



THE Hornblower

Dudgeon-Monroe Neighborhood Association

FALL 2010

UPCOMING EVENTS

**SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER:
MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**

**OCTOBER 1:
GALLERY WALK**
Monroe Street Galleries and
others

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Gulesserian's Celebrates 100 Years

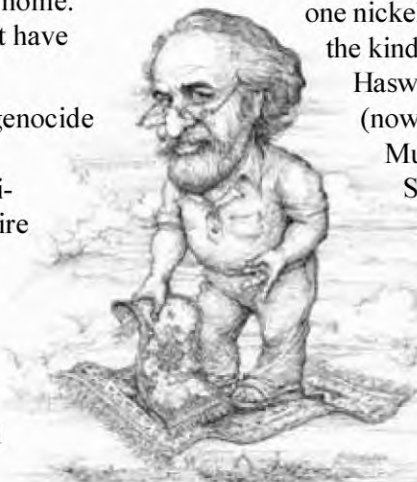
By Dorrie Sundquist

What would you do if you were abandoned by two of your co-workers on a Madison street corner? These days you could call or text anyone in the world for money or simply for a ride home. Solomon Gulesserian didn't have those options.

In 1910 Solomon fled the genocide of Armenian Christians in Turkey to pursue the American dream. Leaving his entire family, including his wife and children, he worked in Hoboken, N.J., and Chicago before coming to Madison. He joined up with two men who traveled the state selling rugs to furniture stores. Solomon would repair rugs to attract buyers into the

stores.

But Solomon had barely put his feet into Madison when his co-workers ditched him without paying him a cent. Solomon had one nickel to his name. Thanks to the kindness of a stranger, Clayton Haswell of Haswell Furniture (now the Wisconsin Historical Museum on Capitol Square), Solomon found food, a place to stay and a job. Haswell leased Solomon space in the back of the store where he could clean and repair rugs. Gulesserian's, at least the concept of Gulesserian's, was born. One hundred years later,



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Fall Membership Drive

By Linda McQuillen, Membership Chair

The DMNA membership drive for 2011 will be short and sweet!

Short—it will start mid-September and end before Halloween. Sweet—it will come with the new directory and it will still cost only \$7 to be a member.

Because the drive will be short this year, your block captain will only try two times to connect directly with you. If no face-to-face contact is made in the second visit, your block captain will leave at your door your membership form with a note and an ad-

ressed envelop for you to mail in your dues with your form. The drive will only last six weeks, so all materials will need to be returned by the end of October, whether by your block captain or by you in the mail.

Watch for and welcome your block captain! Along with bringing your new DMNA directory, your neighborhood volunteer will be bringing you another opportunity to become a member of what is widely considered to be the best neighborhood association in Madison.



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Dear Neighbors

A Letter From Your DMNA President

The idea of a cafe catering to bike riders may be fun to consider, but where the business will be located should be treated seriously, since it affects many residents and can permanently alter our city's landscape.

That's why it's so important for project ideas like this to follow a process where there can be discussion on issues like:

- preserving a valued stretch of quiet, forested green space in the middle of the city;
- potential value to the neighborhood and the biking community of a bike cafe;
- opportunities in the existing business district 2 blocks away and in other near-by commercial locations;
- zoning distinctions between commercial and residential areas;
- when a private commercial venture should be allowed on publicly owned land.

The process for a new project like this typically includes review by knowledgeable city staff, and opportunities for neighborhood input through meetings and alder contact. Neighborhood associations play a role in this process. They can act as a point of contact between knowledgeable city staff, alders and neighbors. They can provide information, track projects like this one, sponsor meetings, and represent the neighborhood to the city when we need to speak with a stronger voice than we can individually.

The SW Path and the proposed bike cafe are in the Dudgeon-Monroe Neighborhood Association (DMNA) area, but border the Regent

Neighborhood Association area, also. DMNA is working with our alder and the city to follow this project. We'll post information as we get it. Evidently this idea has been floated before, but there are many basic questions that need to be answered before it goes anywhere.

I really encourage anyone who is interested in this issue -- or any others -- to participate in the process. Contact city staff, your alder, your neighborhood association, or me with questions, requests, or opinions.

This is a good opportunity to remind everyone that neighborhood associations are just that -- associations of neighbors who volunteer to work on issues that affect us all. The neighborhood associations, through the participation of residents past and present, have been instrumental in developing and preserving many of the features that make this area such a wonderful place to live.

