

## We've Always Been "Placemaking"

By Sandy Stark, Chair, Southwest Path Committee

*"A community is the mental and spiritual condition of knowing that the place is shared, and that the people who share the place define and limit the possibilities of each other's lives. It is the knowledge that people have of each other, their concern for each other, their trust in each other, the freedom with which they come and go among themselves."*

-- Wendell Berry, *Lectures on Place*

If you attended the Greening of Monroe Street events last year, and any Monroe Street Reconstruction meetings recently, you've heard the term placemaking dozens of times.

You won't be surprised to hear that our neighborhood has always engaged in identifying places and events that engage us as a community. Examples are Monroe Street Days, Jazz in the Park, family holiday parades in business parking lots, picnics and music in Glenwood Children's Park, Wingra Boats' Full Moon Picnics and Science Thursdays, DMNA Nature and History Trail tours and the launch of Commonwealth Pollinator Gardens and Commons area. What about the spontaneously planted neighborhood cul-de-sac gardens and the mysterious knitted caps and paper poems that appeared along the SW Path? And there's more: Collectivo has conjoined its cafe area with sidewalks, and Knickerbocker Square is following suit, and now we have a new Sunday Farmers' Market at Edgewood College.



Neighbors at new Commons area of the Commonwealth Pollinator Gardens.  
Photo by Sandy Stark

Formally and informally, we residents tend to congregate at favorite areas and claim them as our own, taking care of them in the process. What has allowed us to do this is how connected our neighbors, streets, paths, and green spaces are. We have what the Project for Public Spaces and the website The Daily Good identify as essential for good neighborhoods: "A mix of long-time and mobile residents, locally owned and long-term businesses, all of which create a gold mine of information about and loyalty to a neighborhood." Trusting and listening to that "gold mine" is our next big challenge as we weigh in on the Monroe Street Reconstruction Project.

Monroe Street already has and should strive to keep a "commercial vibrancy and unique sense of place while retaining its neighborhood feel."

Special places have both an emotional and physical significance, full of history and social import. Some are already here, others will emerge. Our job is to make

sure they are duly recognized — to make placemaking about places that our neighborhood values.

### Winter Solstice

Celebrate the Winter Solstice around a warming bonfire at the Council Ring in Glenwood Children's Park on Wednesday, December 21 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Hot cider and s'mores will be provided.





## Winter 2016

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# President's Message

Dear Neighbors,

This last year has been filled with meetings: council meetings, committee meetings, liaison meetings, executive meetings, meetings about gardens, meetings about new construction, meetings about new restaurants and meetings about Monroe Street.

When I think of why anyone would want to go to all these meetings, or be involved in the DMNA at all, I find a simple answer--to make our place in the world a little better. This, and nearly every issue of the Hornblower, focuses on place. It talks about the importance of places and events, as these two things do so much to foster community. This issue also talks about Monroe Street. We have learned that physical constraints and traffic demand have led the city to keep the design of the street the same. But we now enter into the second phase of planning for Monroe Street. In this phase we still have the opportunity to decide how we want the street to look, to feel, and

how we want it to connect to the rest of the neighborhood. There are opportunities for new visions at places like Crazy Legs Triangle, the entrance to Wingra Park, and for new ways to connect bike paths and create new bike routes.

As I look to the future, I ask you: how do we further define our neighborhood as a place? What kind of community do we want? How can you help make it happen?

It is clear we are not done yet!

Tyler Leeper, DMNA President

**"Placemaking is not just the act of building or fixing up a space; it is a process that fosters the creation of vital public destinations—the kind of places where people feel a strong stake in their communities and commitment to making things better."**

– Placemaking Chicago 2008

## Thanks

Thank you to Jane Albert, Social Committee Chair, and Bill Albert for organizing the Fall Beer Tasting, to Kirby Nelson, brewmaster of Wisconsin Brewing Company, for providing the beer and to Joanne Berg, Mystery to Me Bookstore, for hosting the event.

Special thanks go to the Membership Committee for organizing the 2016-

17 DMNA Membership Drive: Chair Kathy Engbretsen and members Jane Albert, Gail Gordon, Aileen Nettleton and Al Nettleton. Many thanks to all the Area Representatives and Block Captains for contacting each household in the neighborhood. And a big "thank you" to each of you who joined DMNA. Your dues keep DMNA projects going and your extra contributions

will support this year's capital fund project of treating and replacing the ash trees at the Wingra Park Playground area.

