



THE Hornblower

Spring 2012

Dudgeon-Monroe Neighborhood Association

Action! Monroe Street Theater District

By Linell Davis

You can feel the energy up and down the street from Young Shakespeare Players on West Lawn to the Madison Opera at Monroe and Glenway, from the high school and college programs at Edgewood to the venerable Madison Theatre Guild.

This spring, attend Madison Opera's *Cinderella*, an imaginative production of the classic fairy tale set in 1930's Hollywood, set for Overture Hall on April 27 and 29. This fun interpretation

is suitable for new opera goers. Look, too, for Madison Opera's popular Opera in the Park event in July, designed to engage even the hesitant with this rich art form. See madisonopera.org.

At another venue, the Madison Theatre Guild encourages participation in theatre, providing endless opportunities for self-expression and community service. The Guild's board worked hard in 2011 refurbishing the facility on Monroe Street.

Volunteers repaired the roof, cleaned out the scenery shop, and upgraded its costume shop that serves schools and other theater companies in the area. MTG welcomes volunteers with any skills to support its efforts – cast, crew, or administrative support. Come marvel at the volunteer talent as you watch *Up* at the Bartell in May. Go to madisontheatreguild.org.

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Annual Meeting Features Monroe St. Merchants

Take a break from your tax prep and attend the Annual Meeting of the DMNA! We will have desserts and coffee and hear from many Monroe Street merchants this year. The meeting will be on Sunday, April 15, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Rooms 114-116 in Predolin Hall on the Edgewood Campus. Please join us for this informative session on new and long established businesses in our fabulous neighborhood!

Visual & Theater Arts Center Progresses

By Daryl Sherman, Edgewood Liaison

The warm winter weather has speeded construction of Edgewood College's new Visual and Theater Arts Center. The building is fully enclosed and workers are now proceeding with the interior of the building, which will be ready for the fall session on August 29, 2012. Landscaping will begin when ground tem-

peratures are suitable. Meanwhile, much of the construction noise is gone and the numbers of trucks rumbling down Woodrow Street is much smaller, to the general relief of the affected neighbors.

Getting used to the very large new building where there was prairie and a small dwelling may take them some time. In particular, the amount of noise and light spilling from the building into the neighborhood is not yet known. Viewed from the Park and Pleasure Drive, where both wings of the building are visible through the



Visual and Theater Arts Center, Edgewood College,
Photo by Al Nettleton

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Bike Path Lighting

By Dorrie Sundquist

Have you heard about the City of Madison's project to provide lighting on the Southwest Bike Path? The new lighting, being developed by the City's Engineering and Traffic Engineering Divisions, would stretch from Breese Terrace to the Beltline, and it's been discussed and debated quite a bit recently.

The purpose of the project is to increase safety and visibility for both commuters and recreational riders. "It is a major transportation corridor that people rely on, and that need does not end at sunset," commented former alder and transportation advocate Robbie Webber. In fact, the impetus for the project has come from both bicycle users and residents alike.

Initially, the City proposed installing 20

foot poles with LED light fixtures with full "cutoff" capability, meaning lights focus downward toward the path and limit uplighting. Spacing between poles would vary from 190 to 240 feet.

Because of protest from some residents along the path who are concerned about light pollution, the City has revised its plan. The current plan, according to Engineer Tony Fernandez, "is now to set up a couple of new test fixtures in the spring using a fixture with a warmer color light and metal baffles to keep the light from spilling back toward the houses." Installation of these new test lights will be dependent on the weather. Other details regarding public feedback are still to be announced.

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The talents of our children are showcased at the Young Shakespeare Players. From age 7 through high school, children rehearse, memorize, perform, and provide technical support for full length classical works. Veteran players serve as apprentice directors. The program is inclusive and collaborative; no child is rejected or excluded. YSP holds workshops, too, and the results of the winter workshop will be on view in late March in performances of comic scenes from Shakespeare and Sid Caesar. See youngshakespeareplayers.org.

