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Randall School Celebrates 100 Years

An exciting time in neighborhood history is just around the corner. In what was once considered the "far west" side of Madison, a two-room school opened its doors in September, 1906 to children living on, what was then, the outskirts of town. That school was Randall School - two blocks west of the Camp Randall Stadium on Regent Street.

The original school was designed by the firm of Lew F. Porter and implemented by architect and partner in the firm, Alvin E. Small. It was named after Alexander Randall, an attorney who was a territorial representative in the mid-1800's, a sponsor of a referendum on African-American suffrage and governor of Wisconsin from 1858-1862. Both Small and the design firm of Claude and Starck who completed the building in 1926 implemented Prairie architectural design elements in the construction - horizontal lines that repeat the lines of the prairie reflected architecturally in wide overhanging eaves and long rows of windows.

By 1911, the school grew to 192 students in 4 rooms (and we thought schools were overcrowded now at a maximum of 25 students per class!). The student population grew to such an extent that first graders attended half time and wooden barracks were erected to house the expanding student body. During the 1918-19 school year 75% of the teachers resigned in protest of overcrowded conditions

and low salaries. Over nearly two decades additional rooms were constructed with the final addition completed in 1924. The exterior of the school looks much the same then as it does now. The building is designated as a historic landmark which has guided updates over the decades to remain in keeping with original design. By 1926, the student body grew to a

reeling 1,029 children aged kindergarten thru ninth grade (in the same building that currently has a student population of approximately 360 children). Over time, the Madison Metropolitan School District restructured to create middle schools and high schools in



the area and student populations dropped to reflect current attendance levels. In 1984, on the request of many African-American families whose children were attending Franklin School on Lakeside Street called for integration of schools (at that time Franklin served 58% African-American students) and Randall School was paired with Franklin School.

The eight residential lots that comprise what is now the playground and park, the "Olive Jones Field", was deeded to the city of Madison in 1906 "for the establishment of a public playground in connection with the Randall Public School Building" by Supreme Court Justice Burr Jones and named in memory of his wife. A much-needed playground reversioning is currently underway and will likely be implemented in the next few years.

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Let's Connect: Bringing Streetcars to Madison

By Ward Lyles - Madison Streetcar Campaign and Transportation Policy Director for 1000 Friends of Wisconsin

The Dudgeon Monroe neighborhood grew up as a streetcar neighborhood in the early part of the twentieth century. The legacy of streetcars, including commercial streets such as Monroe Street that are public spaces as much as they are thoroughfares for cars and residential streets such as Keyes Avenue and Gregory Street with tree-lined sidewalks friendly to people of all ages, plays a large role in the Dudgeon Monroe neighborhood being one of the great neighborhoods in Madison.

Now, nearly three-quarters of a century since Madison's streetcars last ran, cities across the country such as Miami, Tacoma, Albuquerque and Washington, D.C. are turning to streetcars again. They are looking to modern streetcars, with sleeker designs and greater accessibility, to:

- Expand the range of car-free access to shops, restaurants, and special events for residents and tourists alike;
- Calm traffic so that streets are more pedestrian friendly;
- Catalyze development that boosts the property tax base, demands less parking, and generates less traffic;
- Attract new riders to the transit system with smoother, quieter, and easier-to-use service;
- Mesh with a multi-modal system of feet, bikes, buses, regional rail, and intercity rail; and,
- Enhance the sense of place along the lines.

Madison joined this growing group of cities this spring, as the Madison Streetcar Committee (www.cityofmadison.com/streetcar/) kicked off a feasibility study to assess the unique opportunities in Madison and develop a proposal by late next spring for community review that includes a do-able initial route and funding options.

The study has identified corridors, to the south, west and east, each extending roughly three miles from downtown and anchored by promising redevelopment sites. The west corridor includes the eastern part of the

Dudgeon Monroe neighborhood, as well as other near west side neighborhoods and the University of Wisconsin campus, and ends at Hilldale Mall.

Alongside but separate from the study process, 1000 Friends of Wisconsin, Downtown Trolley, and the Dane Alliance for Rail Transit have partnered to form the Madison Streetcar Campaign to educate and engage the public in the ongoing discussion about how streetcars fit into our regional transportation vision.

What to look for soon:

In September the Madison Streetcar Campaign will be holding four public outreach meetings with a presentation, time for questions and answers, and displays, including one on the near west side September 19th from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the WARF Building on the UW-Madison campus (614 Walnut Street.) In October, the Streetcar Feasibility Study Committee will present potential routes within each of the corridors and seek feedback at a public meeting.