Thanks also to the members of the Edgewood Liaison Committee, Shawn Schey, Tom Huber and Daryl Sherman, along with President Tyler Leeper. They have been listening to neighbors' concerns and meeting with representatives of Edgewood High School, College and Grade School, seeking ways to work together to resolve issues related to parking, the athletic field and future plans for sports facilities.

The Transportation Committee, especially co-chair Peter Armstrong, has been busy keeping in touch with the city engineers, Alder Eskrich, the project consultants and neighbors through the series of summer and fall public meetings addressing the Monroe Street Reconstruction project. Thanks to all neighbors who have attended the meetings.



### GLENWOOD MORAVIAN COMMUNITY CHURCH

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# “Rush Hour” Travel Lanes to Remain

By Peter Armstrong, Transportation Committee Co-chair

The City of Madison Engineering Division along with Urban Assets Consulting Firm held a Monroe Street Reconstruction Open House on October 27 at Edgewood College where Engineering unveiled their recommendations. At a series of earlier meetings and via a major survey, numerous community members had shared their ideas for modifying the cross section to reduce speeding and improve pedestrian safety, the number one priority. At the October meeting, City Engineering presented their analysis from the Cross Section Workshop of the most popular alternative cross sections. These plans led to major tradeoffs ranging from “extensive queuing [backup] at intersections during rush hour” to loss of car parking. Traffic Engineering came to these conclusions primarily through a model that measures the amount of motor vehicle backup. Further, it was not clear what this backup would add to a motor vehicle’s commute time. Nonetheless, Monroe Street will maintain the rush hour travel lanes, which prioritizes motor vehicles over the identified community priority of pedestrian safety.

Still, there is hope for those who value walkability and pedestrian safety on Monroe Street.

Several pedestrian safety enhancements

including “raised intersections” are planned for three major intersections in the Monroe Street corridor. A raised intersection improves pedestrian visibility and slows motor vehicle traffic, making it safer for pedestrians to cross. The recently installed rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFB) will remain as well (see page 8). In all, the proposed pedestrian safety features are a step in the right direction and will surely improve the pedestrian experience.

Going forward, DMNA hopes to garner neighborhood support to ensure that the final installed pedestrian features – both those already proposed and potential additional ones – will lead to effective traffic calming and enhanced pedestrian safety along the entire Monroe Street corridor.

## Sign Up for DMNA News

Keep up-to-date on current meetings, hearings and neighborhood events by subscribing to DMNA’s e-mail notices. Go to [dmna.org/dmnaneews](http://dmna.org/dmnaneews) to sign up.

## Membership Update

Thanks to the efforts of many volunteers, including your Block Captains, the Membership Committee will be processing membership forms, dues checks, and donations to the DMNA Capital Fund over the next few months. If you lost or mislaid the membership envelope that your Block Captain left at your house or never received a membership envelope, you can remedy that by going to <http://dmna.org/2016-17memberform> and printing out a new form. Make

checks payable to DMNA and mail to the address provided.

Many Dudgeon Monroe area residents live in secured apartments or condo buildings that Block Captains cannot access. You are invited to join DMNA, following the steps noted above. If you live in a secured building and would be willing to serve as Block Captain for your building next fall, please include a note with your membership form.



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# Be a Snow Angel

By Ann Clark

When the bitter Wisconsin winds blow and the snow piles up, please think of the unlucky walkers outside, among them schoolchildren, the elderly and the disabled, who must trudge past your door, and leap to your shovel to help them. Like any transportation corridor, the sidewalk is treacherous or even useless to the traveler if it is blocked at any point by snow and ice. It just takes a single resident slug-abad who doesn't shovel his walk to cause dangerous falls or keep folks housebound.

The city gives you until noon the day following a snowfall's end to shovel the public walk, but we urge you to do it as soon as you can so walkers are inconvenienced for the shortest time possible.