Any resident in the DMNA area can be a member, and the monthly meetings are open to all.

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19th Annual Jazz in the Park a Great Success!

By Tyler Leeper, Chair

Thanks to everyone who made their way to Wingra Park during the annual Jazz in the Park. The weather cooperated with the event and we were pleased to see so many people throughout the entire day.

We want to thank our generous sponsors who made the event possible. Thanks to our major donors: Laurel Tavern, MG&E, Pasqual's, Orange Tree Imports, Taste of India, Wingra Boats and Mallatt Pharmacy. We also want to thank all of our sponsors: Brasserie, Monroe Street Fine Arts Center, Parman's Service Station, Zander's Interiors, Luedtke-Storm-Mackey Chiropractic Clinic, Restaino & Associates, Mickies Dairy Bar, Neuhauser Pharmacies, Lakeview Veterinary Clinic, A Stones Throw, and Aaron Perry of State Farm.

The morning's Lake Wingra Clean Up sponsored by Wingra Boats and Friends of Lake Wingra had the highest turnout ever.

From noon until 2 we had a line of kids and adults waiting for their chance to log roll with the Madison Log Rolling Club, and people took lessons at the growing sport of Stand Up Paddle Boarding.

Right at 2:30 the Edgewood College Jazz Ensemble kicked off the music with about twenty trumpets, saxophones, guitars, bass, drums, keyboards and trombones! The sun was hot and people held up under the trees, but by the time El Clan Destino made it to the stage, people were closing in on the great stage that was added this year. The El Clan Destino trio played a great set of Afro-Cuban jazz. It was a great treat to have this band come back together just for Jazz in the Park!

When Tony Castaneda Latin Jazz Sextet took the stage, the crowd was estimated at 400-500 people! There were picnic baskets, blankets, kids and friends covering Wingra Park. The sun dropped, people kicked off their shoes, and danced into the night.

We have begun planning for the 20th Anniversary of this event to be held Saturday, June 18, 2011. Mark your calendar and let us know if you would like to help with this event--tyleeps@gmail.com .

Editor's Note: Special thanks to DMNA chairs Kristin Branch (Lake Wingra Cleanup) and Tyler Leeper (Jazz in the Park) and all the DMNA volunteers who made the day a success.



Upper left: Logrolling on Lake Wingra. Photo by Aileen Nettleton. Left: Tony Castaneda Band. Photo by Kathryn Lederhause.

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What's With California?

By Chuck Kalish, Transportation Committee

The red crossing flag program has been a great success on Monroe Street. The flags were one reason that Madison was designated a Safe Community by the World Health Organization last year. We are not alone. Flag programs started in Kirkland, WA, and have spread to other locations, including Salt Lake City; Clearwater, Florida; Honolulu; and soon Eau Claire.

One index of the success is that there is a new website marketing flags and holders. DMNA still does things the old-fashioned way, making our flags ourselves, mostly because we are cheap! A large number of the flags do go missing, especially around football Saturdays.

All of this interest in pedestrian flags apparently does not extend to California. A report from the city of Berkeley states:

Surveys by City staff indicated that the flags were used as intended by only two percent of pedestrians, and the use of the flags did not have a noticeable effect upon driver behavior. Many of those who picked up the flags used them for purposes

other than for which they were intended.

It may be that folks in Berkeley are just more creative than those in Madison. Or perhaps it is that California drivers are so used to yielding to pedestrians that the flags are unnecessary. Maybe one day Madison will get to the place where the flags are no longer needed, and we can pack them up and send them to Eau Claire!

Keep Your Leaves Out of the Lake!

In Lake Wingra, algae growth depends on phosphorus. One pound of phosphorus entering the lake can produce up to 500 pounds of algae! One of the sources of phosphorus is decaying leaves, along with fertilizers, eroded topsoil, and goose and pet feces. Excessive phosphorus encourages blue-green algae that can be toxic to fish, pets and people.

What can you do? Keep leaves and yard clippings out of streets and storm drains. Compost your leaves or place them in compostable bags or open plastic bags for City Street Department crews to pick up. Compostable bags based on paper products are now available in several local hardware stores. Or rake your leaves onto the terrace along your street. Cover them with a tarp if you are concerned they may blow into the street. NEVER rake your leaves into the street—this is the quickest way to create “leaf tea,” a potent source of phosphorus that goes directly into the storm sewers and Lake Wingra.

