

Path Prairies Get a Boost from Prescribed Burns

By Sandy Stark, Southwest Commuter Path Chair

In 2017 we squeezed in three burns along the Dudgeon Monroe and Westmoreland stretch of the SW Path in one long afternoon, drawing on teams of volunteers from several neighborhoods. Perhaps you stopped to watch, held your breath as you jogged or biked by. Perhaps smoke blew your way. (We assess wind direction and burn accordingly, but if the wind changes, all we can do is warn path

users at the time.) From your perspective, that burn could be interesting, educational, only a little distracting, or annoying.

But from a restorationist's perspective, a prescribed burn is a real rejuvenation of the prairie. A good burn simultaneously knocks back competing invasive weeds or shrubs and stimulates new growth of native plants by exposing the soil to more sunlight at a critical time for spring germination. And all the black after a burn helps trap sunlight and warms the earth fast, favoring the warm season grasses and prairie plants. This also promotes a healthy plant diversity by actively discouraging weedy invasives that tend toward monocultures if not headed off.

It takes a lot of advance planning: getting permits, having certified burn bosses, the right equipment, and proper safety procedures—water packs and

burn and path monitors. It also takes polling our volunteers for availability, prepping sites to burn only what we want to burn, more adjustments when conditions are right or not, and a cancellation or so (too wet, too windy) to safely and properly pull off a prescribed burn, especially along the SW Path.

This spring, starting in March or April, volunteers will mostly weed the low-tech way. After all, the majority of our prairie work is done with hand tools and old-fashioned sweat. Later, some areas will be burned again, while others will be given a year off.

As summer arrives, we hope you notice as each path prairie site shows off its flowering plants and grasses, all set in motion by a well-timed and well-controlled restorative event.

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Sunday, April 7, 1:00-3:30 p.m.

115 Predolin Hall,
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1:00 p.m. Pie and ice cream, meet
your neighbors

1:30 p.m. Business meeting: election
of officers, approval of bylaws revisions
(see details on page 2)

2:00 p.m. Invited Speaker



On a rainy Saturday morning, the first day of December, Mayor Paul Soglin cut a ribbon at Commonwealth and Monroe to mark the completion of the 2018 Monroe Street reconstruction.
Photo: Carole Kantor.



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President's Message

By David Hoffert

It is a strange feeling to be writing my final column as president of DMNA. Over these last two years, I and the other leaders of the association have worked hard to keep DMNA running smoothly, lay the groundwork for its continued vitality in the future, and publicly advocate for the interests of the neighborhood when necessary. I am proud of the work we have done and look forward to seeing DMNA continue to thrive in the years ahead.

There is one theme in particular I have returned to again and again in these columns, and I think it makes for an appropriate message in this farewell column as well. DMNA is arguably one of the strongest neighborhood associations in the entire city. But that strength does not arise from our public advocacy or really any other outwardly visible aspect of our operations. Our strength as a neighborhood association arises from the many volunteers toiling behind the scenes to build community within our borders. That strength arises much more from the Independence Day Parade than from our advocacy over the Edgewood stadium

proposal.

I am proud of the fact that over these last two years we have welcomed a double-digit number of new committee chairs onto the Council, ensuring continued vibrancy in the neighborhood for years to come. There is more work to be done; for example, an improved electronic membership database would enable us to expand our membership and represent an ever-broader swath of the neighborhood. Our incoming leaders are more than capable, and I look forward to seeing what they achieve for DMNA.

It is an honor to have served you, and I look forward to staying in touch.

Slate of DMNA Officers for 2019-20

President, Rachel Fields

Vice President, Diego Saenz

Treasurer, Julia Billingham

Secretary, Ann Sydnor

Bylaws Revisions – 2019

As the Dudgeon Monroe Neighborhood Association tackles both the perennial and the evolving concerns of our neighborhood, we recognize the need to adapt and clarify our decision-making processes. Thus, we submit to the general membership a revision of the bylaws of the association, which will be presented for approval at the general membership meeting on April 7. We list the recommended changes and additions below. The full text of the proposed bylaws can be found on dmna.org.

- The maximum number of at-large members of the DMNA Council has been reduced from 25 to 15.
- The process for nominating and appointing at-large members has been defined. They serve for the term between one gen-

eral membership meeting and the next.

- The process for nominating and appointing liaisons has been defined. They will have voting rights equivalent to those of committee chairs.
- The process for nominating and appointing chairpersons of committees has been defined.
- The voting rights of committee chairs will be limited to those who are members in good standing of DMNA.
- The President does not vote except in the event of a tie. (This has been the Council's practice, but it was never stated in the bylaws.)

