



THE

Hornblower

Dudgeon-Monroe Neighborhood Association

WINTER 2009

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, December 6
Monroe St. Christmas Walk
12-4 p.m.

Saturday, December 19
Winter Solstice Bonfire
6-10 p.m.
Glenwood Children's Park--Glen-
way/SW Path
Families welcome!

December 2, January 6, Febru-
ary 3
DMNA Council Meetings
7 p.m. Dudgeon Center/Wingra
School
All DMNA members welcome

February 8-March 2
"Neighborhood Perspectives" Art
Exhibit
DiRicci Gallery, Edgewood College
6-8 p.m.

Reminders:
November 15
Alternate Parking Begins
1 a.m.-5 a.m.
Park on even-numbered address
side on even-numbered dates and
vice versa.

Snow Shoveling
By 12:00 noon the day following
snowfall.
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Flags = U.N. Safe Communities Award!

By Chuck Kalish, Transportation Committee

Members of the International Safe Communities of the U.N. World Health Organization Safe Community Network met with representatives of DMNA on September 24 for a demonstration of our red crossing flags. The Monroe Street flags were one of the highlights of their site visit to Dane County, or maybe it was the Michael's Frozen Custard!

Congratulations to Dane County and DMNA for recognition and certification as an International Safe Community by the World Health Organization Safe Communities Network! Dane County becomes the fourth community in the U.S. with this designation

and one of only 160 communities worldwide. Safe Communities, a local organization directed by Cheryl Wittke, led the drive for the WHO certification. An application and a site

visit from representatives of WHO involved documenting Dane County Safe Communities' multiple efforts to improve safety in Dane County. These activities range from suicide prevention to preventing falls and home accidents and efforts to improve child safety. One focus of Safe Communities is traffic safety. The DMNA has been a close collaborator in the traffic safety programs. The red crossing flags program was launched in our neighborhood and has subsequently been extended to many other locations



in Dane County.

Glenwood Moravian Celebrates 80 Years

By Aileen Nettleton

A small congregation of 50 members built the first sanctuary of Glenwood Moravian Community Church in 1929 across from Dudgeon School. For 80 years the church has served the Dudgeon Monroe neighborhood at this location, building the larger new sanctuary in 1948 to serve a growing congregation. A large oak tree that had to be removed was milled and crafted

into the pulpit, lectern, and worship center still used today. A new education wing added in 1963 was the last phase for the building as we recognize it today.

How did a Moravian Church end up in our neighborhood? Rev. Mary Lou Plummer tells, "The first seeds of the congregation

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Visit www.dmna.org for additional information about the Association.

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Dear Neighbors

A Letter From Your DMNA President

There's a place in my neighborhood where I often stop on my bike ride home from work. It's warm and comfortable. The people who work there know my name. I go there to research my next vacation, to plan my spring garden or to scan the magazine rack. I can pick out a movie from a selection of hundreds or find a book on tape. I can do this all for free. I'm at the Monroe Street Branch Public Library.

Last year the Dudgeon Monroe Neighborhood Association mobilized forces to defend our library from the city's budget proposal to close it. Because of our rapid and emphatic objection, the mayor quickly canceled the plan.

This year, our cherished little library enjoyed a facelift. Special thanks to the Monroe Street Library League and others who contributed the needed funds. Thanks also to the many DMNA members who contributed to last year's capital fundraising campaign, allowing us to pay for the new \$4,000 service desk.

Although we all enjoy our city libraries "for free," that's far from the truth. The 2008 direct costs for all of Madison's li-

braries were nearly \$9 million. Of those, the Monroe Street Branch costs amounted to only 3% or \$277,000.

A 2007 library usage study shows our library is by far the smallest in town at 2,300 square feet. However, our branch had the highest circulation per square foot of any of Madison's libraries. The study also showed it drew patrons from the smallest service area of all the libraries.

Our library system is one of the many features that makes Madison such a great place to live, and our local branch adds much to our neighborhood. These features don't just happen. The DMNA is organized and "on call" to address concerns and threats so that we are able to maintain our neighborhood's outstanding attributes. Please don't take it for granted.

