

Glenwood Gets Major Grant!

By Linell Davis and Percy Mather, Parks and Gardens Committee

The Parks and Gardens Committee is happy to announce that DMNA received a grant of \$6,000 from the John C. Bock Foundation to stabilize and improve the eroding east slope of Glenwood Children's Park.

Although \$6,000 sounds like a lot of money, it's about a third of what is needed. Additional funds will need to be raised to complete the project. Madison Parks Department will contribute by providing in kind tree work. Once the slope is stabilized, more sunlight will be available, making it possible to recreate the activity rings that Jens Jensen envisioned in his design for the park. Jensen is known for creating clearings among trees, and his writings give guidance for planting trees and shrubs in these areas.

The plan for stabilizing the steep slope involves creating a structure that will trap eroding soil and slow runoff coming down the hillside. Several black locust

trees in this area were girdled two years ago and will be ready for removal in the spring. The cut trees will help to



Peter Nause describes Jensen's work at Glenwood's Council Ring. Photo by Susan Slapnick. See related article on p. 5.

anchor the structure that will be built from natural materials. To do this we will teach volunteers how to build linear brush bundles that will be staked along the hillside following the contour. Native shrubs and trees will be planted between the rows of brush bundles.

The long term goal is to bring the park closer to Jensen's original plan and have the park be recognized for its historic value. We invite neighbors to join us in this exciting project.

Directory Photo Contest Winner

Congratulations to Kathy Engebretsen for receiving the most votes for her photo for the cover of the new DMNA Directory! We hope you enjoy the photo of Wingra Lake boats and water lilies on the cover of your new directory. Thank you, also, to Melissa Vaughn, Aaron Gilmour and Shawn Schey for your delightful submissions. A big thanks to those 106 people who voted in the DMNA Web Photo Contest. The voting was extremely close. The photos are posted at www.dmna.org/directoryphoto2015.

Solstice Bonfire at Council Ring

Celebrate the winter solstice with DMNA on Sunday, December 20, 6:00-9:00 p.m. at Glenwood Children's Park Council Ring. Enjoy hot cider and s'mores. Shovelers are needed to clear the council ring if we have a heavy snowfall.



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Dear Neighbors

This past month has been an exciting one: the DMNA Council has worked to set goals, focus its efforts and be more proactive in building a better neighborhood. Council members and I have done significant work, including a neighborhood goal-setting session and a number of meetings with the Executive Committee in October. Plus, we spent the better part of our November council meeting working to articulate a goal that would enhance, protect and build upon the many wonderful characteristics of our neighborhood and improve our quality of life.

We discussed issues of safety, communication, collaboration, representation, sustainability and quality of urban living. Woven through these conversations were the Monroe Street reconstruction project and current safety concerns. Monroe Street is the center of our community and anything that happens on this street affects us all. As Steve Billingham, DMNA History Committee chair, stated, "Everyone in the DMNA lives within three blocks of Monroe Street."

The reconstruction represents possibly our greatest opportunity to physically and socially improve our neighborhood. To this end, the council crafted and approved the following: "The 2016-17 goal of the DMNA will be to foster and communicate a collaborative vision for Monroe Street reconstruction."

We will further articulate what this entails as the project solidifies and the

neighbors voice their opinions. We are committed to actively representing all neighbors during this project and will work with the many stakeholders, including the Vilas neighborhood, Monroe Street Merchants Association, city staff, Friends of Lake Wingra, Monroe Street Green, the Edgewood campus, Madison Police Department and others to ensure that all the things we value, from safety to green space, are taken into consideration during this project.

This is a substantial undertaking and all of us need to be actively engaged. I ask you to join in working towards this goal. You can help by filling out surveys, writing letters to the city, participating in listening sessions, and joining the DMNA and our Transportation Committee. You have the power to play an important part in improving the quality of our neighborhood through a better Monroe Street.

Together we will improve not only the street, but also our community.