Learn more about:

The Transport 2020 and Streetcar Feasibility Studies • What streetcars are and how they operate • How cities across the country are improving their quality of life and economic vitality with streetcars, and • How you can get involved!

Downtown - Thursday, September 14th from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Central Library at 201 West Mifflin Street

West Side - Tuesday, September 19th from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the WARF Building (UW Madison Campus) at 614 Walnut Street

At each meeting, the presentation will begin at 6:30 and last roughly one hour. If you can't make the one in your neighborhood, feel free to attend one of the others. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

For more information, visit www.1kfriends.org. Email:

streetcar@1kfriends.org with questions and comments and to sign up for our periodic email updates. Or contact Downtown Trolley, Inc. (www.downtowntrolley.org) and the Dane Alliance for Rail Transit (www.danerail.org.)



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Randall School Anniversary *continued from front page*

To celebrate this historical turning point celebrating 100 years in the neighborhood, families, educators and alumni of Randall School invite your participation in Randall's 100th Anniversary Celebration on September 30th from 10:30 am into the afternoon. Highlights of the event include an architectural bus tour of several historic landmark homes in the University Heights neighborhood, Story Corps-like booths for alumni to record their memories of time spent at the school, rooms designated by decade for alum to reunite, the unveiling of the gift of a mural by parents/artists/children's book authors Laura Dronzek and Kevin Henkes, presentation of a centennial celebration song crafted by students with Leotha Stanley, children's games from the early 1900's (facilitated by MSCR), a parade and cake for a thousand!

Extend an invitation to alumni you know who have moved out of the neighborhood and join us to mark this memorable occasion!

Grandmother Willow

She holds me
in her arms
She sways me
back and forth
to the rhythm
of
the wind



by Erika Espeseth,
Randall School

Below 32°

Below 32°

Water takes on a crystal form

Above 32°

Water takes on waves and geese

Below 32°

Animals go downstairs

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A tulip pops out

by Mr. Wagler's 4th & 5th grade class
Randall School

Music of the Lake

The birds compose
the music
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The plants are
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by Tim Broman, Randall School

Poet and neighbor, Judith Strasser, collected the above poems during a poetry workshop at Randall School.

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A note to neighbors from Dane County Executive Kathleen Falk

Greetings! I hope that you had great summers and that the transition to fall is colorful and refreshing. It is, of course, the time when young people return to school and an appropriate time to talk a little about how Dane County works with kids who are at important crossroads in their lives. I'm talking about juvenile justice and the unique approaches that Dane County has developed over the years.

Our goal continues to be to catch kids before they freefall into a life punctuated by court orders, appearances and even prison time. Unlike other counties in this state and nation where new big juvenile jails are constructed to contain a problem, Dane County two decades ago chose a path of in-community programs to keep kids in the community, near family members and other mentors, to get them back on the right path to balanced, quality lives. That's why the population in the Dane County Juvenile Detention Center has remained in the mid-teens for more than twenty years despite the fact that Dane County is such a fast growing county.

Dane County invests several million dollars each year to support our unique Neighborhood Intervention Program that emphasizes public safety, accountability and coping skills including intensive supervision for 90 kids. But also including after school youth resource centers, year-round tutoring, alternative middle schools, community service work and youth grants for very important programs. The continued investment and support of our programs and great staff and community partners has enabled us to work with and to support our troubled youth, protect the community and limit the number of secure and costly detentions in state facilities (which cost about \$75,000 per child per year). These are only a few examples of wise investments that Dane County makes in our young people while protecting public safety.

I know that it's trite but profoundly true that children are our future. Thank you for all you do in your families and neighborhoods to support and encourage children in our community.

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This season's theme is Behind the Headlines. We are pleased to announce the following luncheon/lecture series schedule:

September 30, 2006, Robert W. McChesney, Rich Media, Poor Democracy: Communication Politics in Dubious Times
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All luncheons begin at 11:00 AM at the Monona Terrace. The cost for all luncheons and speakers is \$100.00 payable to Madison Civics Club and mail the check and membership form to Marge Liss, 6413 Jacobs Way, Madison, WI 53711. Visit www.madisoncivicsclub.org for more information on the speakers and the Madison Civics Club. The 2006-2007 Membership Form is available at the web site. Madison Civics Club www.madsioncivcsclub.org, Contact: > Laura McFadden, publicity committee chairperson, 608/252-4778

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Ken Golden, District 10 Alderperson

Development issues have dominated the City's agenda during the past few months. With the adoption of the Comprehensive Plan, the City has set out in a direction quite different than the one we were heading in 10 or 15 years ago, when I was first elected. Now, we're trying to respond to a number of different factors: the needs of a changing population, including a demographic of older family groups without children; the need for more efficient land use along transportation corridors to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of our current transit system and possible future rail or street-car systems; our need to be better stewards of the environment by employing such strategies as reducing the amount of farmland and open space being gobbled up by our increasing population and better managing our water resources. Finally, the increased concentration of population that comes with these in-fill projects is the best way to keep our neighborhood business districts financially healthy.