Meet Your Council Members - Andrew and Gracie Foxwell

By Karen Aamotsbakken, Hornblower Committee

Some are born Madisonians. Some achieve Madisonianism – they come for a UW degree and stay for a Madison job. Some have Madison thrust upon them as trailing spouses. Some choose to put down roots here only after a year-long, cross-country odyssey in search of their ideal city. Andrew and Gracie Foxwell are among the few in this last group.

“The goal of the trip was simple,” they say. “Find the ideal city to live in, work from, and enjoy for years to come... Madison completely won us over when we came through town on a picture-perfect day, grabbed lunch on Monroe Street, shopped at Dane County Farmers' Market on the square and hiked in the Arboretum... We moved to Madi-

son knowing only one person in town, neither of us had attended the UW, and we didn't know much about the city in general. We had taken a huge leap, but it immediately paid off.”

After moving into a rental on Monroe Street, they met DMNA's president at the time, Tyler Leeper, who encouraged them to get involved in the neighborhood association. Their media skills – the pair founded and run social media firm Foxwell Digital – were a perfect fit for the Communications Committee where they manage dmna.org and its regular e-mail outreach. In addition, Gracie also serves on the board of the Monroe Street Farmers' Market.

“When living abroad and in other U.S. cities, we ultimately felt anonymous be-

cause we knew we would someday move on to another city in another state for another job. However, when we launched our own business and intentionally decided to put down roots in Madison, we instantly felt welcomed with open arms,” said Gracie.

It's their neighbors, they say, who really make Madison a home. “We travel often, and the only negative part of traveling is that we terribly miss our friends and neighbors – they've truly helped make Madison our forever home... Our neighborhood has continued to evolve and change in wonderful ways – we've happily welcomed new businesses, new neighbors, and more. We intend to stick around for many years to come, so we're excited about what the future holds!”

Membership Drive Results

By Kathy Engebretsen, Membership Committee Chair

Our annual fall membership drive resulted in 748 member households and Capital Fund contributions totaling \$1663. This year, although we had not specified a purpose for the Capital Fund, neighbors showed their dedication to our community through these generous contributions. An agenda item for the March DMNA meeting will address possible uses for those donations. Please share any ideas with a Council member or email Kathy Engebretsen at kae610@att.net.

Thank you for all your contributions to DMNA for membership fees which fund our annual activities and to the Capital Fund. Thank you to all volunteers who worked as area reps and block captains to make this possible.

Meet your Neighbors

Block captains are needed for the 2019 Fall Membership Drive for these blocks:

- 2301-2341 Keyes
- 3602-3637 Cross
- 2022-2214 Monroe
- 501-710 Prospect
- 606-738 Western.

Block captains are the backbone of keeping DMNA such a vibrant organization, so please consider offering your services. You will find it rewarding to meet neighbors and be a part of the larger organization.

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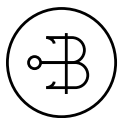
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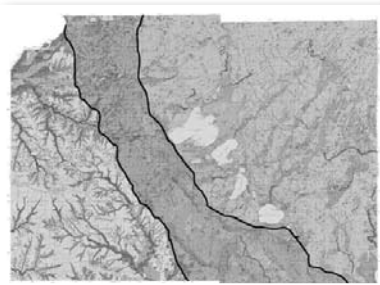
By Peter Gascoyne, DMNA History Chair

When contemplating the history of our area, we often begin with the entry of white settlers, or with the Indians that long preceded them. But let's go further back...

During the last Ice Age, about 15,000 years ago, the Dudgeon Monroe neighborhood was covered by over 600 feet of ice, more than twice the height of the State Capital building. At the time, ice covered almost all of Canada and much of the northern United States. Over the years, the ice ebbed and flowed, carrying and depositing vast amounts of soil.

A geological map highlights three distinct zones that define how the Ice Age

shaped Dane County. To our north and east is the "Drumlin Zone", so named because of the literally thousands of drumlins, or long narrow hills carved by the glaciers, that are found here. Edgewood High School sits atop a drumlin, as does University Heights, and Observatory Hill on the UW campus. Immediately to our south and west is the "Hummocky-Till Zone" comprised of mounds and debris left behind at the edge of the glacier. The corner of Odana and Monroe Streets, at the southwest entrance to our neighborhood, sits at the very border of the "Drumlin" and "Hummocky-Till" zones. Beyond that is the "Driftless Area", so named because no "drift" or debris was left as the glaciers stopped their thousands of miles of journeying there.



