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Together We Can Make A Difference!

Beginning on September 10th, please welcome a community-minded nearby neighbor and DMNA volunteer at your door.

We are asking you to become a DMNA member for the coming year. Dues have been kept at a low \$7 for the past seven years so everyone can afford it.

Your neighbor will also ask you whether you are interested in working with a congenial group on any of our projects. Please help if you can! Take a look at



descriptions elsewhere in this newsletter and feel free to contact committee chairs for more information if you need it.

Don't just count on your neighbor to contribute toward the improvement of your neighborhood-he is probably hoping YOU will pick up the slack! We urgently need funding and volunteers so we can do more for you-and make terrific

improvements to the neighborhood for all!

Thank You For Your Time!

Your neighbor will also ask to update your listing for a future DMNA Neighborhood directory (available free and only to members).

The directory helps to sustain an informal spirit of community, making it easy to learn neighbors' names (with a cross-listing by address), to contact neighbors for social events or when there is a problem, and to contact neighborhood businesses. The information is strictly limited to non-business access by DMNA members. We have successfully enforced that rule, but needed to only twice in 30 years.

Why Join DMNA?

You will have the opportunity to become a valuable part of a wonderfully dynamic, friendly, and effective group of neighbors - the Dudgeon-Monroe Neighborhood Association.

Neighbors like you become members because you find value in being a part of such a remarkable neighborhood. It's members like you who make Dudgeon-Monroe as desirable a place to live as it is!

Membership is...

Your contribution

Your dues and your generous volunteering for neighborhood activities and committees make you an active supporter of your community.

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MONROE COMMONS ISSUES

This is a follow up from our spring article. The cardboard at Trader Joe's loading dock has long been removed. There is a new stop sign at the intersection of Spooner and West Lawn and new line painting to clarify traffic flow, thanks to our new Alder, Brian Solomon. There has also been better compliance from Trader Joe's, with delivery trucks unloading in designated stalls rather than on the street.

MONROE STREET FESTIVAL

The 30th annual Monroe Street Festival will be held Saturday, 9/8/07, 10am-5pm, rain or shine. Participating businesses on the entire street will have sidewalk sales, with bargains galore. Musical entertainment will occur at the new Monroe Commons Plaza. The Monroe St. Library League will hold their annual book (plus CDs, videos, and DVDs) sale from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the library.

Children's activities will take place at the corner of Harrison & Monroe (by Neuhauser Pharmacy) and in front of Michael's.

FIELDHOUSE STATION

Final city consideration of the proposed Fieldhouse Station project, the planned 24-condo, office and retail development across from the Stadium, has been delayed until November to allow parties to work out a compromise. The development is opposed by the Vilas Neighborhood Association and adjacent DMNA and Regent Associations. Among the neighborhood concerns were excessive height (relative to the 2007 DMNA Monroe Street Commercial District Plan), the bar/restaurant license, and traffic flow problems at the site.

RELISH

The new owner of Relish has added a European style dinner menu that will involve serving upscale beers and wine, along with the usual lunches. The DMNA Council considered whether there would be any untoward impact on the surrounding neighbors with its new liquor license as a result of later hours and possible use of an outdoor dining area. Working with Vilas Neighborhood Association, the DMNA Council passed a motion of support with an amendment stating no amplified music will be allowed outside the building itself. The license has been granted by the city.

OUR PARK & PLEASURE DRIVE HISTORY

A booklet funded by the DMNA, outlining the

history of our neighborhood drive, is available free from Shawn Schey, 238-7987. The Dudgeon-Monroe area Park & Pleasure Drive, a wooded path behind Edgewood along the Lake Wingra shore, is one of the few little-changed remnants of a scenic drive system around the lakes back in the days of carriages. The area boasts wildflowers, birds, and Native American mounds. The booklet was created by Shawn Schey and Laurie Poast as part of a celebration of the end of through commuter traffic on the drive.

