

## The Genesis of DMNA

By Linell Davis, Hornblower Committee

When Ann Clark tells the story of the origins of DMNA, she takes us back to the early 1970s, a time when college educated young women were beginning to see themselves as having a stronger voice in public affairs than their mothers had had. She was a young mother, recently moved to Gregory Street, believing that she would be sending her children to Dudgeon School. As soon as she and her family moved in, they discovered two unpleasant things. The traffic on Gregory Street was badly congested during the afternoon commute and Dudgeon School had been closed.

Ann answered Rick Friday's call to a neighborhood meeting to address the traffic problem. Forty or fifty people showed up and decided to ask the city to install stop signs. He dubbed the group the Gregory Street Neighborhood Association. The campaign was successful; the city installed temporary stop signs. Ann says the

city called every year for ten years asking if it was time to take the signs down. The answer was always not yet, and the signs are still there today.

Fueled by the energy of this victory, a group of young women activists turned their attention to the closed school. They made a door-to-door census of families with young children and concluded that there were not enough children to support a public school in the neighborhood. Afraid that the school board would sell the Dudgeon School property to a developer, they worked to find tenants who would use the building

for education.

At this point Ann introduces Becky

Young into her story. Becky was a leader of the former Dudgeon PTA but her influence on the neighborhood women went well beyond that. Ann says that she and other women learned a lot from Becky who knew how to conduct a successful community campaign and who was ultimately elected to the Wisconsin state legislature.

It was while trying to save Dudgeon School that DMNA was formed. In

May 1973 by-laws were adopted and officers elected. The first four presidents, including Ann Clark, were all mothers involved in that effort. The activist women of the new DMNA got the school board to renovate Dudgeon School and to rent it out. Later it was sold to the city and now houses Wingra School and New Morning Nursery School.



Ann Clark. Photo by Jen Lucas

## Natural Resources in Unnatural Times: *A Volunteer's Perspective*

By Sandy Stark, co-chair, DMNA SW Path/Ped Committee

It seems everyone seeking exercise and outdoor time rediscovered paths and parks this year, but path volunteers already know how restorative native gardens and prairies can be. In peak season, nectar-seeking butterflies, pollen-dusted bees and insects feed on colorful blossoms. Breeding birds call out territorial

songs as they flit between trees and shrubs. A worrisome day can be lightened considerably by weeding, trimming or repairing rope-lines or signage at our sites, taking stock of what's there, tuning out news in favor of tuning in to other cycles of life.

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# President's Message

**By Rachel Fields**

I'm writing this column on the Thursday of election week, so as you can imagine, the world is holding its breath. It feels like that's what we've been doing all year, actually: waiting to hear the next set of bad news, waking up in the middle of the night in a panic, spending too much time scrolling through newsfeeds in search of the next bad thing. Maybe you've been better at slowing down and taking in your surroundings. If so, I envy you. I look around and can't believe it's November. The year has passed so quickly, and so much of it has been hard.

I'd like to think that the calendar will tick over to 2021 and everything will be different, but of course we know that's not true. But even if many of the "hard things" will persist, we can still exercise some agency to make life bearable and even joyful among the difficulties. We can come together as neighbors to organize against racism, as DMNA's Anti-Racism Committee has done so capably in the last few months. We can

host porch concerts and movies in the park. We can celebrate holidays in safe, socially distanced ways, like so many of our neighbors demonstrated on Halloween with creative "candy tubes" and tables in their driveways. And we can try to take solace in victories, whether it's as large as the outcome of an election (whatever your politics may be) or as small as a string of 70-degree days at the beginning of November.

Of course, all of this will get harder when it gets cold, as it tends to do for six months of the year in Wisconsin. So this winter, please know you can always reach out to your neighbors if you need help. That could mean needing someone to talk to, needing someone to pick up your groceries for you, needing a ride to pick up medication, or any other number of things. We will all be trapped in our homes to a certain extent this winter, many of us seeking a distraction. If you need assistance, email [district13cares@gmail.com](mailto:district13cares@gmail.com) and let us know what you need.

## Membership Drive Update

**By Kathy Engebretsen and Aileen Nettleton, Membership Committee**

Are you one of the 387 DMNA residents who already paid your \$12 dues to DMNA? If so, thank you for your response to our pandemic-adapted electronic and mail-in Membership Drive.

Last year there were 756 residents who paid dues so we are aiming to collect additional payments by extending the deadline to Dec 31. Please consider joining or renewing your DMNA membership by paying electronically at <https://dmna.org/PayDues> or use the QR code on the back page. You may also send a \$12 check directly to the treasurer:

DMNA, c/o Dennis Trest, 2310 Monroe St.

If you are able to add a tax-exempt donation to help us through this unusual year, that would be greatly appreciated. Your

membership and donations support our prairie and garden plantings, the Hornblower quarterly newsletter, our e-news ([dmnanews.org](http://dmnanews.org)) and future Jazz in the Park, July 4 Childrens' Celebration and Family Science Nights programs. At the time of publication, a total of \$6,734 has been raised to fund the DMNA annual budget. Special thanks to our treasurer, Dennis Trest, for efficient collections, deposits and reporting of membership funds to the Membership Committee. Thanks, also, to the block captains who have followed up with reminders to neighbors - it truly has made a difference.