Pleistocene Geologic Map of Dane County. From L to R: Driftless Area, Hummocky-Till Zone, Drumlin Zone. Source: Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey (<https://wgnhs.uwex.edu/pubs/000119/>)

WANTED: Difficult Pedestrian Crossing Needing Help

By Ann Clark, Hornblower Committee Co-chair

The volunteer DMNA crew that has supplied crosswalk flags at the most frustrating Monroe Street pedestrian crossings for many years is checking in with walkers to see whether there is still a need for the red flags-on-a-stick that we have used for nearly 15 years to get across the street quickly and safely.

If you think flags are still needed for a safe and speedy crossing at a well-traveled neighborhood arterial intersection, please contact transportation@dmna.org or call 238-5612 within the next several months. Our flags

are ready!

Before we planted our first crosswalk flags with holders on either side of Monroe Street, pedestrians in Madison – and nearly all the rest of the country – were usually seen cringing at the curb or racing danger across the street. Our flags and those around town stimulated interest in and enforcement of pedestrian right-of-way statutes, and Madison continues to lead the way.

Madison has just been anointed the #2 American city in the country for the pedestrian, and the late November finish of Monroe Street reconstruction reveals many new helpful features. Cutting about

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Playing Possum

By Bobbi Zehner

On a Saturday morning's stroll near the Glenwood Children's Park, Woody spotted an opossum. On a recoil leash, our yellow lab got fairly close before Larry noticed and said, "Leave it." Woody backed off and they moved on up the hill to the Southwest Commuter Path. Twenty minutes later, heading home, Larry noticed that the critter had not moved...and clearly it was not playing dead! We have since learned that opossums often faint when scared, which has led to



Glenda, the possum. Photo provided by Bobbi Zehner

the expression "playing possum."

After several unsuccessful calls, we found a rescue operation called Wisconsin Wildcare (608 237-7060). A friendly volunteer showed up and gently removed the little critter to a place of safe recovery, where she has been named Glenda, in honor of our park. The volunteer told us, "These are amazing little creatures. People misunderstand them so much. They eat ticks and keep our yards and woods clean. They rarely do damage and don't dig up yards. They also are virtually incapable of carrying rabies, because their low body temps do not allow the virus to incubate."

Thank You!

A special THANK YOU to Jane Albert for her many years of service with the DMNA Council. Jane has been the Social Chair for 19 years, bringing the popular Wine Tasting or Beer Tasting Socials to our members and hosting the pie and ice cream socials at our Annual Meetings! Jane's warm hospitality and interest in joining neighbors together have been appreciated by many. Jane was also an At-Large Council Member in 2006 and Secretary from 2007-2009. The winter solstice bonfire on December 21 was a huge hit! We had a big crowd

even though there wasn't any snow, and so many wonderful folks volunteered their time and energy to make it successful. Special thanks to David Macasaet, Pete Norstedt, Courtney Woods and Linell Davis for prepping and tending the bonfire and refreshments. Thanks also to Peter Nause and Percy Mather for donating supplies and expertise.

Thanks to heroic neighbors who have helped each other through our tough winter by shoveling sidewalks, checking on each other during the cold spells and other acts of kindness.

Advertise Your Business in The Hornblower

May 15 begins the contract process for the next season of Hornblower advertising. This DMNA newsletter is distributed four times a year directly to the mailboxes of more than 1,500 residences and businesses. This informative publication brings together neighborhood details of events, programs, businesses and features about the people and places that make our Dudgeon Monroe neighborhood special.

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April 2 Election

On Tuesday, April 2, voters will cast their ballots for state Supreme Court justice, Madison mayor, District 13 alder and School Board member. Voters are required to show photo identification and must be registered to vote. To learn how to register, a list of acceptable IDs, or to request an absentee ballot, go to <https://myvote.wi.gov>. The Ward 65 polling place is at Wingra School, 718 Gilmore Street. Voting hours are 7:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

Chocolate Walk

Tickets for the annual — and very popular — Monroe Street Chocolate Walk sell out very quickly, so be sure to keep close watch on www.monroestreetmadison.com for details about this Saturday, April 27, event.

Library Book Sale

Shop for gently used books, CDs and DVDs at the Monroe Street Library League's spring book sale, Saturday, May 4, 9:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. Donations to the sale can be dropped off anytime the library is open. No textbooks or encyclopedias, please.

New/Old Businesses

Joon is the new Persian/Iranian food restaurant, 1835 Monroe Street, formerly Burgrito's. Invitingly decorated with Persian rugs, Joon is open for lunch and then again for dinner. The menu features traditional foods such as stews, kababs, chicken and lamb.