MACHA TEAHOUSE + GALLERY


Hue Gallery has become Macha Teahouse + Art Gallery. The home's second floor, formerly gallery space, has been turned into a teahouse, and on the first floor tables are surrounded by artwork. Monthly exhibits by a variety of artists are scheduled. The name "Macha" is a reference to Japan's best green teas, and 40 kinds of tea, many of them Asian, will be served or bagged for brewing at home. Fair Trade coffees will be sold too, along with pastries and tea-infused chocolates. According to Anthony Verbrick, new co-owner, "Our philosophy is to bring a little different flavor to Madison in the form of the slower pace of tea culture. More information is available at www.machateahouse.com.

PIZZA BRUTTA

Darcy and Derek Lee plan to open an upscale wood-fired pizzeria, featuring Neopolitan and seasonal pizzas, in Sepp's former space at 1805 Monroe this fall. It will offer both takeout and "fast casual" seating, and be family friendly. They plan to buy ingredients from local farmers as much as possible.

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DMNA has sponsored, contributed to, funded, and lobbied for many positive changes in the neighborhood over the last 36 years:

- Several generations of park play equipment
- Park weeding and extensive plantings Wingra Park shelter & landscaping
- Benches
- Drainage issues in parks
- Wingra Park dredging, shore protection
- Many happy wine and beer tastings
- Many parties for kids
- Jazz in the Park sponsor (12 years)

See page 6
for more!

ALDERMAN REPORT

Brian Solomon, 10th District Alderman, www.district10@cityofmadison.com

Greetings. For those of you who don't know me, my name is Brian Solomon and I am honored and excited to have been elected April 3rd as the new Alder for District 10. I hope by now that I have met most of you -- either as Co-Chair of the Transportation Committee, as President of the Neighborhood Association, at a neighborhood event (beer tasting, perhaps?), at a meeting, or perhaps at your front door. Either way, I am looking forward to serving you and helping to create a Madison that lives up to its promise as the best city in America.

As many of you know, I am most interested in Allied Drive, quality economic development, equal opportunity, transportation, and

environmental protection.

I will do my best to make neighborhood meetings as often as possible. I will also plan on writing regular updates to the Hornblower. Finally, I plan on starting a blog and/or email distribution list, which I can use to better communicate with you.

If you have any questions, please call me at 446-1362 or email at briansolomon@charter.net. Thank you very much for your support and trust on April 3rd. I hope to serve you well.

Here's to a more just community--one that respects our environment, honors our diversity, and ensures equal opportunity for all Madisonians.

Membership *continued from front page*

Membership is...

Strength in numbers

You'll find strong and effective support when you find yourself facing a new condo or business development next door, when unruly traffic speeds by your home, and when your street or park needs improvement.

Membership is...

Your friends

Belonging to a neighborhood like Dudgeon-Monroe earns you meaningful, life-long friendships. You'll meet running buddies, gardening friends, and playmates for your kids (and your dogs!). Come and enjoy your neighborhood wine and chocolate tastings, Halloween costume party and beer

tastings, children's events, and experience the camaraderie of working well together on a project dear to your hearts!

Membership is...

Knowledge

You'll know when a housing development is being proposed on your block, when a major new business wants to move in, which projects are getting funding, and when the Madison Police Department gets involved.

Membership is...

Your freedom of assembly

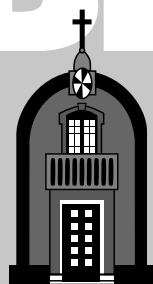
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Gaining Ground At Glenwood Children's Park

Peter Nause, Co-chair Parks Committee

An important neighborhood grassroots effort is underway focusing on Glenwood Children's Park, the 3.5 acre wooded triangle hidden between Glenway Street, the SW Ped/Bike Path, and Cross Street. The DMNA Parks Committee is organizing discussion about this park's future with interested residents. The general goal is a management strategy that will create more consistent long-term support for this historic park.

Initial discussions are examining how to encourage increased community participation, determining stewardship priorities and weighing alternative future improvements. The Dudgeon Center for Community Programs, the citizen board that governed the nonprofit Dudgeon Center for many years until its recent purchase by Wingra School, has generously donated \$10,000 for improvements to the park. The Parks Committee hopes to raise additional grant funding and/or matching funds as part of this project.