Lake Wingra is a precious and valued community resource, but it is in trouble. Urbanization, polluted runoff, invasive weeds, carp, and algal bloom are threats to the lake. You can be part of the solution to a clean, healthy Lake Wingra.

**Excerpts from Lake Wingra: a vision for the future, Friends of Lake Wingra, 2009.*

Gulesserian's continued from front page

Gulesserian's is a Dudgeon-Monroe fixture, having moved into its current location on Breese Terrace in 1944. Still run by the family, now the third and fourth generations, Gulesserian's is one of the top four companies in the United States still dedicated to the selling, cleaning and repairing of oriental rugs.

Long-time Madisonians will remember Gulesserian's slogans from over the decades:

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Solomon Gulesserian would have been proud.

The Rap on Restoration at Glenwood

By Peter Nause, Parks Chair

A cooperative effort between the Neighborhood Intervention Program crew and DMNA's Parks Committee is evolving which promotes some serious rap on restoration at Glenwood Children's Park. NIP is a Dane County Department of Human Services social program working with at-risk teens.

DMNA's longtime park volunteer, Margaret Nelson, has cultivated a successful participatory relationship at Glenwood Children's Park with George Brown, NIP Social Work Supervisor, to find positive experiences for these teens who rarely work hands-on with plants and nature. Margaret's idea was to target a specific conspicuous area as the focus of the NIP crew to produce tangible results. The plants that are beginning to blossom on this very visible park edge form an ornamental native garden.

Over the last 2 years NIP teens have cleared away the invasive weeds and large daylily colony which dominated this western park edge along Glenwood Street. This spring over 150 native Wisconsin prairie and savanna plants were planted, selected by Marga-

ret for outstanding seasonal flower and interest. On the planting day the teens learned about landscape planning from Landscape Architect Peter Nause and co-operated with UW Arboretum team leaders Amy Jo Dusick, Julie Mellent, and Tom Helge to complete the plantings. They learned about Latin plant names, the rationale for using native plants and proper horticultural planting techniques along the way. There was plenty of attitude and elbow grease going down!

On a second work event, led by expert woodworker Philip Kietzke, the NIP crew edged the new native garden with



large diameter tree branches which were sawed and hammered together. A new wood chip path was also installed. The new decorative planting area is a beautiful addition to Glenwood Children's Park's historic legacy of bringing native ecology and young people together.

Thanks to the NIP crew, UW Arboretum staff and everyone's generous volunteer assistance!

Slow Down – Stop for School Crossings

School is starting and school crossing guards are again busy helping our kids safely walk across streets to schools in our neighborhood. It's time for a quick reminder for drivers to slow down at all school crossings. We don't want to have another crossing guard hit in our neighborhood this year, as we had at the Monroe-Glenway intersection last April.

The law requires vehicles to slow to 20 mph when the orange cones are in crosswalks. You must stop at least 10 feet from

a crossing guard when he or she steps off the curb and into the street, even if no child has entered the crosswalk. You may not proceed until the crossing guard is back on the curb and has lowered the STOP sign. Violators may be mailed a ticket for \$88.80.

We wish to encourage children to walk to school and be safe. So remember: SLOW DOWN and STOP for school crossings and for children crossing any intersection.


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Neighborhood News Briefs

Monroe Street Festival

The 33rd Annual Monroe Street Festival will be held on Saturday, October 2. The event will feature merchants' annual street sales, music, children's events, and the library used book sale. A new neighborhood band will also be featured, the Four Lakes Five. Support our local businesses and celebrate our unique shopping areas. For a schedule of events, visit www.monroestreetfestival.com.

Zip-Dang Opens

Featuring a "Handmade Menagerie and Vintage Boutique", Zip-Dang opened this summer at 2606 Monroe Street. You may recognize the ORANGY handmade clothing and artwork by the proprietors, Mike and Natalie Bass, which has been available at the Farmers' Market. The shop also sells eco-friendly, handmade goods and artwork from throughout the U.S. Check www.zip-dang.com or stop by to visit our latest clothing shop.

James J. Chocolate Moves

The James J. Chocolate Shop plans to move to the Midvale Shopping Center at Nakoma and Midvale Boulevard at the end of the summer. Although we will miss the convenience of stopping for those tasty chocolates on neighborhood walks, we can still appease that urge for specialty chocolates at their new nearby location.

Lakeview Veterinary Clinic Expands

The Lakeview Veterinary Clinic will expand to occupy the full space in the building at 3518 Monroe Street, formerly occupied by James J. Chocolate. Two additional exam rooms will be added with reconstruction due to be ready early in the new year, according to co-owner Pam Mache.