The next time you walk over to the library to pick out a DVD for Friday night, remember how lucky we are to have our very own library in the neighborhood.

Janet Niewold, President
Dudgeon Monroe Neighborhood Association

Moravians continued

were initiated by a member of the Moravian Church from Green Bay, Otto Heise." His son was attending the UW. Heise was concerned about his son's religious faith, so the family moved to Madison and he began Bible Study in his home! At 50 members, they moved to Dudgeon School, and then built their own church.

Ian Smith, a lifetime member, recalls growing up on Gregory Street and attending as a child. "The church had a very active Sunday School program." He smiles at memories of attending the Wisconsin Moravian Church Camp. He related how their minister in the late 1960's, Bob Smith, "helped calm the violence" of the anti-war protesters, in accordance with the

denomination's stance for peace.

The church has been home to the Cooperative Nursery for over 30 years and has hosted neighborhood meetings, a film club, a theater group, and a couples club as outreach to the community.

Today the congregation views social justice as its mission. Members volunteer at the Grace Episcopal Church Homeless Shelter, the Road Home hospitality program for homeless families, the Allied Drive Food Pantry, and even with the DMNA Glenwood Children's Park project. In their own backyard, indigenous plants make up a savannah neighbors may visit for reflection. More information on the history of the church can be found at www.glenwoodmoravian.org.

Neighborhood News Briefs

The 29th Annual Monroe Street Christmas Walk will be held in the 1700-1900 blocks of Monroe Street on Sunday, December 6, from 12:00-4:00 p.m. The Monroe Street Carolers will be singing songs of the season in each of the participating shops. Many of the Monroe Street stores and restaurants in this three block area will be providing holiday refreshments, entertainment, demonstrations or other special activities.

The original Jens Jensen plans for the **Glenwood Children's Park** obtained by DMNA Parks members last year are now housed at the Wisconsin State Historical Society. The plans can be viewed online by anyone interested at: www.wisconsinhistory.org/whi/fullRecord.asp?id=61541

The Yunker Agency has recently opened at 1717 Monroe St. The local Farmers agents, Ray and Steve Yunker, can provide information on a wide range of insurance requirements.

Farewell Monroe Street Consignment Antiques. Has it really been 12 years since Joan Hopwood opened her consignment antiques shop at 2606 Monroe Street? As she closes her store to work in a nonprofit, Hopwood says she has loved her time as a business owner in the Dudgeon-Monroe neighborhood. She hopes for everyone's success in the business district, as we wish her well.

Neighbor Jim Bierne, master electrician, has opened **Bierne Electrical Services.** He offers residential and commercial services, including phone, data and cable wiring and home re-wiring – 332-5075.

Aaron Perry State Farm Insurance has opened an office at 2605 Monroe St. The business, located in the new building next to Michael's Frozen Custard, offers insurance and financial services to clients.

In Memory: Neighbor Sally Jenkins, Minakwa Street, who passed away in September, spent many hours in the Glenwood Children's Park pulling garlic mustard and picking up trash. Donations in her honor have been contributed to DMNA to be used for plantings of an oak tree, service berry trees, and other plants in the Glenwood Children's Park.

Winter Solstice Bonfire

Join the DMNA Parks Committee for our third annual Winter Solstice Bonfire from 6:00-10:00 p.m., Saturday, December 19, at the Council Ring in the Glenwood Children's Park at the corner of Glenway and the SW Bikepath. Enjoy an evening outdoors feasting on s'mores, roasting brats and chatting with neighbors and friends. Dress comfortably, pack your drinks and brats, and head on up to the Council Ring! S'more makings and skewers will be provided.

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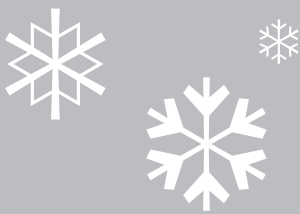
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Let it Snow, Let it Snow, Let it Snow!

By Mary Erdman

As fall turns to winter and with it comes snow, here's a timely refresher of all the shoveling rules from the City of Madison web site:

Q: By what time do I have to clear my sidewalk?