Glenwood Children's Park was designed by Jens Jensen and dedicated in 1949 - notably as one of his last public park commissions in a career that exerted a profound influence on the profession of landscape architecture and park planning. A century ago, Jens Jensen helped create a distinctly Mid-western style now known as the Prairie Style of landscape architecture. He was a leading force behind the movement to conserve threatened scenic natural areas.

The park design incorporates many facets of Jensen's unique design philosophy which were precedents to contemporary issues we recognize today: ecological restoration advocating the use of native plants, social themes of democracy, building community, and the vital importance of contact with nature and outdoor education in a child's development.

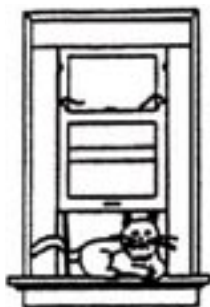
In the ensuing 58 years since the opening dedication, time has taken its expected toll on the park. Woodland succession,

invasive non-native species, erosion, absence of maintenance funding and shifts in public perception have contributed to deterioration despite organized efforts in 1975 and 1999 to repair, restore and replant.

Unknown by most, the park has languished. Its condition would be worse if it were not for a small number of dedicated individuals who through the decades have been tirelessly trying to combat the numerous invasive weed species that threaten the remaining native woodland plants. Since the park is classified as a "neighborhood" park rather than a "city" park, there is essentially no city budget targeted for maintenance of this park on an annual basis.

The Parks Committee would like to encourage you to join us in preserving the future of this invaluable part of our community roots. Contact either co-chair, Peter Nause, 206-1463, or Margaret Nelson, 258-9437 with your questions, ideas and offers to help!

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DMNA has worked for the following neighborhood improvements:

- Traffic calming features:
Speed Tables
Traffic Islands
Street markings painted
Demonstrations, flags to improve Pedestrian crossings
"Small Actions" reminders to drivers to slow down
Increased enforcement
- SW Ped/Bike Path
- Landscaping the path with native plants
- Restoring Edgewood Drive (Park & Pleasure Drive)
- Bus stop bench
- Monitor street reconstruction plans
- Sidewalk condition monitoring

See p. 8 for more!

Five Ways to Help the DMNA

John Boughman

The Dudgeon Monroe Neighborhood Association is committed to making our neighborhood a better place to live, but what can you do to help? Here are five ideas for improving our community.

- 1. Attend meetings** Dates and times for the DMNA annual meeting, and other meetings of interest, are advertised in *The Hornblower* and at the DMNA website (www.dmna.org). What better way to stay informed about the issues facing our neighborhood?
- 2. Support local businesses** Our community businesses are an intrinsic part of the unique character of our neighborhood. Shop locally and help fight against mall-sprawl.
- 3. Put those brain cells to work** Do you have ideas for improving the community? Don't keep them to yourself; speak up! Talk to your neighbors, contact the appropriate DMNA officer, or elected representative. Better yet – run for office yourself. We need more people like you!
- 4. Get involved** From Jazz in the Park to cleaning up the southwest bike path to serving on one of our many committees, the DMNA offers you the opportunity to make a difference in your neighborhood.
- 5. Be a good neighbor** Spread the word about the DMNA to new neighbors. Be the kind of neighbor you'd like to have. Look out for each other. Practice random acts of kindness.

Edgewood Changes

Dominican Hall, a newly completed student dormitory next to Marshall Hall and behind Edgewood High School, houses 198 Edgewood College students in gender-divided suites.

It has been built to accommodate Edgewood's new policies encouraging on-campus living. Now 39% of 1400 full-time undergraduates occupy the four campus dorms. According to staff member

Claire Mand, on-campus living improves student grades, increases student involvement, and increases undergraduate retention rates.

Construction of an enlarged parking lot for staff and faculty north of Edgewood High School is also nearing completion. It will serve about 95 employees (less than a 20% increase over its predecessor, with carpool parking and a gated area of reserved spaces.

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Where To Leave Your Leaves?