Over at Edgewood High School, rehearsals for *West Side Story* are in full swing, to be performed March 22-25. The Edgewood High School theatre program stresses musical performance including singing and dance. Your children can participate through the summer theatre school. Go to www.edgewoodhs.org/sports_activities/ and also thetheatreschool.net

Excitement is running high at Edgewood College anticipating the fall opening of the new visual and theatre arts building. But don't wait; go to the production of *Our Town* in late April to experience the budding talents of student actors and

technicians and to capture more of the theatrical energy in the Monroe Street theatre district. See theatre.edgewood.edu

Edgewood

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leafless trees emphasizes the size of the building.

That said, Edgewood worked closely with the Neighborhood Liaison Committee and made numerous changes in response to voiced concerns, facing the building, utilities, and lights principally into the campus and away from Woodrow Street. Parking and rubbish collection are away from the neighbors, and the landscaping has been designed to minimize the impact of the building when the greenery matures.

The College is delighted to have the new studios, gallery areas and classroom space which replace makeshift areas: converted labs for the studios and a hallway for the art gallery. The new "black box" theater doubles the seating to 140, but the number of shows and their timing has been designed to minimize impact on the neighborhood. It is a dramatic step forward for the affected departments and students.

Parks and Gardens Progress

By Peter Nause, Parks Committee Chair

Capital Fund Tool Trailer: The Parks Committee will purchase a trailer in time for spring projects. The trailer will provide necessary storage for DMNA-owned tools and equipment. Remaining Capital Funds will be set aside for developing the concept of an "eco-kiosk", subject to feasibility and approvals.

Glenwood Children's Park South End Landscape Improvements Continue: Glenwood was Landscape Architect Jens Jensen's last design, originally dedicated in 1949 two years before his death. Glenwood was designated a City Landmark in 1975, the first city park given this recognition and one of only a handful of others. Our committee continues to work on restoration and visibility of Glenwood to be consistent with Jensen's original design. (For a bit of fun, join fans of

Glenwood Children's Park on Facebook and submit news and photos of Glenwood's place in our neighborhood.)

In an effort to more fully mark the park for users, City Preservation Planner Amy Scanlon secured funding to provide a Landmark plaque. The plaque will be mounted on bedrock to reflect Glenwood's quarry history using Jensen's original design to guide the installation.

Glenwood receives stormwater runoff from the Westmoreland neighborhood and has experienced soil erosion requiring stormwater management structures. With Jensen's design in mind, last year's stormwater project on Cross and Wyota streets included landscape enhancements at the south end of the park. Two large black locust trees were removed and about 1,300 native perennials were planted.

The Parks Committee is seeking city approval and a Neighborhood Planning Grant for further landscape improvements to complement the existing plantings and the new Landmark plaque. (See the park plan at www.dmna.org)

Wingra Park Orchard Garden Ready for Second Year: This year we plan an expansion of garden space and the chance for fruit production from our trees. The garden is maintained by neighborhood volunteers and open to the public for harvest. Expect to see more of everything that was successful last year--tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, zucchini, squash, pumpkins, flowers, herbs, and flowers. Anyone interested in gardening and harvesting local fruits and vegetables should contact Percy Mather at 233-1955 or percy.mather@gmail.com.

Crosswalk Safety Reminders

By Tom Huber, Transportation Chair

To foster safety and civility on our streets, the DMNA reminds drivers and pedestrians of these important Madison Police Department tips:

1) Remember that a crosswalk, by definition, is simply the extension of a sidewalk across a street at an intersection, whether or not the crosswalk is marked with painted lines.

2) When a pedestrian is crossing a street at a marked or unmarked crosswalk and there is no traffic signal:

- As a driver, you must yield the right-of-way.

- It does not matter if there is a stop sign at the intersection. You must yield the right-of-way.

3) "Yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian" means slowing down, or stopping if necessary, to avoid endangering, colliding with or interfering in any way with pedestrian travel.

4) As a pedestrian, you must not suddenly leave a curb and walk into the path of a vehicle which is so close that it is difficult for the operator of the vehicle to yield.

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Beware the Invader Bugs

By Ann Clark

The Evil Emerald Ash Borer:
 Beware! The emerald ash borer is in the Rockford area, only 64 miles from Madison, so city officials are already watching for it and planning their strategies. Madison has 21,000 (20%) ash street trees, 20,000 in parks and many thousands more on private property, so the



impact to the city's urban forest canopy will likely resemble the Dutch elm beetle devastation in the 1960s.