A: By 12:00 noon the following day. Initial fine is \$107. All subsequent fines are \$172. If the city has to clear the walks, you will be assessed the costs.

Q: Will the city issue a warning before they issue a ticket for failure to remove snow?

A: No.

Q: How much of my sidewalk do I have to clear?

A: You must clear the entire width of the sidewalk, from edge to edge.

Q: If I own a corner lot, do I have to clear the curb ramp, the portion of the sidewalk leading to the street?

A: Yes.

Q: I am elderly and/or handicapped and I just received a ticket. Is there anything I can do?

A: Yes. Please call the Building Inspection Division at 266-4551 and ask to speak to a Property Maintenance Inspector.

The Inspector will try to pair you up with an agency to provide you assistance and place your address on the 72-hour extension list. The inspector will then ask the court to dismiss your ticket.

Q: Is it illegal to deposit snow into the street?

A: Yes.

Q: Do I have to clear my driveway or private sidewalks?

A: Madison General Ordinance 10.28 only pertains to public sidewalks. The Postal Service may refuse to deliver your mail if your private sidewalk is slippery or snow-covered.

Q: I removed the snow, but the sidewalk is covered with ice. What should I do?

A: Free sand is provided at numerous locations across the city. Apply sand to the sidewalk to eliminate the hazard.

The Hornblower encourages residents to avoid using salt, if possible, to reduce salt run-off into Lake Wingra. (See 2008 Winter Hornblower at www.dmna.org)

For those residents who are physically able, think of shoveling as wonderful aerobic exercise! Don't overdo, pace yourself, or hire a neighborhood kid to help you out!

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Oak Wilt

By Linda McQuillen, Parks Committee

With the cool air of fall come thoughts of campfires, fireplaces and the caution to “burn it where you buy it.” Firewood can spread tree diseases. The campaign that encourages you not to move firewood from one place to another to prevent the spread of emerald ash borer is relevant to the spread of oak wilt as well.

According to the US Dept. of Agriculture, oak wilt is one of the most serious tree diseases in the eastern United States. The fungus is widespread throughout the forests in Wisconsin and has been here for around 100 years. The disease is widespread in the southern 3/4 of Wisconsin. It has affected oaks in our neighborhood, including those in the Glenwood Children’s Park.

Oak wilt is caused by a fungus that slows the movement of water within oak trees, causing the leaves to wilt and drop off the tree. Affected oaks may drop their leaves any time from early spring through late June, July and August, and some may lose their leaves in September.

Oak wilt is spread a number of ways. Beetles feed on the sap through cracks in the bark of infected trees then fly to healthier oaks and infect their sap. The fungus can move from tree to tree underground through interconnected roots. In addition, people can spread the fungus by moving logs from infected trees to expose otherwise healthy oaks.

Landowners can minimize the spread of this fungus by protecting healthy trees:

- 1) Prune oak only during the wintry months, November through March, when there is no sap and when beetles are inactive.
- 2) Land management planning is crucial to protect oaks, which are very sensitive to construction impact around their root systems. Oak forests are favored environments for homes. Roots cut by excavation, soil compacted by heavy equipment, and even soil piled around oaks all create vulnerability to diseases like oak wilt.

As work in the Glenwood Children’s Park continues, attention will be given to both the healthy and the infected oak trees. To learn more, visit the DNR website at www.dnr.state.wi.us/forestry/Fh/oakWilt.

“Neighborhood Perspectives” Art Show

French Impressionism meets local style in an upcoming art show at Edgewood College. Neighborhood Perspectives, opening February 8 at the Di Ricci Gallery, will feature works by husband and wife John Ribble and Cynde Quinn. John uses pastels and Cynde uses oils to bring to life favorite places, parks and gardens in the Dudgeon-Monroe, Vilas and Westmoreland neighborhoods. Similar to the Impressionist movement, their style of taking their canvases on location transforms John and Cynde's art into changeable scenes of time and place. The show will be open daily from 5-6 p.m. for students, then from 6-8 p.m. for the general public.