There are other rules to ensure that you do your part:

- You must clear the entire width of the sidewalk—think strollers and wheelchairs.
- You must clear the sidewalk of ice, obviously treacherous, as well as snow, so shovel quickly and thoroughly before it has a chance to freeze. If that is impossible, obtain a substance like free city sand from the Glenway Golf Course Speedway parking lot or the blue barrels scattered in the neighborhood. The Hornblower asks residents to avoid using salt if at all possible to reduce toxic runoff into Lake Wingra. The deadline for this is the same as for snow removal.
- You must clear the curb ramps where the sidewalk meets the street if you own a corner lot. You haven't lived until you have struggled with a small child in a stroller to scale the icy

mountains left by the snowplow.

And if your better nature doesn't prevail, the city will fine you \$107 and \$172 for any subsequent violations. It pays to be an angel of mercy instead!

If you are elderly and/or handicapped and cannot clear your walk, call Building Inspection Division, 266-4551, and ask to speak to a Property Maintenance Inspector.

If you encounter an unshoveled sidewalk past the deadline, report the violation at [cityofmadison.com/reportaproblem](http://cityofmadison.com/reportaproblem).

## Go Easy on the Salt

By Adrienne Marvin, Friends of Lake Wingra

A 2009 University of Minnesota study asked what happened to all the salt spread on sidewalks after the snow melts. They reported that approximately 70% of the salt used to de-ice streets and sidewalks stayed in the watershed long after the snow vanished. The salt dissolves in the snowmelt. Some ends up in nearby soil, but most of it goes right into the local streams and ponds. It can also end up in wells of drinking water. Salt water is denser than fresh water, so it sinks to the bottom of ponds and lakes and doesn't flow out easily. Seemingly small changes in salt levels in the lakes shift the water chemistry enough that many fish and plants die.

Friends of Lake Wingra studied some of the common practices for managing winter salt application and concluded that de-icing salt is often applied at 5-6 times the recommended rate, especially

by the heaviest users – those who clear commercial parking lots and sidewalks.

The bottom line for homeowners is to use much less de-icing salt or preferably choose the freely available sand to keep your sidewalks free of snow and ice.

## Volunteer to Shovel – Request a Snow Shoveler

The West Madison Senior Center will match eligible seniors who request snow removal with volunteer shovelers. Both seniors and volunteers should contact Tiffany Schafer, [tiffany@wmseniorcenter.org](mailto:tiffany@wmseniorcenter.org) or (608) 238-7368, ext. 8.

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# Science Thursday: Antidote for Nature Deficit Disorder

By Debi Leeper

Did you know that a group of owls is called a ‘parliament’ or that the large front teeth of the beaver never stop growing? Can you answer the question “What kind of cookie is round and full of fiber but you can’t eat it unless you are a termite?” (Answer: a tree cookie or a cross section of a tree.) Children learn facts like these and much more at Science Thursdays offered weekly throughout the summer at Wingra Boats.

Science Thursday grew out of a 2013 class aimed at teaching teachers about our watershed and it has grown into a program where teachers, parents and naturalists offer their expertise on science and nature. DMNA’s sponsorship has helped fund this program for the last three years by covering stipends for presenters and related expenses. For 11 weeks this past summer naturalists presented environmental topics that ranged from animal scat to water conservation. Approximately 250 children and 110 adults attended with many parents making Thursday at 6:00 p.m. a regular family outing.



The beauty of Science Thursday is that children are outside learning and exploring alongside their parents. Richard Louv, author of *Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children from Nature-Deficit Disorder*, recognizes the importance of sharing moments of nature with our children. He writes, “We have such a brief opportunity to pass on to our children our love for this Earth, and to tell our stories. These are the moments when the world is made whole.”

I want to thank parents for bringing their children to Science Thursday and encouraging them to explore and to ask questions. It is truly a joy to watch the excitement of discovery on children’s faces and to see them share that with their parents. With DMNA’s help we are able to offer this program free of charge, contributing to what makes our neighborhood and city so delightful.



As Science Thursday coordinator I am starting to line up presenters for our 2017 pro-

grams. If you have any environmental expertise you would like to share with our young people, please contact me at debileep@gmail.com. A special thank you also goes to Heather Marley for helping out each week, and to presenters Dave Spitzer, UW Alpha Chi Sigma, Emily Fuger, Amy Callies, Lisa Andrews, Marcus Mueller, Kyia Lindau, Dawn Liska-Tollefson, David Thompson, Susan Sandford and Sherri Hershberger.