This bug kills 100% of the ash trees that it attacks within a few years. The soon-dead tree becomes dry and brittle, dropping dangerous branches. Thus, a recent city EAB Task Force proposal calls for preemptively removing ash trees in poor condition, below power lines, or as infrastructure work is done. City-owned ash trees will be replaced as quickly as possible with other species. According to a map of Madison ash street trees, DMNA has a particularly large number. Zoom in on the map to see the huge potential effect in our neighborhood: <http://tinyurl.com/dmtrees>.

Another recommendation is to evaluate city ash trees and selectively use a series of chemical injections that help prevent the disease, although long-term success is uncertain. Valued "legacy trees" would be kept alive as long as possible using a resident volunteer and city partnership. For more information, including a photo of the insect and the evolving city management plan, see <http://tinyurl.com/madisonborer>. To report possible sightings of emerald ash borer, call Marla Eddy, City Forester, at 266-4816.

The Destructive Gypsy Moth: Our 2011 wet spring has resulted in fewer gypsy moth eggs this year and a pause in aerial spraying. However, these moths will be with us for the foreseeable future, kill-

ing many trees of a variety of species over the years. Residents should call the Forestry Department at 266-4816 if they see caterpillars in the summer. Forestry

will follow up checking for egg masses in the fall and choose the worst areas for treatment. For more information about the moth, visit UW Extension's

Web site: <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/gypsymoth/>.

Check Your Voter ID

If you intend to vote in the spring, summer or fall elections, you will need an acceptable Photo ID. If you don't have an acceptable Photo ID, don't wait to get it. It can be complicated in some cases.

The state legislature has changed several requirements for voting. In addition to showing Photo ID, voters are now required to sign the poll book before voting. Absentee ballot requirements have also changed. If you need to register, you may do so in advance or bring specific documentation of your current address to the polls. You must live at the address for 28 days prior to the election. The Madison City Clerk has an excellent website with the new requirements: www.cityofmadison.com/election.

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August 14--Fall primary

November 6--Fall election

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The Magnetism of Terry Place

By Shawn Schey

One block long, dead-ended, and bordering Wingra Park, Terry Place is a short hillside street that enjoys the distinction of being a place where folks live, leave, and often return. Others move from house to house, never leaving the street at all.

For example, two households are comprised of people who grew up there, moved away as young adults, and then moved back in when older. Two other households include residents who have lived in more than one house on the street as adults. Two more are occupied by residents who grew up on the street, left, then returned as adults to different houses. One resident has lived in two different houses his entire life. Three other houses are still owned by residents who lived in them as children, and although they live elsewhere, they rent them out in case they decide to return one day.

On both sides of the street at the very top, almost like sentries, live two residents who grew up on Terry Place in the 1940's. Then as today, children attended Blessed Sacrament and the Edgewood Campus School, but they also went to Dudgeon on Monroe Street. All of the houses except for one were painted white. In the 1950's, most were home to children, bringing the count to over three dozen. Outdoor activities conducted on the street and in Wingra Park included jacks, kick the can, jump rope, rollerskating, baseball and ice skating. Street dances happened in the cul-de-

Our Neighborhood, Our Kids...Best Spots?

What's your favorite summertime place in our neighborhood to go with your kids? What new spot should be discovered? Where are the best activities? E-mail suggestions to hornblower@dmna.org and watch for listings in the Summer Hornblower!

sac on summer evenings.

Even animals have shown a particular fondness for the street. An orange tabby named Goldi lived halfway up the block from the park in the 1980's. When his owners sold the house and left, Goldi trotted back only to be returned to his rightful owners. After this happened three times, they realized that Goldi's heart was obviously at the Terry Place abode more than with them, and the owners bequeathed him to the new residents with whom he remained until 1994.