Tyler Leeper, DMNA President



Little Free Library List

Little Free Libraries are all about sharing books with your neighbors. The Hornblower invites proud proprietors to share the address of their Little Free Library so that it can be included in a list to be published in a future issue of this newsletter.

If your library has a theme, such as children's books, please include that information.

Send the location of your Little Free Library to hornblower@dmna.org with the subject line "Little Library." Thank you—and happy reading!

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Zoning Updates

By Joel Bodilly, Zoning and Planning Committee Chair

Wingra School Addition: Wingra School, 3200 block of Monroe

Street, has broken ground for an addition to the north of the existing school into the current parking lot. The goal of the project is to provide flexible

learning environments, improve community-gathering spaces, increase safety and ensure that the facility is in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The 3,300 square-foot addition includes an elevator and reception area with central offices, along with a new gymnasium and community area. The addition is designed



Wingra School Addition

to complement the original 1927 Dudgeon School building. The brick will contain a

similar range in color as the existing brick, and the belt course, window lintels and roof-edge metal will match the existing limestone trim color. Two types of metal panels will highlight the window openings

and visually separate the addition.

1906 Monroe Street: The redevelopment of 1906 Monroe Street has been cancelled. The existing offices in a converted residence were to be demolished and a new three-story mixed-use building constructed. The Green Project LLC decided to cancel the project because "The zoning constraints

and fire department requirements pared the building square footage down to a size (where) the client could not meet its return on investment." The new development would have included commercial space for existing local businesses as well as apartments.

With open land sites on the isthmus and near downtown almost nonexistent, the pressure to build taller buildings and squeeze more onto small sites is intensifying. With a thriving neighborhood, it is easy to understand why the 1906 Monroe Street site was sought after for redevelopment. However, infill developments come with downsides. In this instance the residents of single-family homes located on West Lawn Avenue directly behind the new building would have faced increased noise, reduced privacy and less access to sunlight.

Edgewood High School Parking Lot Expansion

By Shawn Schey, Edgewood Liaison Committee

Parking is limited on the Edgewood campus, so this summer and fall Edgewood High School administrators worked to get the proper permits from the city of Madison to expand the campus parking lot accessible from Monroe Street. The current master plan has 37 new spaces approved. An amendment to the master plan requests that the number of stalls be increased by 30 for a total of 67. There are currently 50-60

drivers who do not receive parking spots and park their cars on narrow, already-congested neighborhood streets. An increase of 67 spaces would meet the need for on-site parking. Meanwhile, the high school is encouraging students to bike, carpool

and ride the bus.

Unfortunately, the permit process didn't fit into the warm weather timetable. As of early November, Edgewood High School was pursuing the possibility of putting gravel down in the parts of its property that it hopes to pave upon receiving approval from the city, so that drivers can use those spaces over the winter.

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Thanks!

Thank you to many neighbors who work behind the scenes for DMNA as members of our committees. Kathy Engebretsen, Linda McQuillen, Jane Albert and Al Nettleton organized the Membership Drive and area reps and block captains came to your door for the annual membership drive. Heather Marley coordinated the publication of the DMNA Directory with assistance of Derek Marley, Al Nettleton and Richelle Andrae.

Thanks also to:

- Jane Albert and Bill Albert, Social Committee, for hosting the fall DMNA Beer Tasting Social.
- Sandy Stark, Stephen Billingham and Peter Nause for spearheading the DMNA Nature and History Trail Tours.
- Percy Mather and Dorrie Sundquist for raising funds and coordinating the ash borer treatment to save several ash trees at the Wingra Park playground and to all who contributed to the fund.
- Our volunteer Monroe Street crossing flag tenders: Shelley Caw, Kathleen Cain, Amy Bruner, Rolliana Scheckler, Pat Forbes, Jennifer Scholte, Jason Cassidy and Charlie Crisanti.

And last but not least, please thank a school crossing guard for safely escorting our kids across busy intersections.