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## Holidays on Monroe

Get in the holiday spirit with two Monroe Street events. The Monroe Street Christmas Walk along the 1700-1900 blocks will be held Sunday, December 4, noon-4:00 p.m. Enjoy music of the season by the Monroe Street Carolers, refreshments, prize drawings and other activities. Luminaria (lanterns) will provide the glow for Holiday Glow on Monroe Thursday, December 15, 4:00-8:00 p.m. Look for treats, deals on merchandise and services, hands-on activities and more along the 1500-1900 and 2500-3500 blocks. [www.monroestreetmadison.com](http://www.monroestreetmadison.com)

## Spanish for Kids

Creando Little Language Explorers, 2600 Monroe Street, offers Spanish-language immersion classes for kids from 1 to 10 years old. Children learn Spanish through storytelling, games, music and dance, art projects and other activities. A variety of options are available, including afterschool, spring-break, summer-camp and in-home programs. [www.creandolanguages.com](http://www.creandolanguages.com)

## Opening Soon

Hungry? These new-to-Monroe-Street Madison-area favorites will open their doors early in 2017 (or sooner).

**Bloom Bake Shop**, 1851 Monroe Street: Breakfast and lunch biscuit sandwiches, cakes, cookies, bars and more, plus beverages. Vegan and gluten-free options available. Indoor seating, classes and events. [www.bloombakeshop.com](http://www.bloombakeshop.com)

**Infusion Chocolates**, 2503 Monroe Street: Chocolate truffles, bars and pops; chocolate-covered nuts; drinking chocolates. Indoor and outdoor seating. [www.infusionchocolates.com](http://www.infusionchocolates.com)

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## Mallatt's Costumes

On October 5 Mallatt's Pharmacy and Costumes at 3506 Monroe Street closed. Three days later Mallatt's Costumes & Accessories opened at the same location. Although Mallatt's Costumes doesn't provide prescription medicines, it does offer costume rentals from Alice in Wonderland to Zorro with lots of dress-up choices in between. Mallatt's continues to stock over-the-counter drugs, health and beauty aids, wine and beer, books, greeting cards, theatrical makeup, candy and fun items for kids. And yes, you can still buy U.S. postage stamps and mail packages. [www.mallatts.com](http://www.mallatts.com)

## Everly Opens

Everly is now open and serving healthy "California-inspired" lunch, dinner and brunch menu choices. The new restaurant at 2701 Monroe Street also includes a coffee and wine bar. Hours and menus: [www.everlymadison.com](http://www.everlymadison.com)

## Pasqual's Closes

Tex-Mex restaurant Pasqual's, 1851 Monroe Street, closed late this summer when its lease expired. Pasqual's restau-

rants at three other locations are open for business.

## Mayor's Awards

Two entities with Dudgeon-Monroe neighborhood connections have received 2016 Mayor's Placemaking Awards. Brittingham Boats, 714 W. Brittingham Place, is the recipient of the Mayor's Placemaking Award for a park transformation that extends beyond its borders. DMNA president Tyler Leeper is the owner of Brittingham Boats and Wingra Boats, located at 824 Knickerbocker Street in our neighborhood. Wingra School, 718 Gilmore Street, is the recipient of the Mayor's Placemaking Design Award for Innovation and Sustainability: Green Placemaking for its new outdoor classroom. Congratulations!

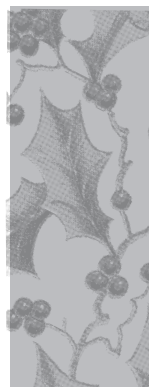
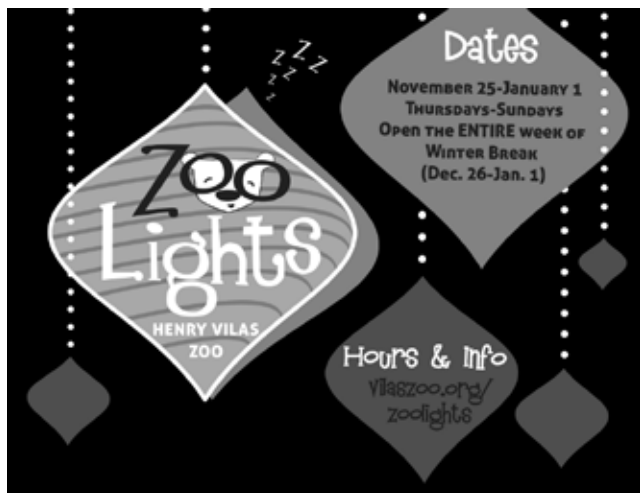
## Wildlife Research

The motion-triggered cameras attached and padlocked near the base of selected lampposts on the Southwest Commuter Path are part of a multiyear study by David Drake, wildlife ecology professor in the Department of Forest and Wildlife Ecology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, to determine which species of wildlife are inhabiting our rapidly urbanizing community. The study is part of a larger project by the Urban Wildlife Institute at the Lincoln Park Zoo in Chicago that involves five urban areas around the country.