Madison Shoe Repair & Bootery,

1915 Monroe Street, is open seven days a week. This family-run repair shop is

also a spacious retail space. They specialize in products that are made in the United States. Some of the boot brands they carry include: Red Wing Heritage, Danner, and Lems. Goods from smaller companies include beard oil, candles from Good and Well Candles, out of Seattle and Artifact Bags, out of Omaha.

Zip Dang, currently located at 2606 Monroe Street, will be moving to 2636 Monroe Street, formerly The Knitting Tree. Look for information about their grand

opening in March. They are planning to continue their first Friday of the month tradition of staying open late, free food and drink, giveaways, and with the larger space they will be able to host live music.

D-Chai Massage has moved into 1813 Monroe Street, formerly Wild Child.

Michael's Frozen Custard, 2531 Monroe Street, has a sign in the window saying they will be open again on March 1.

Neighborhood News Briefs are compiled by Sonia Newmark

Dogs as good neighbors

By Linell Davis, Hornblower Committee

Our pets, especially our dogs, were once considered merely pets, but more and more we are thinking of them as family members. We shower them with the same care and attention that we grant our human family members. Since they are also members of the neighborhood, it is important that you and they conform to community norms of behavior.

Our neighborhood has one of the highest levels of dog ownership in the city. Luckily, we also have lots of greenspace where we can take our dogs for exercise and toileting. We all know that dogs need to be on a leash and that we need to scoop the poop. Don't allow your dog to do his or her business on private property and bring along plenty of bags.

Dog walkers, cyclists and pedestrians share many spaces including the Southwest Path. Keep in mind that some people are afraid of dogs. Keep your dog close to you and don't allow him or her

to approach others unless invited. If your dog has a tendency to lunge at moving objects, you will need to do some training in order to share space with cyclists. For their part, cyclists need to moderate their speeds and signal their presence when approaching dogs and walkers. Slowing down and going wide can assure that cyclists, dogs, and their walkers all have a good experience in shared spaces.

Dogs need to be kept on six-foot leashes because they may react aggressively when meeting other dogs on their walks. The reasons for this are complex and may require some training to correct. In the meantime, educate yourself about canine interaction and avoid retractable leashes.

If you are welcoming a new dog into your family or watching your puppy growing into adulthood, we know you will do whatever is required to assure that your dog is healthy, happy and a good neighbor.



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Monroe Street Farmers' Market Kicks Off on Sunday, May 5

Save the date! The 2019 Monroe Street Farmers' Market kicks off on Sunday, May 5. The market will run every Sunday from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. through October 27. Located in Edgewood High School parking lot, the market features a variety of local products including fresh vegetables and fruits, locally pastured meats, cheeses,

specialty items, gifts, food carts, live music, family-friendly activities, and more. There is ample free parking available to all market visitors. To stay apprised of 2019 market events, vendor updates, and relevant news, please sign up for our weekly newsletter via <https://www.monroestreetfarmersmarket.org/newsletter-signup>



DMNA Volunteer Opportunities: Join a Great Team on Behalf of Your Neighbors

Volunteer for Parks and Gardens Co-Chair

If you are one of our DMNA residents who loves to garden and takes pride in our beautiful parks, we need you! Parks and Gardens Committee Co-chair roles include planning and coordinating volunteer projects with the city for Glenwood Children's Park and Wingra Orchard Park. The committee also coordinates celebrations such as the Winter Solstice Bonfire. Interested in ensuring that these signature DMNA projects continue? Contact president@dmna.org.

Lead the Social Committee

Party planners: volunteer to help neighbors get to know each other and our dynamic neighborhood association. • Plan the annual meeting membership meeting • Assist and support the 4th of July children's parade and celebration • Plan

smaller social gatherings - beer tasting, wine tasting, "your idea here". Interested? Contact president@dmna.org.

Volunteer for the DMNA July 4th Parade and Celebration!

The DMNA July 4th Parade and Celebration will take place again July 4, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Join us as a volunteer! Email Katie Ginder-Vogel

(katiegv@gmail.com) if you're interested in planning, fundraising, set-up, or clean-up. Thanks!

Emily Balsley and her team of stellar volunteers will host games in the park after the parade. Emily needs volunteers to run the games, paint nails and faces, set up, and clean up. If interested, contact her at emily.bluestar@gmail.com.

Pedestrian Flags (continued from page 4)

half the bus stops and coordinating the remaining stops with traffic lights, new flashing light systems, islands and crosswalks spotlighted by color or stripes may complete the job in our neighborhood. If that is the case, we thank our current crew (Jane Albert, Ann Clark, Lisa Gries,

Janice Zawacki and Emily Balsley) and the many previous helpers over the years, including some businesses (only Neuhauser's Pharmacy survives). DMNA members donated the funds for the effort, for which we thank them.