As in so many instances, it does take a whole neighborhood to pull together and support one another for the enrichment of our community.

# Parking Rules Shift

By Ann Clark, Hornblower co-editor

Winter will feature its usual transportation problems with snow and ice on sidewalks and streets. As always, city services and residents' spirit of community will do battle against the weather—but we are in a transition to new parking rules framing the war this winter. [See the box below for sidewalk rules, another vital aspect of making our neighborhood safe.]

## New parking rules from the city

The city has included the entire DMNA neighborhood in the central city Snow Emergency Zone, already in effect. A Snow Emergency is typically declared about five or six times a winter, usually for

two nights, whenever weather conditions make our narrow, heavily parked streets difficult to travel and to plow. Often it follows a snowfall of 3 inches or more.

The Snow Emergency Zone declaration requires alternate side parking from 1:00 a.m. – 7:00 a.m. on the EVEN house numbered side of the street on even numbered days and on the ODD numbered side of the street on odd numbered days. If you can park your car in your driveway or garage, that is even better!

The city's Clean Streets, Clean Lakes program will govern DMNA on-street parking year-round, as soon as triggering "No Parking" signs go up on your block. We

will need to move our cars off each side of the street for the posted weekly 3.5 to 4 hours according to the signs. Times will differ for each side of a given street and for adjacent streets, so it should generally be easy to park nearby. During snow emergencies you must obey the Clean Streets signs (and any other parking signs) as well.

You can sign up on the city's website ([cityofmadison.com/winter](http://cityofmadison.com/winter)) for notification of snow emergency declarations and for deadlines for clearing your sidewalk after each snowfall. There is also a city hotline for problems, 261-9111. Remember that the city fines you — and your neighbors suffer — if you don't follow the rules.

## Clear Your Sidewalk Promptly For Neighbors' Safety



- Clear snow and ice from the full width of your sidewalk by noon of the day after the snow stops.
- If removal of ice is impossible, you must use sand, salt or other suitable substance. We should avoid excess salt, which is polluting Lake Wingra. The city offers free sand in a bin on the southeast side of the Glenway Golf Course parking lot.
- The sooner and more completely you shovel, the less likely ice will form.
- Make arrangements for someone to take over if you will be away.

## Thank You, DMNA Volunteers

- South West Path volunteers who work to tame the natural plants that grace our walks, runs and bicycle commutes
- Membership chair Kathy Engebretsen and her Block Captains for reinventing the face-to-face membership drive under pandemic conditions.
- Edgewood Liaison Committee for continuing to aim for compromise.
- Hornblower volunteers: the dedicated team that produces this newsletter: editor Carole Kantor, former editors Aileen Nettleton and Ann Clark, now current co-editor, nature specialist Linell Davis, advertising coordinator Karen Aamotsbakken, and liaison with the Monroe Street Merchants Association, Sonia Newmark.

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## No Glenwood Children's Park Winter Solstice Bonfire in 2020

For public health reasons the volunteers who stepped up in 2019 to continue this popular DMNA event have decided to cancel the bonfire this year.



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# Report: Affordable Housing Info Session October 27

by Char Thompson, Social Justice Committee

At the invitation of the DMNA Social Justice Committee, Jim O'Keefe, Director of the City of Madison Community Development Office, presented a Zoom session about affordable housing in the city. "Affordable" housing is defined as costing 30% or less of a household's income. Today, approximately 15,000 households here are spending over 50% of their income on rent.

An unofficial count of Madison's homeless was 800 in September, up significantly from January. Without some action on the eviction moratorium which ends December 31, this number will rise. The Tenant Resource Center received \$10 million from the federal CARES program for rent assistance — which was gone in 3 months. The Salvation Army currently supports 55 families in hotels.

The city Community Development Authority owns and manages 765 units (mostly for elderly) who pay 30% of their income. The wait list ranges from 6 months to 3 years. CDA also manages 1,700 Section 8 choice vouchers, usable with any landlord who will accept them. The balance of the fair-market

rent comes from the federal government (HUD). That amounts to \$13 million annually. The demand is so great that the wait list has been closed since 2014.

Since 2014 the city has budgeted \$4.5 million a year for affordable housing, creating 1,325 units by leveraging \$190 million in tax credits for developers. The city Common Council recently approved five more projects. They are now looking beyond large tax credit projects for the future.

The city has a small down-payment assistance program, which thanks to Alder Tag Evers will include a financial literacy component. They are working with the Urban League to especially focus on Black first-time homeowners.

The scale of needs is huge, with no simple solution. One thing we can do any time a developer wants to build in our neighborhood is to support the inclusion of affordable units. The Social Justice Committee will continue seeking information and possible actions.