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Alder Brian Solomon Reports

Monroe Street Branch Library: I'd be remiss not taking a second to appreciate how far we have come in one year. Exactly one year ago at the Monroe Street Festival, Alder Kerr and I, along with several neighborhood associations, were gearing up for a battle to save our branch, which the Mayor had designated for closure in his budget. We found the funds, kept the branch open, and now, a year later, we have a beautifully remodeled branch. The Mayor announced at the grand re-opening that libraries will not be subject to any reduction in the upcoming budget. Go Monroe Street Branch!

Recycling: As you may know, I co-sponsored the plastic bag recycling ordinance. I am excited this passed unanimously, allowing us to move forward on recycling plastic bags. We throw away millions each year. More information to come on drop-off sites as they are developed. ALSO, the city now recycles vehicle batteries with drop-off

at 1501 W. Badger Road.

Allied Drive: The Task Force, Neighborhood Association, service providers and residents are working diligently to keep making progress in this neighborhood. Phase I of our redevelopment project is making great strides. I was proud to join the Mayor and WHEDA Executive Director to celebrate the opening of "Revival Ridge."

Budget: We have a very tough budget season coming up, with Common Council deliberations on November 10, 11, and 12. If you have questions, ideas, thoughts, or priorities, please email me at briansolomon@charter.net. Some links related to the budget:

www.cityofmadison.com/comp/2010CapBud/capbudindex.htm

www.madisonpubliclibrary.org/about/future/central.html

www.cityofmadison.com/comp/budget-index.htm

Madison Metro To The Rescue!

By Ann Clark

Last year was a perfect storm for Madison drivers: increasing road congestion, astronomical increases in gas prices, galloping global warming and news that Madison's air quality is at best a gentleman's C. Yes, our driving is a major contributor to all these difficult problems. To top it off, now we are dealing with an economic crisis.

Seems as though it's a great moment to consider cutting both our costs and environmental impact by minimizing driving. Yes, walking and biking for short distances, batching errands, shopping nearby, and having your

children walk to school can all help. But the most important reduction is that gas guzzling daily drive to work. Madison Metro buses can be a perfectly satisfactory alternative. For any family member who works 6-9 a.m. to 3-6 p.m. at a destination near bus lines, buses pass on Monroe Street (#3, 19 and 58) every 15 minutes. A calculator connection at www.cityofmadison.com/metro/ allows you to calculate what you save by riding the bus.

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County Supervisor Jeremy Levin Reports

The Dane County Executive recently released her 2010 budget. The budget has become the all-encompassing issue, with sales tax collections down, property tax delinquencies up and a once flush reserve account gone. Proposed department budget requests would have required a 22.5% increase in the tax levy. Instead, the Executive's budget calls for a levy increase of 7.9%. For the owner of an average-priced Madison home the county share of property taxes will increase by about \$38.

Providing human services during these tough times is more essential than ever. The human services budget request totals \$233.1 million—more than 50% of the operating budget. This is an increase of 2.2% over the current budget. However, it maintains the same general purpose tax revenue at \$63.2 million to fund programs for children, youth, families, and adult mental health.

To implement long-term cost savings, the budget includes a new 24-hour mental health crisis care stabilization center to address a growing need for critical mental health services. \$520,000 (\$425,000 federal funds) will implement a 12-bed, community-based residential treatment center.

A resolution to create the Dane County Regional Transit Authority was introduced on October 15, an early step in the creation of our RTA. Additional steps will be to secure federal funds and hold a referendum on implementing a dedicated sales tax as a source of revenue for the RTA.

Further budget information can be found at <http://www.co.dane.wi.us/budget/>. As

always, please feel free to contact me at levin.jeremy@co.dane.wi.us or 608-577-9335 with specific questions and concerns.

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So think hard about riding the bus, at least to work. It can help your conscience, your pocketbook, your fitness, even your reading or socializing time. Without the daily commute, it's a great opportunity to cut your costs—and temptation—by dumping an extra car. Owning a new vehicle costs about \$8,000 a year. You can figure the cost for your vehicle at www.edmonds.com/apps/cto/CTOintroController.

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