Membership Drive Update

By Kathy Engebretsen, Membership Committee Chair

We hope that by now you have met your block captain who came by to ask about contributing annual dues of \$12, an optional Capital Fund donation and gave you the new neighborhood directory. If you missed that visit, you may have found the directory and a form to mail along with your dues to the membership chair, Kathy Engebretsen, 610 Baltzell St, Madison, 53711. It's not too late-the dues support the work of the DMNA and its many committees. Thanks to the many conscientious neighbors who gave time as area reps and block captains again this year. We so appreciate your help.

If you live in a multi-family building which has secured access, our block captains are unable to visit those addresses. You will find a membership form on our

website, www.dmn.org, which can be printed and mailed in to the above address.

Please consider volunteering for one of the many committees listed on the form. We welcome your involvement, even in mid-year if your time commitments change. Feel free to email a committee chair to clarify the tasks involved.

There are still several vacancies for block captains and area reps. Other committee members came forward to offer temporary help this fall, but we still need help for next fall. Please consider offering your time. The membership drive only lasts a month or two in September and October. Visiting a dozen households on behalf of our organization is a great way to meet your neighbors. Email Kathy Engebretsen at kae610@att.net for further information.

Welcome New Committee Chairs

Joel Bodilly is the new Zoning and Planning Committee chair and Andrew and Gracie Foxwell will co-chair the Communications Committee. Thanks to outgoing zoning chair, Lynn Pitman, and outgoing communications chair, Al Nettleton, for their years of service to DMNA.

Carole Kantor joins Aileen Nettleton as co-editor of The Hornblower.

Heather Marley will be delivering Welcome Kits to new neighbors, taking over for Kathy Engebretsen, who has welcomed many neighbors over the past years.

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Happy Trails! Nature, Cultural and History Trail Events

By Sandy Stark, Path Committee, and Stephan Billingham, History Committee

This summer and fall the DMNA Path, Parks and History committees hosted a number of tours supported by a City of Madison Community Planning Grant.

Thanks go to our volunteers, tour leaders, guest experts, photographers and videographers, and the Communications Committee. Thanks also to Stephen and Julia Billingham and Al Nettleton for making the trail map, narrative and video from tours available on www.dmna.org.

Tour the Southwest Path Prairies: On

a pleasant August evening neighbors gathered to learn more about the natural areas along the Southwest Path. At the Dudgeon-Monroe Prairie (SW Path at Odana Road) families participated in pollinator identification and a hands-on monarch display/release guided by UW-Arboretum outreach educator Susan Carpenter, The Wild Ones native plant group and David Thompson of Friends of Lake Wingra. At Glenway Prairie, Steve Glass offered tips for identifying milkweed and butterfly weed. The Commonwealth Pollinator Gardens showcased plants, identified in an impressive photo album and Facebook page by

David LeZaks, as well as the new Gathering Circle of stone benches. The Prospect Ramp Gardens featured Jake Blasczyk's storytelling about how this urban area of rocky slopes and cement steps became an oasis of plants, shrubs and fruit trees.



Monarch release at Dudgeon Monroe Prairie. Photo by Susan Slapnik

Sunday in the Park by Jens: In September a Sunday walking tour of Glenwood Children's Park focused on its history and Jens Jensen's signature design features and philosophies. DMNA's Peter Nause, landscape architect and Jens Jensen expert, and Brenda Williams, landscape historical restorationist, provided

drawings and overviews. The walk ended in the Council Ring, a nod to Jensen's legacy in two places in the neighborhood.

Greening of Monroe Street: In conjunction with the October 10 Monroe Street Festival, Steve Glass and John Imes led a tour of some of the neighborhood's natural areas, ending at the historic Arbor House Inn. The festival gave the trail brochure one more official exposure, courtesy of the DMNA Parks Committee and Friends of Lake Wingra. With the close of the 2015 tour season, our winter project is to continue adding to the trail narrative on www.dmna.org. Check this website for news about 2016 tours.