A Café on the Bike Path?

DMNA is actively monitoring the proposal for a café along the SW Path. According to DMNA President, Lynn Pitman, "There are many basic questions that need to be answered before it goes anywhere." Alder Brian Solomon says, "It is an amazing idea, but there will be some concerns. It's got a long way to go." Watch for opportunities for neighborhood input via dm-

nanews. Sign up if you are interested in getting information.

Sign up for DMNA Email News

Would you like to get current information on DMNA activities and public hearings? To get information between the quarterly Hornblowers, you may sign up for the dmnanews group. To sign up for emails, go to www.dmn.org and click on "DMNA News Available", where you will find links for subscribing and unsubscribing. Follow the steps for subscribing. You can cancel your subscription at any time. Stay connected!

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Monroe Street Branch Library Used Book Sale

The Monroe Street Library League will hold a used book sale from 9:30-4:00 on Saturday, October 2, to coincide with Monroe Street Festival. Donations of books, DVDs, and CDs in good shape may be brought to the library year round.

Neighborhood Street Construction

We have all seen the street construction on Edgewood Avenue south of Monroe Street. In general, it is a quiet year in street construction for the DMNA neighborhood. The only other street construction project slated for 2010 is Gilmore Street, including one block of Cross. The big Monroe Street construction is now scheduled for 2013, so we have lots of time to look forward to it. If you are curious about the City plans for the next few years of street construction, check your own street on the map at: www.cityofmadison.com/business/pw/documents/TIP.pdf

Wingra Boathouse Landscaping

New landscaping is being completed at Wingra Boats to improve the grounds. Flowers and a small picnic area have replaced overgrown evergreen bushes along the retaining wall and driveway, according to Tyler Leeper of Wingra Boats. The City Parks Department, City Parks Landscaping and the DMNA Council were consulted and approved the landscape improvement project.

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Like a Good Neighbor, Jane Albert is There!

By Mary Erdman

Jane Albert has never had her 15 minutes of fame, yet she is truly a DMNA celebrity volunteer! As Jane's friend, neighbor, and fellow volunteer Linda McQuillen explains, "Jane Albert knows more about the neighborhood than anyone else I know. She steps up to help whenever something needs to be done. She is a good neighbor and an anchor in our part of the neighborhood. The amount of community service Jane does is amazing!"

What exactly does this 32 year resident of West Lawn Avenue contribute to the DMNA? Currently, Jane Albert is the DMNA Council's new Social Chair, has been the Secretary (even continuing to take notes on her laptop while she nursed a broken wrist!), and is both area rep and block captain! She has helped with data entry for the Membership Committee and she pitches in to sell T-shirts at Jazz in the Park. She also helps organize her block's annual party and is a volunteer with the Monroe Street Library Book Sale. In Jane's spare time not devoted to the DMNA, the former elementary teacher enjoys tutoring in the schools, gardening, traveling, and working with model trains with spouse Bill.

Jane grew up on the west side of Madison. She and Bill bought their first home in 1978 and have been there ever since. Like many residents of this great neighborhood, Jane and Bill decided to remodel four times rather than leave their "super block".

Jane shared that daughter Katy loved growing up in the Dudgeon Monroe Neighborhood. She had many friends and really enjoyed

learning about shopping at the small retail establishments on Monroe Street. Katy loves this neighborhood so much that she plans to move into her parents' house when they move out!

Like all great volunteers, Jane Albert doesn't announce her good works. Instead, she sees a need and quietly helps out. Jane finds that volunteering has involved her with many talented people and helped her get to know folks in other parts of the neighborhood.

Jane Albert is one talented neighbor whom we are lucky to have in our DMNA!



Jane Albert, along with Linda McQuillen and Kathy Engebretsen, volunteers at Jazz in the Park. Photo by Kathryn Lederhause

MG&E Neighborhood Challenge

By Janet Niewold

It's not too late to take part in the Green Power Tomorrow Neighborhood Challenge sponsored by MGE. As mentioned in previous newsletters, the green power challenge will award cash prizes to two neighborhoods with the highest percentage of increased participation in MGE's programs that use alternative energy sources like wind and solar. Sixteen Madison neighborhoods are competing. As of May, Dudgeon Monroe

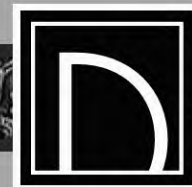
neighborhood was in third place with a small (.24%) increase in participation. If you haven't already done so, please elect to use more sustainable energy sources and go to <http://www.mge.com/challenge> to sign up. You'll be glad you did!