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Aftermath Of The Great August Flood In Dudgeon Monroe

By Ann Clark, Hornblower Committee Co-chair

The dramatic rainfall and catastrophic flooding last August certainly affected our lake and neighborhood, although in ways that were not as frightening as the widespread flooding elsewhere. My garage sale was rescheduled three times before we finally hit a date without a downpour. Everywhere I went afterward, I heard about flooded basements, both in residences and in businesses along Monroe Street.

The rain overwhelmed the culvert draining the north side of the Southwest Commuter Path, cutting two deep channels

through the Glenwood Children's Park and eroding slopes, effectively erasing years of volunteer plantings and maintenance. This event followed many decades of erosion there and failed efforts to repair the damage. DMNA Parks Co-Chair Sandy Stark opined that there is just too much water channeled through the park by the storm sewer system. This time temporary repairs have been made; more permanent fixes await spring and city budget dollars.

Lake Wingra flooded too, although without monitoring, it is impossible to say how much the water rose. The relative lack of development on the lakeshores meant there was little property damage. What was obvious was that the dam near the zoo separating Lake Wingra from the Wingra Creek and various piers around the lake were submerged.

We also had a raw sewage spill along Arbor Drive, a result of leakage from the overtaxed sanitary sewer into the storm sewer system. This is an indication that the pipe next to the lake is not big enough to handle the deluges accompanying global warming, according to Roger Bannerman, retired Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Environmental Specialist and Friends of Lake Wingra board member. The city's Public Health Department said that it was a small spill, quickly cleaned up, though

it got to the lake first. Vilas Beach was briefly closed, but lake damage certainly lingered longer.

All this predicts that our present infrastructure will be inadequate for increasingly intense storms brought on by global warming, and the resulting floods of storm debris will worsen the state of the lake, already far from a pristine state.

However, some building blocks for improvement are already in place.

The city is initiating a study of the portion of the very large watershed area that drains to Lake Wingra from the west, with an eye to mitigating flooding.

At the county, the 2019 budget includes \$11 million to move water better through the lakes to control flooding. Chuck Erickson, our County Board Supervisor, says what the county is already doing with chloride education, storm water runoff, infiltration and phosphorus will continue to benefit Lake Wingra, along with any increases that might come from the flood prevention funding.

What is abundantly clear is that we will need to focus long range on these issues, especially the state of the lake, and alter our behavior from small changes to passionately advocating to protect nature in our neighborhood. It is our irreplaceable, lovely setting.

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From Alder Arntsen

The last couple of months have been active on the weather and police fronts and fairly calm in the city approval arena. Turning to the latter first, the biggest development issue that has consumed this neighborhood—Edgewood's proposed athletic field improvements—has been on hold while Edgewood determines its next steps. The matter was scheduled to be decided by the Plan Commission on January 14, but Edgewood modified its proposal and asked that it be deferred. As of mid-February, no new date has been announced.

The Parks Department is beginning a Vilas Park master planning process that

will take place over the next year or so. Persons interested in being involved should contact the Parks Department.

There were a number of high profile robberies that resulted in arrests. The crazy weather created some issues with parking regulations, snow removal and the flooding that results from a 65 degree temperature swing, but the city and residents seemed to manage this pretty well.

There's a non-partisan primary February 19 and an election April 2. I encourage everyone to inform themselves about the candidates and participate to the extent they're comfortable and able

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NOTE: This year, the Duck Dash will take place on August 18. See dmna.org for the most current information.

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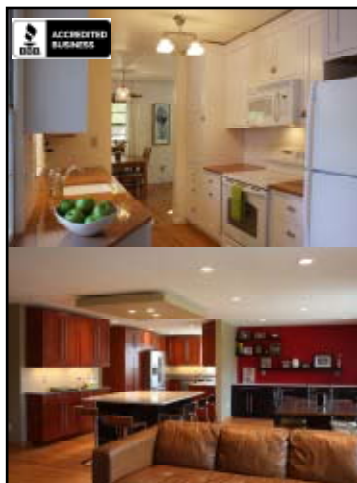
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6:45 - 8:30 p.m.

WINTER PARKING RULES

November 15 – March 15
Alternate side of the street parking

SPRING GENERAL ELECTION

Tuesday, April 2
7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Wingra School

DMNA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Sunday, April 7
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115 Predolin Hall, Edgewood College

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Monroe Street Branch Library

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Sundays, May 5 – October 27
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Edgewood High School Parking Lot

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