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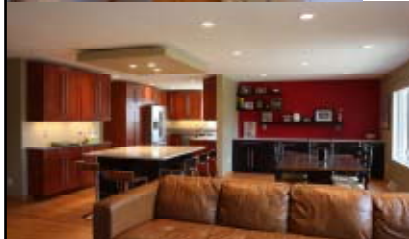
If you are already subscribing to DMNA News emails, you have received messages about these items, among others, in the past month:

- Invitation to DMNA Fall Beer Social from the DMNA Social Committee
- DMNA Transportation Committee request for support of Monroe Street Reconstruction budget
- Madison Public Library request for your input
- Notice of the S BBQ Meat Smoker Demonstration from the DMNA Zoning Committee and District 13 Alder.

Keep up-to-date on current meetings and hearings such as the planning for Monroe Street Reconstruction. Guidelines for postings state that the emails will be for:

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Monroe Street Christmas Walk

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Holiday Glow on Monroe

Luminarias will light the way on the 1500-1900, 2700 and 3500 blocks of Monroe Street Thursday evening, December 17, from 5:00 to 8:00. Get there early to take advantage of free treats and special deals on merchandise, beverages and more. Stop by Monroe Street Library to make your own luminaria. More information at www.monroestreetmadison.com.



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Snow-shoveling Rules

If you are an owner or occupant of property immediately adjacent to a public sidewalk, you are responsible for removal of snow and ice that accumulates on that sidewalk from edge to edge. Snow and ice must be cleared from your sidewalk by noon of the day after the snow has stopped. In the case of ice that stubbornly sticks to the sidewalk, the city requires the use of sand, salt [see article on page 9 about limiting salt usage] or another suitable substance to prevent the ice from being dangerous to pedestrians. Free sand is available at Glenway Golf Course, 3747 Speedway Road. Residents who don't clear their sidewalks may be fined. If you are able, be a good neighbor and help out those who are unable to shovel. To report hazardous sidewalks: <https://www.cityofmadison.com/reportaproblem/sidewalk.cfm>.

Wine and Hop Shop Moves

The Wine and Hop Shop has moved east from 1931 to 1919 Monroe Street to the space formerly occupied by the Ginkgo Tree gift shop. The shop sells equipment and ingredients for home beer brewing and wine making. Soda-pop and kombucha drink-

ers can find equipment and ingredients to make their favorite beverages at home, too.

Safely Discard Unused Medicines

Keep yourself and others safe and healthy by properly disposing of expired and left-over prescription and over-the-counter medicines. MedDrop is the most environmentally friendly way to dispose of medications. Go to <http://safercommunity.net/meddrops.php> to learn how to use the MedDrop program, then drop off unwanted medications at the University of Wisconsin-Madison Police Department, 1429 Monroe Street. Call 264-2677 for hours.

Protect Against Radon

Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer. This colorless, odorless, naturally occurring radioactive gas comes from the natural breakdown of uranium, usually found in igneous rock and soil. Testing is the only way to determine if your house has an elevated radon level. Tests cost about \$20 and are available at local hardware stores or through the Wisconsin Department of Health Services. According to the DHS, radon can be controlled in any home. Visit the DHS website for information about testing and radon mitigation, www.lowradon.org, or talk to a radon expert at 1-888-569-7236.

Winter Parking

Alternate-side parking is in effect from November 15 through March 15, seven days a week, regardless of weather conditions. This means that you should:

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Ward 65 to vote at Glenwood Moravian Church

If you usually vote at Wingra School, Ward 65, the poll location for the February 16 primary election will be Glenwood Moravian Community Church, 725 Gilmore Street, across the street from Wingra School.

Photo ID Needed to Vote

Wisconsin voters will be required to show identification at the polls beginning with the spring primary election, Tuesday, February 16. Bring your current Wisconsin driver's license, Wisconsin ID or passport. If you do not have a driver's license, you may apply for a free Wisconsin ID card. For details check www.bringit.wi.gov/.