Tom Anderson-Brown

Autumn will be upon us soon, and with it lots (and lots) of leaves. When the leaves start to fall we'll see the old familiar piles of leaves standing guard on curbs throughout the neighborhood. But just where on the curb is the right place to pile those leaves? The correct answer means Lake Wingra has a fighting chance.

In the early 1900's, right around the time much of our neighborhood was built, the grass lawn had become a common feature of the American home. One-hundred years later it seems the grass lawn is as popular as ever.

Grass has a lot going for it. Grass feels a bit like a carpet under bare feet. It looks pleasant, it prevents erosion, and

if it's well-maintained it is reminiscent of the gardens at Windsor or Versailles.

Grass also has some detriments, one of which is that leaves must be raked off of it in the fall. But where to put all these leaves? According to the myfairlakes.com website, leaf piles and other yard waste should be kept out of the streetside gutter, curb, or ditch.

The proper place to pile your leaves is on the terrace, the strip of grass between the curb and the sidewalk.

Are you concerned about this pile of leaves killing your grass on the terrace? You need not be. Your grass stops growing and becomes dormant in the fall so the pile of leaves sitting on your terrace will not harm your grass.



What's so important about proper leaf pile placement? Leaves naturally contain nutrients like phosphorus and nitrogen. When you leave your leaf pile in the gutter or in the street the nutrients in the leaves break down and wash into the storm sewer and head straight to Lake Wingra.

According to the organization Friends of Lake Wingra (lakewingra.org), one of the major threats to the health of Lake Wingra is nutrient loading, and one of the major contributors to nutrient loading in Lake Wingra is that pile of leaves sitting in the gutter.

The major consequences of nutrient loading in Lake Wingra are algal blooms (think green water) and aquatic weeds. When algae and aquatic weeds die they decompose at the bottom of the lake. More algae and weeds lead to more decomposition, which in turn can lead to low oxygen levels in the water. Low oxygen levels can lead to fish kills and foul odors. This string of events is unpleasant to the nose, the eye, and the soul.

So do your part to minimize the impact of our urban landscape on Lake Wingra. Keep your leaves out of the street and gutter.

Leaves belong on the terrace.

Glenwood Moravian Community Church Goes Green

Marcy Doelp

The possibility of creating a dry oak savanna behind Glenwood came from our lawn care provider, Jeff Annen, who is also our grounds maintenance Trustee, when he suggested its creation as a way of solving a problematic mowing area behind the church. The Joint Board considered the problem and decided that Glenwood should "Go Green."

Our site is characteristic of a dry oak savanna rather than a prairie because the soil covering the hill isn't very deep. So we have chosen Pennsylvania sedge that has grown successfully at Mt. Morris, our camp and conference center, as our primary ground cover. This has been planted in a large area under the oak tree. Around this will be other na-

tive plants.

We learned that many plants of the dry savanna are familiar friends that used to grow along the tracks behind the houses on Gregory Street before the bike path was built. Some of them found their way into our wildflower gardens. Now they are being returned to this area more like their original home. These are the plants that were likely on this hill when this very special part of our neighborhood was inhabited by Native Americans.

Our thanks to Mike Foy of the DNR, who advised us, prepared the site, and even joined in as one of the planters. We couldn't have done it without him.

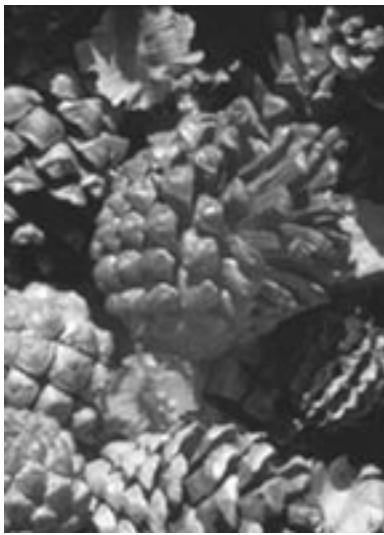
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DMNA has worked to achieve:

- Formal Neighbor-hood Plan
- SW Path accepted by neighborhood
- Significant input into 'hood development
- Pedestrian refuge Is-lands
- Saved Dudgeon as child-centered site in '70's
- Dudgeon fence, plantings, equipment
- Dudgeon grounds a city park
- Improved student dropoff conditions at school
- Co-founder of Mon-roie St. Festival
- Workshops/articles on environmentally responsible home ownership
- Home improvement workshops
- Painted neighbors' homes

AND MUCH MORE...