## Tree Damage Help

What number do you call if a big branch breaks off the tree on the terrace between the sidewalk and the street? The Madison Forestry Department at 266-4816 can help between 7:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. After work hours, call the Police

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## Everything You Want to Know About Winter

Madison show-shoveling regulations, alternate-side winter parking, snow-emergency alerts and more are available at [www.cityofmadison.com/residents/winter](http://www.cityofmadison.com/residents/winter)

*Hornblower Neighborhood News Briefs are compiled by Peg Davis*

## Help Wanted

We are seeking volunteers to update membership data collected from forms returned this fall. This process can be done on your computer at your own pace in January and February. Contact Kathy Engebretsen with your offer or any questions: 238-1630 or [kae610@att.net](mailto:kae610@att.net).

Join the Hornblower team to coordinate advertising. The retiring ad coordinator has streamlined the job and obtained a full slate of ads for the current season. About a month before each issue deadline, the ad coordinator sends "new copy deadline" reminders to advertisers and ensures that such copy is included in the upcoming issue. The greatest activity is in spring when new ad contracts are coming in. For further information contact [hornblower@dmna.org](mailto:hornblower@dmna.org).

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# Crossing Monroe Street Safely

By Ann Clark

As I write this, the six new Monroe Street pedestrian crossing systems are being installed. What are we getting? City Bicycle-Pedestrian Coordinator Arthur Ross says, "It is another communication device like the red crossing flags to notify drivers and bikers that a pedestrian is in the crosswalk trying to cross the street."

The new rectangular rapid flashing beacon (RRFB) system has pedestrian signs and a push button for the pedestrian to activate flashing lights, adding to our red flag crossing system, whose flags still wave at other neighborhood intersections.

As with the flags, the careful pedestrian communicates an intent to cross to approaching drivers, then cautiously crosses one lane at a time, waiting for each car to stop before crossing its lane.

The bottom line: Don't step suddenly into moving traffic!

Here are the pedestrian and driver drills again for both systems after you push the new button or grab your flag:

## The Pedestrian

- 1) Hold your hand up (or at other crossings hold up the red flag) throughout your crossing for drivers to see.
- 2) Put one foot off the curb (triggering the pedestrian crossing law).
- 3) Allow any cars that are too close to stop (about two and a half car lengths at 25 mph) to pass, then make and maintain eye contact with the closest approaching driver.
- 4) When the driver slows or preferably stops, proceed with caution in front of the yielding car, then make eye contact with the closest driver in the next lane before you begin to cross that lane. Scan the street and repeat lane by lane to the other curb.
- 5) Wave again to thank drivers for yielding.

## The Driver and Bicyclist

1. Scan the likely crossings ahead and anticipate pedestrian crossings by maintaining a speed that allows you to quickly stop. Remember Monroe Street's speed limit is now 25 mph its full length.
2. NEVER pass another vehicle that has stopped or is slowing down at an intersection. Make sure it is safe to pass (establishing there is no pedestrian) before driving into the crosswalk.
3. Always yield by stopping for a pedestrian entering or in a crosswalk (marked or unmarked) without driving into the crosswalk.
4. Wait for the pedestrian to completely clear the crosswalk on your side of the road and for anyone crossing into your lanes from the other direction before you continue on your way.



**Remember** that crosswalks exist at all intersections where there are sidewalks along the road. Wisconsin drivers must yield to pedestrians at all crosswalks where the intersection does not have a traffic signal, no matter how or whether the crosswalk is marked, regardless of whether you have a stop sign. Fines are steep!

