sodium (Na⁺) and chloride (Cl⁻) ions. Water then carries these dissolved ions into the groundwater or into our lakes. As a result of this run-off of road salt, the levels of sodium and chloride ions are steadily increasing in both lakes and shallow groundwater aquifers.

Before Madison began regular road salting in the 1950s, chloride levels in Lake Wingra were about 5 mg/liter (see graph below). In recent years, average chloride levels in Lake Wingra have often exceeded 80 mg/liter — more than 15 times the original level. Despite a road salt reduction policy adopted in 1977 by the City of Madison, and a brief leveling off of lake chloride levels in the 1970s, the general trend for both road salt use and lake chloride levels is upward. If the trend since 1980 in chloride concentration in Lake Wingra continues (see line in graph), the average annual chloride level will reach 150 mg/liter by 2050 — 30 times higher than in the 1940s.

While current average chloride levels in Lake Wingra are below chronic (long-term) and acute (short-term) toxicity levels for chloride (395 mg/liter and 757 mg/liter, respectively), ponds and storm water run-off in the watershed do exceed toxicity levels at times. Edgewood College students have measured chloride levels during spring melt that were more than 600 mg/liter in Odana pond, and more than 3000 mg/liter in Edgewood's retention pond. There are also hidden costs associated with the use of salt as a winter de-icer. A 1991 federal study estimated that road salt causes corrosion to vehicles, bridges, roads, etc., worth \$3.5 to \$7 billion per year in the United States.

The City of Madison Public Health Department 2000 Road Salt Report cites "increased pressure by the motoring public to not have the bad weather affect their pace of life" as a likely reason why the City has not generally been able to meet the road salt reduction goals established in 1977. We might all consider just slowing down when surfaces are slippery.



Friends of Lake Wingra FALL/WINTER CALENDAR

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The 2004 edition of DMNA's door-to-door membership drive has been completed. If you somehow were missed and want to join, be listed in the Directory, and/or volunteer, please contact the Membership Chair (255-2690).

On behalf of the D-MNA Council and all the neighbors who benefit from the work of the association, we thank: Committee members Joanne Brown, Lois Cosmides, and Paula Benkart; Special volunteers Patty Mullins, Barb Erlenborn, and Ann Clark; Welcome kit coordinator Karrie Richardson; and the Area Reps and Block Captains listed below.

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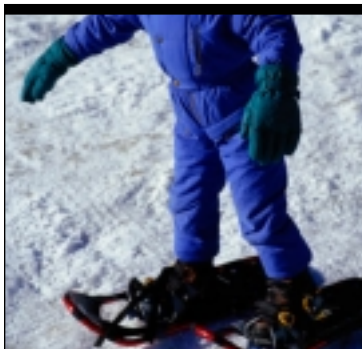
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And walking is emerging as a crucial component to maintaining your health, along with a playing a major role in maintaining a sense of community in our neighborhood. Walkers meet their neighbors (okay, so maybe not so much in December!), provide "eyes on the street" for problems, and encounter others to swap rich life stories and discuss the issues of the day. They are also the life-blood of small neighborhood businesses. Worth encouraging?



Have a heart! This year, please be a hero and clear that sidewalk promptly and carefully. Remember that careful shoveling down to the pavement after those first storms is necessary. And you can remove accumulated ice with salt or the ice scrapers in plentiful supply at the hardware store. The city requires you to keep applying sand or salt to any sidewalk ice you cannot remove — there must be an abrasive surface. A single application often won't do it. Any remaining untreated patch of ice can cause a pedestrian to topple.

Need another nudge? Remember that the city requires that snow and ice be removed from your sidewalk before noon of the day following a storm. If you have a corner lot, you are also responsible for a broad path (remember those strollers and wheelchairs) down the ramp or curb.

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Although there will be a barrier running down the middle of Breese Terrace to contain the construction zone during this period, there will still be two-way north and south bound traffic on Breese Terrace and continued bus service. Pedestrian and bike access north of the stadium between Breese Terrace and the McClain Center will remain open, and access to the Fieldhouse will be from the east during this phase of the project.

UW Athletic Department's Doug Beard asks neighborhood forbearance during the construction period. "We thank you in advance for your patience and understanding during the project."



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INTERSECTION CHANGES RAISE QUESTIONS

As part of the UW Stadium remodeling, the University plans to purchase Little Street land from the city to accommodate a new stadium plaza. The purchase price will help to pay for the reconstruction of the Breese/Regent/Monroe intersection.

A preliminary map from the City Engineering Dept. shows changes as part of the reconstruction that appear to adversely affect pedestrians and bicyclists passing through the intersection. Around 2000 pedestrians and bicyclists cross that intersection daily, along with more than 30,000 cars. When the SW path's "missing link" segment is added in 2006, traffic will increase further.



Although the planned closure of Crazylegs street simplifies the intersection, the loss of Little street will throw its cars, both left and right turning cars between the east end of Monroe Street and Regent, into the intersection proper. SW Path users will still have to take a 2-leg journey around the intersection to continue on the Path, and they will be exposed to many right-turning cars making a shallow turn, often at high speed. In addition, the acute point where the easternmost block of the ped/bike path meets the SW corner of the intersection, will be shaved off, greatly extending the length of the crossing from the Fieldhouse across the mouth of the east end of Monroe St.

The Transportation Committee's recommendation to the DMNA Council is to consider making a formal request for public meetings for input into the plan before it reaches its final form and the purchase of Little Street becomes final.

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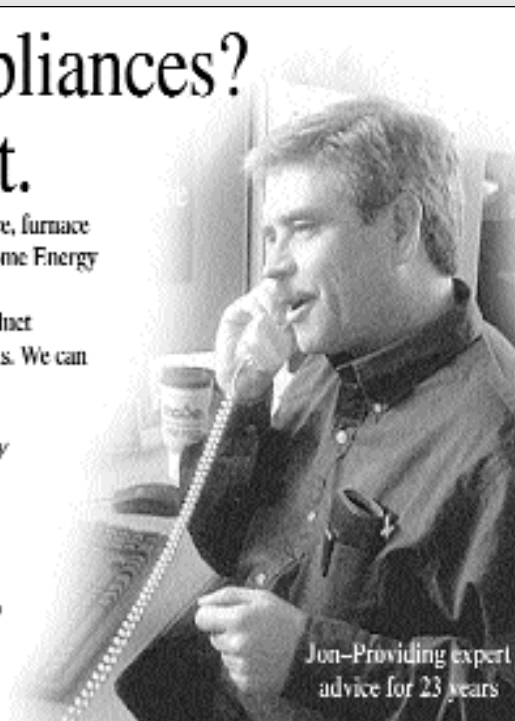
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