Dave Worzala, Our County Supervisor, Reports

As the 2006-07 County Board session progresses, there are two significant issues that will be taken up this fall that affect our entire community.

Proposal to Create a Regional Transportation Authority

As you may have read in the newspapers, the County is considering a resolution to create a Regional Transportation Authority (RTA). The RTA would provide regional planning and funding for commuter rail, bus, and some road construction. The RTA would be funded by an increase of up to .5 cents increase in the sales tax. The RTA could not be created unless it passes a county-wide resolution and Legislative authorization.

I support the creation of an RTA in concept because I think transportation decisions need to be made in a regional manner if transportation and related development is to be well planned.

Having said I support an RTA, I have several concerns. First, I am concerned about the lack of information regarding the governance structure for the RTA. If the RTA is to have taxing authority, we need to know how all citizens of Dane County will be represented on the RTA. Second, the proposal to create a commuter rail from Middleton to Sun Prairie needs to be more fully developed. I am particularly concerned about the cost and ridership estimates. A related concern is where the stops would be and the development that would be allowed at those stops. I believe that all such stops should be developed as "destinations," with dense and mixed use development, to increase ridership. Also, if an RTA is created, there should be some reduction in property taxes by offsetting bus and road costs from the property tax.

In terms of process, the County Board is scheduled to take up the RTA resolution in mid-August. The current resolution is being amended in committee, so it is not clear what the final version looks like at this time. In addition, as stated above, the State Legislature needs to pass authorization for the creation of an RTA before one could be created

in Dane County. Lastly, the concept would have to pass referendum. So, there are steps yet to be taken and issues to be resolved before an RTA can be created.

Criminal Justice System Assessment

In late July, the County Board received a draft report on the Dane County Criminal Justice System. This report was commissioned by the County Board to address jail crowding, out of county rental of jail beds, and ever-rising criminal justice system costs. The draft report identified numerous shortcomings in the criminal justice system that result in lengthened jail stays without providing public safety benefits. Compared to other counties in Wisconsin and in Minnesota, Dane County's system is below average in timely adjudicating cases and lacks management focus on providing justice in a timely manner.

During the upcoming months, I expect the County Board to undertake serious consideration of the report's recommendations. The County spends nearly \$3 million per year on transporting and housing inmates in other counties. If this can be reduced without decreasing public safety, I am confident the County Board will enact several changes.

I know that both of these issues are of interest to many of you, so if you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at 255-3278 or worzala@co.dane.wi.us. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your County Supervisor.



Southwest Path Restoration Project:

Establishing & Protecting Plantings

Sandy Stark, DMNA Path Committee chair, sestark@wisc.edu

You aren't alone if you've admired the lovely established native prairie at the intersection of Odana and the southwest bike path. Your DMNA path committee will use it as a model for planting a smaller, shorter prairie at the Glenway/Path site we've been working on since spring. Planting and sowing the prairie should take place in the second half of September or early October.

It will take about three years for many of the plants to establish themselves. Please keep in mind there is a common code of ethics concerning native plantings like those along the SW path corridor. Especially in their early stages, native plantings are especially vulnerable to disturbance and disruption. Please avoid wandering through them carelessly to prevent

accidental damage to smaller, less visible grasses and plants. And avoid the temptation to collect seeds without permission or supervision, especially from a single plant or species. Part of a healthy prairie restoration is allowing native plants to set and disperse enough of their own seed naturally. Your path volunteers will appreciate having the plants do most of the work of reseeding as well!

The design for the Glenway/Path restoration project is posted at the site, as well as information on work in progress. We hope you already enjoy the flowering border, and that you will enjoy watching another prairie grow in the seasons to come.

DMNA's Jazz In The Park A Community Treasure

The T-shirt clad neighbors below – wearing Jazz-in-the-Park shirts from different years – reflect the neighborhood's loyalty to this traditional gathering.