## Alder Eskrich Reports

The Monroe Street reconstruction continues to be a top priority for our neighborhood. The overwhelming feedback from residents prioritized pedestrian safety, walkability, and slowing traffic on Monroe. As a result, the city is proposing to reconstruct the existing four-lane cross-section with numerous pedestrian design enhancements to help meet these community priorities. This includes three of the first fully raised intersections in the city, creating pedestrian-oriented spaces that physically elevate pedestrians and slow vehicles, pedestrian refuge islands, countdown timers at signals and painted crosswalks. I know some neighbors were in favor of a cross-section with two travel lanes and a two-way-left-turn-lane, asking if this would be a feasible redesign. City traffic engineering modeled the traffic flows and concluded the impacts on traffic back-ups would be too significant for them to support this design. The con-

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# Taming Water in Glenwood

By Linell Davis, Parks and Gardens Committee

Storm water runoff has been a persistent problem in Glenwood Children's Park despite efforts of City Engineering to deal with it. Rainwater from approximately 55 acres north of the Southwest Path flows through a culvert under the Path into the park on its way to Lake Wingra. Over the years this has caused increasingly destructive erosion in the park. Earlier this year Peter Nause, co-chair of the Parks and Gardens Committee, contacted Laura Rozumalski, a neighborhood resident and head of Fresh Water Engineering LLC.

Laura has been working with Ben Yahr of Friends of Lake Wingra to develop a proposal to City Engineering to conduct a thorough study. Much of the water entering the park from the north fails to

enter the storm pipe to the east, which should convey the water through the park underground. Instead, the water flows south down the western surface ravine where it has been toppling stone outcroppings, widening the canyon-like rocky area, and eroding a two feet deep channel in the lawn area. The storm water has moved tons of sediment and deposits it on the mowed area before entering the inlet at the south end where it feeds into the underground pipes that ultimately take it to the detention pond next to Monroe Street.

In October, Laura and Ben presented options and Phil Gaebler of City Engineering reported on what his office is currently doing. Central to the discussion was the concept of Regenerative Storm-

water Conveyance (RSC), an innovative approach to ecosystem restoration. An RSC slows the flow of storm water, controls grading, and filters the water like a natural stream. With historic preservation in mind, Laura through Fresh Water Engineering will develop an RSC design with minimal impact on the park landscape. Another meeting will be held before the design is finalized to incorporate comments.

## Eskrich *continued*

sequences of traffic backups may include frustrated and irresponsible drivers cutting through the neighborhoods, Metro transit delays and poor compliance at pedestrian crossings. These are not tradeoffs the city can likely support.

Once the cross-section is approved by the Council, I look forward to engaging in the other important elements of design. This will include storm water management opportunities, placemaking and specific design elements like lighting.

The city budget will pass by the time you

are reading this edition of the Hornblower, but residents should know I am prioritizing maintaining high-quality city services like public safety, as well as investing in community-based initiatives like restorative justice, youth violence prevention and affordable housing. My amendments at Council will be reflective of these priorities.

Please contact me directly with questions or comments on issues, or any of the many other exciting things happening in our city.

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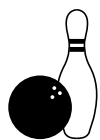
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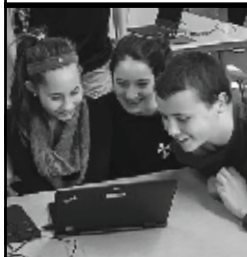
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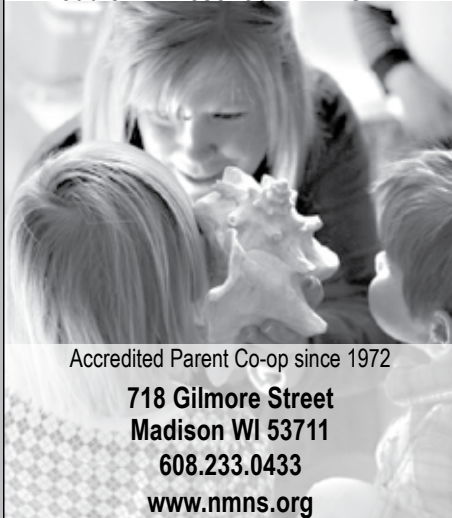
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Wednesday, December 7

Wednesday, January 3

Wednesday, February 6

Wednesday, March 1

#### **MONROE STREET CHRISTMAS WALK**

Sunday, December 4

Noon-4:00 p.m.

1700-1900 Blocks

#### **HOLIDAY GLOW ON MONROE**

Thursday, December 15

4:00-8:00 p.m.

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