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Why Not Bike Commute?

By Mary Erdman

Why not bike commute? What would you have to lose? (Besides the expense of maintaining your car, the cost of parking fees, and some weight!) The Dudgeon Monroe Neighborhood is within proximity to the Southwest Bike Path making it one of the best neighborhoods for bike travel in one of the best U.S. cities for bicycling.

Eric Sundquist started bike commuting in Atlanta, GA, 10 years ago because traffic and pollution in Atlanta is terrible and biking was something he could do about the problem. Sundquist's Madison commute today is much shorter, but he points out that one of the nice things about our neighborhood is we're a short ride from many things. He also shared that what makes Madison stand out compared to other U.S. cities is the investment in the bike infrastructure and the number of cyclists around, which makes bikers visible to drivers.

Lisa Seidman bike commutes in all kinds of weather almost an hour each way to MATC now that the bike path system connects her house to the school. Both Sundquist and Seidman mentioned our city's excellent bike path system as a plus for bike commuting.

Some of the benefits of trading your car for a bike include:

- Saving money! The AAA estimates the annual cost of owning a car at about \$8,000. Dave Glowacz of the Bicycle Federation of Wisconsin says a bike only costs \$20-\$300 dollars per year to keep running. Eric Sundquist figures his household saved more than \$80,000 over ten years of bike commuting and owning just one car.
- Physical health benefits! Sundquist, Seidman and others all mention the fitness advantages of bike commuting.
- Biking to work may be the quickest and most efficient way, especially if you live within five miles of your destination.
- Protecting the environment! One more bike commuter is one less car using gasoline that creates exhaust and increases traffic congestion.

How to start? Instead of the all or nothing approach, commit to a once a week bike commute. Once you get started, you may ride more days!

Bike Commuting Links

Now that you are ready to try bike commuting, check out these websites for more information:

Maps: cityofmadison.com/trafficEngineering/bicyclingMaps.cfm; mapmyride.com/.

General tips: cityofmadison.com/trafficEngineering/documents/StartCommuting.pdf

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Go Forth on the 4th!

By Mary Erdman

Around of exploding fireworks for Sarah Affeldt's and Kristi Stanton's marvelous efforts in making the Dudgeon Monroe Neighborhood July 4th kids' celebration happen again this year! These two volunteers secured donations of 15 pints of Michael's custard, 12 pounds of Pasqual's salsa and chips, and plenty of Trader Joe's juice boxes to provide nourishment for the crowd of hungry paraders after they made their way on their decorated bikes, trikes, and more to Wingra Park!

Children, their families, and a few friendly dogs gathered at Michael's Custard to outfit their vehicles and themselves with crepe paper streamers, mini-flags, patriotic decals and necklaces, stickers, and rings supplied by the DMNA. A parade to Wingra Park followed where medals were given to all the participants.

Almost three-year-old Rosemary of West

Lawn Avenue was enjoying her first holiday parade pedaling her tricycle furiously with mom guiding her.

Five-year-old twins Elliot and Dietrich showed their support for the fire department wearing their very own fire chief jackets, helmets, and carrying mini extinguishers. When asked if there was a fire-fighter in their family, the boys said they were!

Exactly 5-year-old Sophie wasn't sure what her favorite thing about the day was, but the bowl of Michael's custard she was balancing seemed pretty popular!

The 2nd Annual July 4th Kids' Parade and Picnic had two super organizers in Sarah Affeldt and Kristi Stanton, wonderful weather, terrific donations from Mango Girl Design, Michael's Custard, Pasqual's, Trader Joe's, and the DMNA! The only thing that would make this event better, said a smiling and busy Stanton, would be some volunteers to assist them next year!



"Let's Celebrate," photo by Kathryn Lederhause.

Wingra Park Shoreline Repair

We can look forward to improvements at the access to the boat docks at Wingra Park next summer! The City Parks Division is preparing plans and specifications to improve the section of the Lake Wingra shoreline in front of Wingra Boats. Construction is slated to begin early in October with completion expected late November.

The site of the proposed improvements is the area used as the access point by boaters. Limestone slabs will be installed to be used as steps to access the lake, extending for a length of 85 feet. The steps will improve access to the many people who use the park or rent from Wingra Boats. The improvements will also provide safe attachment for the mooring

piers used for docking boats. The existing shoreline consists of broken down recycled curb block that is falling apart, leaving uneven, unsafe edges.