Picture the scene: a beautiful afternoon and late evening, warm sunshine augmented by nice cool breezes on which wafted the zesty musical notes of jazz bands, groups of families and friends lying out on blankets or sitting back relaxing on beach chairs, picnic-goers sharing their meals, kids enjoying the special activities organized for them,



others picking up trash to be rewarded by discounted ice-cream coupons, this year's T-shirts being purchased at the tent while other attendees reviewed the Silent Auction items and placed

another bid, young kids dancing to the music under the roof of the Band Tent – and all of this playing out against the backdrop of our lovely neighborhood Lake Wingra! What festive fun at this year's Jazz-in-the Park!

Anyone interested in joining the DMNA volunteer committee who work to put on this event should contact Donal O'Hare (233-1499) – it's a fun way to contribute to our neighborhood!

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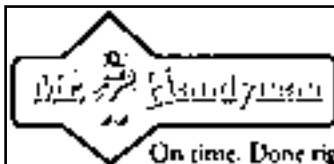
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- Monroe Street merchants
 - Friends of Lake Wingra
 - Friends of the Park & Pleasure Drive
 - Edgewood
 - UW development and stadium staff
 - Other Neighborhood Associations
 - City staff;
- and many other groups, resulting in major influence on issues like:
- Limits on UW parking (& therefore traffic)
 - UW post-game trash pickup
 - UW student alcoholism problems;
- education efforts that:
- Lessen our impact on the lake
 - New Associated Bank site saved shopping
 - Park & Pleasure Drive lost commuters
 - Glenway traffic calming
 - Flood control at neighborhood low points

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Imagine... Clear Water In Lake Wingra?

By Aileen Nettleton

Have you canoed by the fenced area of Lake Wingra behind Edgewood College or noticed the net weir in Vilas Lagoon this spring? Both are part of the Lake Wingra Aquatic Plant Restoration Demonstration Project.

Simply stated, the project could be called the "Carp Reduction Project." Research shows that a leading contributor to the current water problems of Lake Wingra is the great density of carp in the lake. Carp living in the bottom of shallow lakes continuously stir up the bottom sediments, leading to higher blue-green algae densities, a decrease in the native water plants, and the "turbid" green water we are familiar seeing in the lake.

In shallow lakes such as Lake Wingra, if phosphorus levels are low enough, it may be possible to restore clear water and native water plants by reducing the carp population density. The good news is that studies show that Lake Wingra phosphorus levels are low enough that "biomanipulation" (reduction of the carp, in this case) can work.

This was the encouraging news Dr. Richard Lathrop of the DNR and UW Center for Limnology presented at the DMNA Annual Meeting. To apply this information to Lake Wingra, the Aquatic Plant Restoration project built a "Carp Exclosure" in the lake adjacent to the Edgewood College Biology Lab to study the impact of fencing out carp from a 2.5 acre area of the lake. After two years, results are dramatic:

- The water in the carp exclosure is twice as clear as the water in the rest of the lake.
- Healthy, native water plants have increased in the exclosure.
- Blue-green algae has decreased in the exclosure.

The next step in the project is to figure

out how to reduce the carp population in the whole lake. Radio transmitters have been implanted in a sample of 14 carp to track their movements. Dr. Lathrop showed some of the maps of the carp movements, with the surprise finding that many of the carp congregated in the Vilas Lagoon during the spring spawning season! A weir was set up at the lagoon entrance this spring to trap as many carp as possible for disposal.

Unfortunately, damage to the netting, at both the Edgewood exclosure and the entrance to the lagoon, likely by vandals, has slowed progress on the project.

The project will continue to monitor the carp movements, and more secure netting as well as other removal methods will be considered for the 2008 carp roundup.

As neighbors who have a "stake in the lake," we applaud the work of this collaborative project. Our thanks to these members of this project: Wisconsin DNR, UW Center for Limnology, Friends of Lake Wingra, Dane County, Madison Fishing Expo, Edgewood College, UW Arboretum, and City of Madison.

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