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Plan For Kids This Summer

Find summer kids' activities right in our neighborhood. Wingra Boats offers Summer Camps for fishing, canoeing and kayaking, science, excursions, and stand up paddle board. Check for ages, dates and registration at www.wingraboats.com/camps. Monroe Street Fine Arts School offers art and music classes for preschoolers through teens plus private music lessons. See <http://msfac.org/> or call 232-1510 for details. Young Shakespeare Players participants will rehearse and produce *King Lear* and *As You Like It* this spring and summer. The schedule and registration can be found at www.youngshakespeareplayers.org. The UW Arboretum will offer Earth Focus Day Camps for ages 3-14 and Sunday Family Walks. For details check www.uwarboretum.org.

Fund the Monroe Street Library Endowment

Help grow the Monroe Street Branch Library Endowment Fund by making a contribution through the Madison Public Library Foundation. Donations by check should be payable to the MPL Foundation, attention Jenni Collins, Madison Public Library Foundation, 201 West Mifflin Street, Madison, WI 53703. Please note on your check that it is for the Monroe Street Library Endowment Fund.

Hold the Lawn Fertilizer

For a cleaner, healthier Lake Wingra, avoid using phosphorus fertilizer on your lawn. Algae growth depends on phosphorus. One pound of phosphorus

can produce 500 pounds of algae! Polluted runoff increases the Eurasian water-milfoil in the lake, crowding out native aquatic plants, larger fish, boaters, and swimmers. Blue-green algae can be toxic to fish, pets and people. Source: Lake Wingra: A Vision for the Future, Friends of Lake Wingra, 2009.

Volunteer at the Zoo

People of all ages can get involved and give back to the community in a fun, family-friendly environment at the Henry Vilas Zoo. The zoo offers many different volunteer positions in a variety of areas around the zoo including guest services, conservation education and special events. "Faces of the Zoo" volunteers greet and help visitors get the most out of their visits. Volunteers also run the Zoo Train and Conservations Carousel. Children accompanied by an adult may also volunteer. To learn more e-mail volunteer@vilas zoo.org or call 258-9490.

Recycling Expanded

Additional materials may now be placed in your City of Madison recycling bin: 1) plastic bags (grocery, retail, produce, newspaper, but no dark green or black bags); 2) plastic dairy tubs and deli containers and lids, 3) plastic containers #1-7; 4) plastic clamshells and berry containers with #1; 5) empty steel paint cans and lids; 6) metal pots and pans; 7) small metal appliances such as toasters and blenders; 8) small metal plumbing fixtures and pipe. Check the city's website for more details: <http://www.cityofmadison.com/streets/recycling/guidelines.cfm>

Walker Condon Financial Advisors

Clint Walkner and Nate Condon have opened an investment advisory firm, Walkner Condon Financial Advisors, at 2623 Monroe Street, Suite 130. Their firm specializes in assisting UW System and State of Wisconsin employees with an emphasis on incorporating clients' ethical and social beliefs with their investment philosophy. Learn more at www.WalknerCondon.com.

Alvarado Real Estate

The Alvarado Real Estate Group has opened a second Madison office at 1914 Monroe Street. We welcome this growing, local real estate company to our neighborhood. "Our team is on the cutting edge when it comes to buying and/or selling homes in today's market. We share the value of strong neighborhoods and sustainable living like many of our clients and that creates great relationships and successful transactions," according to Sara Alvarado. Stop by their new, green office or learn more online: <http://thealvaradogroup.com/>.

Community Car Site

Community Car now has a car located in the neighborhood at 1914 Monroe Street. Community Car rents cars by the hour to individuals, groups, businesses, and non-profits looking to reduce the economic and environmental impact of car ownership. Contact information: 204-4000 or www.community-car.com.

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Native American Earthworks in Neighborhood

By Karen A. Redfield

Early settlers who farmed and traded in our area following in the footsteps of Ho-Chunk people who had created oak savannas to facilitate hunting and had cultivated corn for many generations. This neighborhood was a main transportation corridor through the DeJoep (Four Lakes) region; trails and campsites wound around Lake Wingra and on the present-day Dudgeon property. But hundreds of years before either group, the Woodland mound builders had made their mark.