Dane County is projected to grow by 60,000 or so in the next decade, a population equal to the size of Janesville, and we need to find someplace to put these folks. We are seeing more and better infill projects like Monroe Commons and single family development on the city's edge on lots as small as they are in our neighborhood. These developments are the best way to achieve the results we seek.

One recent project near our neighborhood drew a great deal of attention. There is now an approved proposal at the Midvale Plaza area for both the expansion of Sequoya Library and for the infill development of 140+ units of condominium and rental housing. The debate on that subject was very sharp and,

to me, indicated that some city residents and the Common Council were not seeing the same future. I think the city, and I am including myself in this, have to do a better job of explaining to the public the advantages of and need for better land use through approving projects of this kind. We must maintain our standards though to make sure that these developments are high quality and are compatible with the neighborhood.

I begin my Alder Notes with these thoughts because, in the months to come, there are two development proposals percolating in or near our neighborhood that I think are quite significant. The first is already deeply into the process and involves a rather substantial building at the corner of **Monroe and Regent Streets**. A recent neighborhood meeting suggested that the developer needs to change his proposal substantially. The current proposal involves five actual stories, but because of some unique architectural features, it would actually be at least seven stories in height. The neighborhood who attended the meeting (August 17) found the project entirely too intense for the site, cited its inconsistency with our comprehensive plan and asked for a very different proposal. There were other concerns as well. We have asked the developer to go back to the drawing board and come up with something more appropriate for this gateway location. I hope people see that we are not going to simply approve any high density development just because it has density. We need to also consider compatibility, architecture, scale, mass, etc. We need to be more careful in general and particularly careful in infill projects and existing neighborhoods such as ours. Stay tuned.

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The second project is in the conceptual stage at this time; the developer has just begun to meet with neighborhood representatives and me. There have been no neighborhood meetings to date, but by the time you read this, I may have announced one. The project involves buildings to the west of **Michael's Frozen Custard**, extending through the block to Arbor Drive. There is some adaptive reuse of existing buildings, some potential demolitions and creation of a residential alternative in the middle of the block, set back greatly from both Arbor Drive and Monroe Street. Too early to be more explicit so stay tuned for the details. I'm extremely excited about one amenity in the preliminary plans. I've asked the developer to see if he could design in a pedestrian connection between Monroe Street and Wingra Park, through and along this potential development. So far, this appears possible. Again, stay tuned; this one might be very exciting.

There are a number of other things I've been working on that you may start hearing about:

Dudgeon Park

For some reason, when Dudgeon Park was created, it was never officially declared a park. It is actually eight single-family lots. I've begun discussions with the Parks Division and the Board of Park Commissioners about officially designating the land around the Dudgeon Building as a City park.

Dudgeon Center

This issue will be quiet now for a while, given that there's a two-year lease in place for the current users. While the City has declared the property to be surplus that will likely need to be sold at some point, the immediate pressure is somewhat relieved. Information available to me suggests that Wingra School has withdrawn its offer on the Blackhawk Church, and we've had no contacts with them about their potential purchase of the Dudgeon Building. Stay tuned, and we'll see if we can bring about something extremely positive for all concerned.

Traffic calming

There have been any number of traffic calming projects in the area. So many, in fact, I can barely keep track of them anymore. The long-anticipated closure of through traffic on Edgewood Drive is in process as I write this. A variety of advisory ballots have been sent out to various parts of the neighborhood surrounding Edgewood Avenue, and it appears that traffic circles and traffic islands will be dotting Edgewood Avenue. Additional speed humps on West Lawn Avenue are likely in the near future, and we still haven't really addressed the immediate area

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1. Edgewood Ave. Bridge should be open by 9/9
2. Harrison St/West Lawn and Spooner St should be open by 9/9
3. Murray St at Regent. Working on storm and curb & gutter on Regent. Waiting for a pole to be moved at NE corner. I am not certain all lanes on Regent will be open by 9/9.
4. Park (Regent - W. Washington) should be open to 4 lanes but still under construction
5. Charter/Dayton sidewalk should be open for 9/9
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near Monroe Commons. We'll wait to see what the impacts actually are before we fix the problems.