If you have moved, you will need to register with your new address either before the election at the City Clerk's office, online or at the polls. Documents for proof of residence are listed at www.cityofmadison.com/election/voter/pre.cfm.

Monroe Street Website Debuts

Information about Monroe Street is just a click away. The new Monroe Street Merchants Association website,

www.monroestreetmadison.com, includes names, addresses and contact information, as well as URLs for the specialty shops, restaurants, lodging and service establishments on the street. The site includes information about upcoming special events. Aaron Gilmour's photo of Monroe Street, one of the submissions to the Directory Photo Contest, is featured on the site.

Terrace Ash Trees?

A yellow dot on your terrace ash tree means that City Forestry will remove it. Residents with these trees were notified several months ago with door tags. Healthy terrace ash trees over 10" diameter and not under high voltage wires will be treated with pesticides to try to save the tree. These trees are either unmarked or posted "Pesticide Application" with the date of application. The emerald ash borer has been found at sites in Madison and City Forestry is implementing its plan for "damage control" of ash trees maintained



DMNA Wine Tasting. Gracie and Andrew Foxwell, Dan and Leah Roe. Thanks to Kirby Nelson, Wisconsin Brewing Company, for providing beers and Joanne Berg, Mystery to Me, for hosting.

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Alder Eskrich Reports

As you all are reading this, the city budget will be passed. I'm writing in advance of those decisions. As you know, city budgets are tight. My priorities are: 1) passing a budget that maintains basic city services, including public safety and infrastructure, and 2) ensuring that the budgetary road forward is realistic, sustainable and accountable.

The Capital Budget items that most directly impact our neighborhood include the construction of the Midtown Police Station and the reconstruction of Monroe

Street. The west police district is the largest geographically and is far over-capacity. Midtown helps ensure that residents are safe and equitably served in times of need. This is something I support.

Monroe Street is one of the largest, entirely city-funded items in the capital budget. This makes it a target in the Capital Improvement Plan. I am committed to a path forward that can be achieved, providing residents and businesses the opportunity to plan for the impacts of reconstructing the major artery of our neighborhood. This meant proposing pedestrian im-

provements in 2016 and reconstruction in 2018. I also passed a resolution calling for the planning process to start now for the "Greening of Monroe Street." This directs staff to work with the many stakeholders, including neighbors, on planning so that we do not continue to push back the schedule for this critical project.

I am proud to represent our neighborhood on the Council. Do not hesitate to contact me directly with questions or comments.

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Get to Know Your Council

By Karen Redfield

"What better place to volunteer and have impact than within one's own neighborhood?" feels our new DMNA Secretary, Amy Cusick. We are very lucky to have both new and long-term residents on the DMNA Council who feel the same way. If you have ever had pie and ice cream at an annual DMNA meeting, you can thank Jane Albert, the Social Committee Chair and an active council member for many years. You may also know Jane from her work on the membership drives, Jazz in the Park, and the July 4 Children's Parade. Jane has lived here since 1978—in her first home! "We remodeled three times because we like our block so much we didn't want to move," Jane explains. "The people are great!" she adds. Jane has found being on the DMNA Council enjoyable because "it helps me keep up

with what is going on." She values the many other volunteers who work on committees and help keep DMNA such a great place to live.

Amy Cusick says she had always had her eye on this neighborhood. She grew up in Wisconsin and attended UW, but moved away after graduation for work. When her company offered her the chance to move back to the Madison area in 2007, she was "thrilled." Amy is delighted at being walking distance from many things: the stadium, shopping, restaurants and Wingra Park. Amy's neighbor and DMNA Treasurer Julia Billingham approached her to be on the council. Amy was "honored by the vote of confidence to be a member of the group and excited by the opportunity to learn more about the inner workings of my neighborhood."

Amy speaks for all of us who appreciate living here when she says, "I love the sense of community here." We are grateful to Amy and Jane for all they do to keep that sense of community strong and vibrant.