You can expect to see backhoes, skid steer, and trucks at the work site, but the project is designed to keep disturbance to the shoreline and surrounding park to a minimum. A silt fence and construction barricades will be installed. A City Engineering Stormwater and Erosion Control Permit has been received for the project. Seeding and mulching will take place for permanent erosion control after the project is complete.



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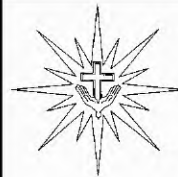
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Alder Brian Solomon Reports

Potential Monroe Street Library Redevelopment. I've been hoping for a mixed use development on the site that includes the former futon store, the library, and the parking lot. This winter it looked like something might develop, but that project has been withdrawn. In my mind, a mixed use development is quality infill and ideally protects the library well into the future.

Update on the 1501 Monroe St. Hotel. The builder hopes to restructure the ownership arrangement or locate additional financing so the hotel can be completed in time for the football season.

Madison Cultural Plan. Madison launched its first cultural plan earlier this spring to identify action steps to make Madison a center for creativity and innovation. Neighborhoods and artists are encouraged to get involved by visiting: <http://www.cityofmadison.com/MAC/cultural-Plan/index.cfm>.

State of the City. I continue to believe we live in a safe, beautiful, progressive city. The Mayor's State of the City address highlights some excellent points. I agree economic development should be priority number one, but disagree that projects like the Edgewater should define our economic future. Our process is broken because far too many Madisonians remain isolated from the economic mainstream and from job opportunities that provide family sup-

porting wages and benefits. I look forward to continuing to work with citizens, businesses, the Mayor and other alders to ensure our investments and resources are focused on quality economic development projects that benefit both businesses and Madison citizens, including those most in need.

Monroe Street. The merchants are doing great things and remain an amazing part of our community. Please continue to support your local merchants in district 10! The Chocolate Walk was a huge success and merchants helped sponsor the amazing Jazz in the Park. Two big developments to mention: (1) Monroe Street reconstruction has been delayed until 2013 and (2) reconstruction of the Regent /Monroe intersection has been delayed until 2014. Several alders, including me, are working with traffic engineering to improve the ped/bike crossing before then.

Verona Road Changes. This continues to be a big issue for residents and businesses at the southern edge of the District. There have been numerous meetings with neighbors, DOT and local officials.

Racial Disparities Task Force: As many of you know, Dane County has one of the worst racial incarceration disparities in the entire nation. I was lead sponsor on a resolution to support the County, its task force recommendations, and its implementation team, which passed unanimously.

County Supervisor Jeremy Levin Reports

I hope this edition of the Hornblower finds you and your family well. As you read this, the school year should be starting, and unfortunately, Dane County finds itself in precarious times for providing human services. A major effect again will be budgetary. The County Executive has asked agency heads to cut 5% from their 2011 budgets. The human services being the largest chunk of county spending, this equates to cutting more than \$3 million. Further, Dane County is dealing with how to implement Family Care, the State's long term care program. Dane County is one of a handful of counties not yet in or

scheduled to join the State's program and details need to be worked out in the structure and funding of a Dane County program.

On a more positive note, the Board in June passed resolutions that accepted grant money, authorized bonding and approved construction of the Waunakee Community Manure Digester Project. This project has been a long time coming and will hopefully cut down on the manure runoff into our lakes and streams, while producing both energy and agricultural products.

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

To Cross or Not to Cross?

Who has the right of way at the intersections of the bike/pedestrian paths with streets? Are cars supposed to stop for bicyclers, or bicyclers for cars? There seems to be confusion at the Glenway Street and SW Path crossing in particular, leading to potentially unsafe conditions.

STOP means "stop"! Bicycles are required by law to stop where stop signs are posted. This applies to bicycle traffic on the SW Path at Glenway, Commonwealth, and Odana, which have stop signs on the SW Path. Cars have the right of way at all of these intersections while bicyclers must wait until the intersection is clear of cars before crossing.

Pedestrians, however, always have the right of way when crossing in a marked crosswalk. This means that at the SW Path intersections at Glenway, Commonwealth and Odana, cars must stop for pedestrians who have already entered the crosswalk. If bicyclists are walking through the crosswalk, they also have the right of way.

As always, courtesy and safety are important for safe crossings.



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