When the first non-indigenous settlers moved into what is now Wisconsin, between 15,000-20,000 “earthworks” or mounds were found clustered along lakes, beside rivers, and on hilltops according to Birmingham and Eisenberg. They “were often arranged in complex patterns, that harmoniously, even artfully, blended with the natural topography.” There are still approximately 1,500 in Wisconsin and 294 in Dane County. A grouping of twelve mounds is on the Edgewood campus with others in Vilas Park, Vilas Park Circle, and Forest Hill Cemetery. This wealth of mounds moved Charles E. Brown of the State Historical Society to dub Madison “Mound City.” Of the four main types of mounds (conical, effigy, enclosures, and flat-topped), the effigy mounds have been most closely connected to Wisconsin. The Edgewood grouping contains one linear mound, perhaps part of an enclosure, and six conical mounds along Edgewood Drive, two linear mounds near the library, two more conical mounds on the playground and the large bird effigy in front of the library.

Built between 800 BC and 1200 AD,

only some effigy mounds contain human burials. They designate a sacred space and reflect ancient and continuing belief systems. According to Birmingham and Eisenberg, the groupings were also used for social, political, and economic activities. The shores of Lake Wingra still contain a dense cluster of water spirit forms, meaningful to both the Woodland and Ho-Chunk people, suggesting that there is a link between the two groups of people.

After years of destruction, mounds are now protected by the 1985 Burial Sites Preservation Law. Our neighborhood is the site of a rich cultural and spiritual history—one that we can begin to appreciate with a tour of the mounds in our own backyards.

For more information, look at Indian

Neighborhood News Briefs

continued

Welcome Kits

The DMNA Welcome Committee requests that you please contact Kathy Engebretsen when new neighbors move to your street. She will bring a Welcome Kit to each new household along with a warm welcome to the neighborhood. Contact Kathy at 238-1630 or kae610@att.net

Mounds of Wisconsin by Birmingham and Eisenberg, Indian Nations of Wisconsin by Patty Loew, and Past and Present: A History of the Dudgeon-Monroe Neighborhood and Association.

Watch Your Home and Car!

By Ann Clark

Thefts from Madison cars, garages, yards and porches have become so common that the condition can be called chronic. It's vital that you keep attractive electronic gear, purses and wallets out of sight and securely lock your cars, bikes, garages and houses to avoid this petty thievery, typically perpetrated by teenagers. Although our neighborhood is not among the hot spots, thieves are very mobile, according to Joel DeSpain, MPD spokesman, so that no neighborhood is immune to the problem. He also suggested that we keep our eye on neighboring houses and report any unusual activity by strangers immediately so police can investigate in time to catch them. Likewise, be sure to report any theft to the police department immediately. The Crime Stoppers line is (608) 266-6014 or text to “Dane” and message to CRIMES (274637).



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Chuck Erickson New Supervisor

By Dorrie Sundquist

On April 3, Chuck Erickson will be the new representative for the Dudgeon-Monroe neighborhood on the Dane County Board of Supervisors. Because of redistricting, the Dudgeon-Monroe area was shifted from District 10 and is now part of District 13. Jeremy Levin continues as representative for District 10. Both are unopposed in the upcoming April election.

Erickson was first elected to the County Board in 2002. In the five terms that he has served, he has been active on a

number of committees and currently serves on the Public Works and Transportation Committee, the Zoo Commission and the Lakes and Watershed Commission.



Environment, conservation and sustainability are of particular interest to Erickson, he said. He has championed the position of Sustainability Coordinator for Dane County, initiated a Sustainability Report for the county government in 2007, and has been active in the preservation and expansion of the Capital City

Trail and other transportation options for County residents.

Erickson says that he is both “excited and privileged to have the Dudgeon -Monroe neighborhood as part of the 13th District,” and he’s looking forward to serving another term. He can be contacted at Erickson.chuck@countyofdane.com.

Thank You...

To the folks who brought us the Winter Solstice Bonfire: Gabe Burdulis, 16-year-old who played guitar and sang, accompanied by Angela Smith with vocals, and Martha Kaplan with her poem; Andrea Straus and son, Tom, for setting up luminaries; Peter Nause for the fire and clean-up; Dorrie Sundquist and Sharon Barbour for s’mores, planning, and clean-up; Percy Mather for hauling things and much more; Linell Davis for serving cider.

To the DMNA Wine and Cheese Social hosts, organizers, and contributors: Grace Chosy Gallery, Jane and Bill Albert, and Maurie’s Fine Chocolates.