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Less Salt, Please

By Linell Davis

Loving our lakes in summer is easy. Loving them in winter is harder.

The recently completed Lake Wingra Watershed Plan shows that chloride levels in Lake Wingra have increased 300 per cent since the early 1970s. We know that salt pollutes the groundwater and damages plants and wildlife. The Plan calls for reducing the chloride level by 60 percent in the coming years. To do that we need to reconsider how we use salt.

When it snows, shovel early and shovel often. This prevents the formation of a hard-packed, slippery snow layer. Instead of applying salt to your sidewalk and driveway, use the sand-salt mixture provided by the city. This is available in the blue bins

located at street corners throughout the neighborhood. An old laundry detergent bottle filled with the mixture makes it easy to distribute as needed.

Be a good neighbor by helping elderly or infirm residents to keep their sidewalks and walkways clear of snow and ice. Let them know ahead of time that you are willing to shovel. Give them a bottle of the snow-sand mixture to use on their walkways.

If you use a snow removal service, discuss their practices to let them know that you expect them to keep salt use to a minimum.

You need less salt to melt ice than you might think. In fact, studies show that both commercial and private applicators typically use five times more salt than needed.

When you visit a commercial or institutional property, notice how much salt is being used. Could less salt do the job?

The City of Madison has adopted several strategies to reduce the use of salt on streets, but those efforts depend on our cooperation to be successful. After every storm the Madison Streets Department receives numerous calls asking for more salt on roadways. They don't get calls asking for less salt. We can help the city use less salt by changing our expectations.

Loving our lakes in winter means using less salt.

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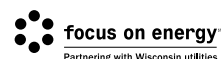
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Nov. 15	Breakfast at the Zoo 8-9:30am
Nov. 19	Autumn Harvest Fest 11am-3pm
Dec. 3	Decorate the Grille 10:30am-12:30pm
Dec. 10	Kids Cooking 11am-12pm
Dec. 12 & 13	Breakfast with Santa 8-9:30am
Dec. 18	Holiday Cookie Decorating 10:30-11:30am
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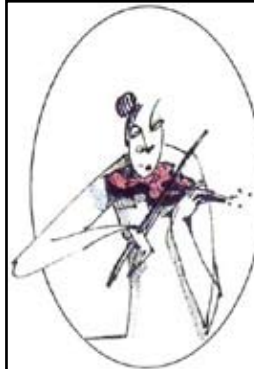
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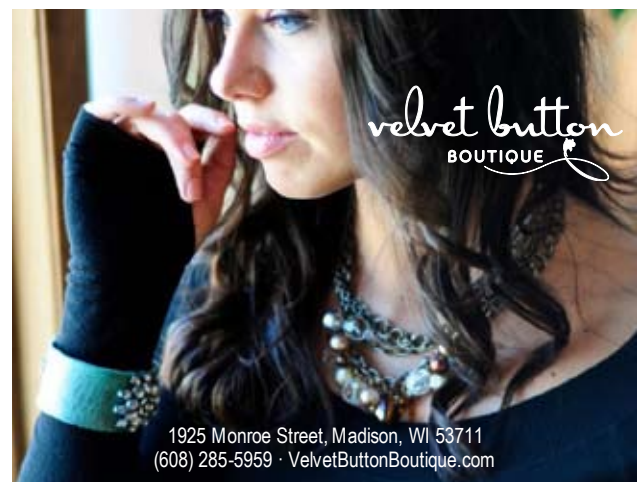


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Sunday, December 6
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1500-1700 blocks

GLOW ON MONROE

Thursday, December 17
5:00-8:00 p.m.
1500-1900, 2700 and 3500 blocks

WINTER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION

Sunday, December 20
6:00-9:00 p.m.
Glenwood Children's Park
Council Ring

SNOW SHOVELING

By noon the day following snowfall.

DMNA COUNCIL MEETINGS

Wednesdays January 6, February 3,
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6:45 p.m.
Dudgeon School Library

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