I have to confess that, since redistricting, a lot of my energy has been devoted to my representation of Allied Drive. I suspect that folks in the Dudgeon-Monroe Neighborhood will understand this and agree with these priorities. There are some very exciting things happening in the Allied Drive area, and I'll let you know about those as they come to fruition.

I hope everyone had a great summer, and I look forward to an active fall, working with all the neighborhoods in my district to keep our high quality of life. Thanks for all of your participation and support.



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Year One, Year 125

by Judd Schemmel, president of Edgewood High School of the Sacred Heart

Dear Neighbor,

We have something in common; we love our neighborhood -- the lake, the parks, the zoo, the cozy streets, our local shops, the architecture and our history. Yet it's possible with busy lives to live side-by-side not knowing much about one another. So after my first year as Edgewood High School president, Edgewood's 125th anniversary year, I'm grateful for this opportunity to share with you some interesting and possibly surprising facts about how EHS serves our youth and enhances our neighborhood, city and metro area.

An Edgewood High School education is based in five values accepted by most of civilization as good. Truth, justice, compassion, community and partnership are values especially prized by our Dominican sponsors. All EHS courses examine their curriculum, quite literally, in the light of these values. A quarter of EHS students are non-Catholic.

It's typical for EHS graduates to give double the amount of volunteer hours required for graduation. Our recent graduates gave 27,000 hours of service to the Madison area, averaging

almost 200 hours each.

All students at the high school receive a tuition subsidy and 40% receive additional financial aid. About 25% of the cost to educate is not included in tuition but, rather, is subsidized by funds raised from alumni and friends. The high school then additionally gives \$500,000 in tuition aid annually to families with financial need.

25% of Edgewood students benefit from specialized academic help.

In the Academic Success Program, a guided study hall, staff and Edgewood College students help EHS students with academics, organization and motivation. The Learning Resource Center tutors students who have a diagnosed learning disability; the teacher/student ratio is 1 to 4. Services include modified instruction, project guidance, alternative testing and help with college transition.

Over the past decade Edgewood's minority enrollment has increased 10% a year. Our percent minority enrollment is comparable to the percent minority population in the metro area. In addition, students seeking a values-based secondary education unavailable in their own communities come from as far as Ridgeway, New Glarus, Janesville, Fort Atkinson, Poynette and Arena.

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whole student - intellectually, socially, physically and spiritually - for a life of learning, service and personal responsibility.

I encourage you to contact me at schejud@edgewood.k12.wi.us or at 257-1023, ex. 141, with comments or questions about the high school, and I look forward to many more years of cooperation among all of us to make our neighborhood the best it can be!

The longest thriving high school in Madison, Edgewood has a storied history.

- 1871 The Sinsinawa Dominican Sisters begin their girls' elementary and high school near the Capitol.
- 1881 The school moves to the Edgewood grounds when Wisconsin Gov. and Mrs. Washburn - who go on to found what is now General Mills - donate their official residence, working farm and orchard for - educational purposes of the highest order. The sisters had visited and cared for the chronically ill Mrs. Washburn.
- 1899 Mail service reaches the remote EHS campus.
- 1905 The Sisters donate a strip of land to allow for a continuous "pleasure drive" around Lake Wingra.
- 1918 A grotto to Our Lady of Lourdes - which still exists - is built in thanks that, though thousands in Madison die of Spanish Influenza, no students or sisters perish.
- 1924 At the request of the growing number of Catholic parishes and parents in Madison, boys are admitted.
- 1930s The school sells the last of the farm animals. School sports begin to be offered.
- 1950s The era of boarding students, some of them orphans, ends. Grade school and college move into their own new buildings.
- 1960s As a result of the baby boom, enrollment soars. A major addition takes place.
- 1970s "The Rock" is unearthed as a result of construction and becomes an outlet for student spirit.
- 1993 The era of EHS without Sisters - but not without faith - begins. Gradual renovation of and additions to aging facilities begin, and continue today.

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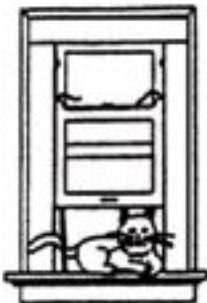
We encourage others, whether mowing lawns, shoveling snow, tutoring kids or fixing gardens to make submissions to the HB editor at achighton@yahoo.com, Subject: dmna svcs directory.

All neighbors who are members of the dmna association are eligible.

Cat Care • If you would like to have your cat(s) cared for while you're away, I will feed, play & spend devoted time with them. Crabby Abby's and Skittish Scoochies no problem! Call or send an email to:

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