To Linda McQuillen, Jane Albert, and Al Nettleton for organizing the membership drive and materials and to all the block captains and area reps for conducting the membership drive.

To the creative and hard-working Hornblower Team: writers/editors Linell Davis, Mary Erdman, Ann Clark, Karen Redfield, Dorrie Sundquist, and Traci Nathans-Kelly; ad coordinator Christina Kantor; graphic designer Bridget O’Meara.

Message from Jeremy Levin

I asked if I might be able to send a farewell message in this Hornblower issue. I want to start by saying how honored I’ve been to represent the Dudgeon Monroe Neighborhood for the past three and a half years. I was saddened that reapportionment removed DMNA from the 10th supervisory district, but I know you will be ably represented by Chuck Erickson in the new 13th district, who currently represents the Vilas and

Greenbush neighborhoods. Having an involved and high-quality neighborhood association like DMNA is fortunate for residents and elected officials alike, and one that I hope more neighbors get involved with because it is truly the bedrock of local government in Madison. Thank you for your support and involvement.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Levin, Dane County
Board Supervisory—District 10

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| May 11 | 6 th Annual Merrill Lynch Grand Gala All proceeds will benefit the construction of an Animal Health Center at Henry Vilas Zoo |
| May 12 | International Migratory Bird Day |
| June 16 | WPR Kids Day at the Zoo |
| July 21 | 2 nd Annual Rock 'n' Roar Benefit Dance |
| Sept. 15 | International Red Panda Day |
| Sept. 23 | 7 th Annual Zoo Run Run |
| Oct. 12 | African Penguin Awareness Day |
| Oct. 28 | Halloween at the Zoo |

City News

By Alder Sue Ellingson

E-Mail Updates: To get my e-mail updates, go to www.cityofmadison.com/council/district13, click the Updates tab, then the Subscribe link.



City Income:
One of my goals is to help residents understand what their taxes pay for. Running a city is expensive. But we all pay for expensive things when they're

worth it. This column is about city income; city expenses next time.

The City of Madison 2012 budget is \$252.8 million. Total income and total expense are the same in the budget. See more at www.cityofmadison.com/finance/budget/2012/.

Madison gets income from property taxes, the state, and "local revenue" (fees, fines, payments for city services from tax exempt properties, etc.). The city's income looks like this:

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| Local revenue: | \$31.4 million |
| State: | \$32.7 million |
| Transfer from insurance reserves: | \$2.0 million |
| Property tax: | \$186.7 million |
| TOTAL: | \$252.8 million |

The state gives money to municipalities for specific purposes—for recycling, computers, etc. It also gives money for city operations in order to lower property tax, historically considered more unfair than income tax. Madison gets much less state revenue than other cities, given its population.

Property tax bills collect money for all taxing jurisdictions, including the city. Here are totals for property taxes collected by all jurisdictions.

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| State of Wisconsin: | \$3.7 million | 1% |
| Dane County: | \$57.8 million | 11% |
| School districts: | \$240.7 million | 46% |
| Madison Area Technical College: | \$36.9 million | 7% |
| City of Madison: | \$186.7 million | 35% |
| Next time, city expenses. That's a much longer story. | | |

County Supervisor Chuck Erickson Reports

The Alliant Energy Center Expansion Exploration Task Force is working towards recommendations for the future of Dane County's Alliant Energy Center grounds. The Center and its facilities provide nearly \$88 million in direct local economic impact, with the World Dairy Expo alone accounting for an estimated economic impact of \$16 million. A key objective is to have a facility responsive to the growing needs of the Expo.

The task force of individuals from tourism, economic development, event promotions, agriculture, community relations, architecture, local government, and urban planning will study the current facilities and make recommenda-

tions for the 2013 budget. The task force will also identify partnerships or other opportunities to assist funding final task force recommendations.

On another front, the County Board approved \$5.7 million for the Clear Lakes Initiative; efforts include removing carp and preventing new infestations, cleaning beaches, reducing phosphorous, forming a Lake Preservation and Renewal fund, and upgrading storm sewers to keep sediment out of the lakes. The County Board approved a plan to extend a \$27 million initiative over five years.

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Rooms 144-116, Predolin Hall,
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June 6

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