## Volunteer Opportunity - Advertising Coordinator for the Hornblower

Contribute to the success of your neighborhood and this newsletter on your flexible schedule, working from home. Ad contracts are made once a year for the following season's four Hornblower issues. Most of the activity is in summer when new contracts are coming in. Many aspects of the work have been streamlined. No programming is needed but the coordinator needs to be comfortable with using web-based utilities such as Google docs and Dropbox.

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# 5G Fiber Optic Cable Whizzes Through the Neighborhood

By David Devereaux-Weber and Ann Clark

Early in the year we saw that our utility locations were marked on the sidewalk once, and then again when the marks faded, and next mysterious numbers appeared. In September white circles were added. Next were deep round holes at the circles next to the sidewalk. We caught up with the hole maker, a giant water hose that vacuumed up the wet soil it created. The holes, along with the earlier markings, it became clear, allow the contractor to see and avoid damaging existing lateral pipes like gas and water.

We learned that we will be permanently hosting a superhighway of buried 5G cable, over 800 optical fibers thick, beneath our sidewalks. The fiber optic cable was moved into a sleeve pulled through the ground by a mechanical borer 3 feet or more below the surface. We felt the impact of the borer as our houses shook when it encountered a boulder and pushed it out of the way.

5G's route through the neighborhood is

Edgewood Avenue and Keyes to Commonwealth to Gregory to Glenway, put in place by independent contractor InterCom quietly working for Verizon. Verizon is in the process of laying these fiber optic lines through much of the Madison metropolitan area and will use them to connect to new 5G cell transmitters to be installed soon on neighborhood utility poles.

Verizon 5G mobile service will become available on the newly introduced 5G phones now being advertised. For residential Internet service, Verizon will offer 5G window-mounted Home Gateways. You will probably be able to sign up for a Verizon account to access this speedier service in around 18 months, according to neighbor David Devereaux-Weber, a longtime cable expert.

The 5G nomenclature simply means that this is the fifth generation of cell phone technology. 5G uses a higher frequency than 4G. That means 5G signals don't

travel as far as 4G, so transmitters need to be spaced closer together. The power of 5G transmitters is kept low to prevent interference with nearby 5G transmitters.

The question of safety of 5G systems has been raised online. Most of us will not be surprised that radio transmission does not cause or transmit viruses such as COVID-19.

## Natural Resources *continue from page one*


On days when I need more, I take road trips. This late October, a friend and I drove (masked) to Audubon Goose Pond, south of Arlington, to check out migrating waterfowl. Sure enough, flocks of Tundra swans, Canada geese and ducks filled the main pond with white, gray, brown and rust plumage, chatted in whistles and squawks. We stayed in the car, windows down. At one point I seriously thought I heard conversations translated into human speech, as if from a low-pitched someone called "OK, see you there, then"! Clearly, I've missed socializing!

Still, there's something to be said for just appreciating the company of wild creatures whose habitual, instinctive journeys and resilience can be inspiring, even if we wonder about their future,

and ours. I've come to believe efforts to keep and restore habitats that nurture these creatures is also a way to nurture us.

For the drive back, we chose a winding county road, "Old F," that intersects with highway 51. Soon it dropped us into a valley of farms, stubby cornfields, and a half-flooded ravine, where 500 plus sandhill cranes had gathered, gray silhouettes against muddy fields and stubbled hills. We stopped to watch them feed, admired their slow, deliberate movement. Some youngsters practiced future courtship displays. The rest murmured or remained silent, undisturbed.

After raucous Goose Pond, we took this soft, uniform evensong home.



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# Neighborhood News Briefs

By Sonia Newmark

As I spoke with business owners on Monroe Street, I was heartened by the strength of our community. This holiday season will look different, but will offer lots of opportunities to partake in food and shopping. Curbside pickup continues even as restaurants and shops have opened their doors for walk-in business. As this newsletter goes to press, there is also the possibility of a shared delivery service through the holidays. Look for more information at [www.monroestreetmadison.com](http://www.monroestreetmadison.com).

Business owners are coming up with innovative, safe ways to build and stay connected, and customers are doing what they can to support local businesses. Holiday Glow on Monroe will be a monthlong event, inviting us to stroll, enjoying window and lamp post decorations, while shopping. And as one owner said: "If you have a favorite business, and want to know how to help, call them!"

Here are a few examples of what businesses are doing:

- **Hive** reports that they continue to sell one to two dozen face masks a day, as we strive to keep each other safe. They have sanitation stations at both en-

trances, and throughout the shop. They have launched a website to facilitate shopping from home, and they offer virtual shopping appointments as well as in-store appointments before the store's opening hours.

- **Pilates on Harrison**, has many online classes as well as having opened their studio again. They offer a "pay-what-you-can" option in line with their belief that everyone should have "... access to movement ..." for their "... physical, mental and emotional health ... especially during these crazy times."
- **Good Day Shop** is building on the "old fashioned" customer relationship model for shopping, where a loved one can call the shop, and the shop has that person's "wish list" on hand. They have a once a month "Treat Yourself Box" with a surprise gift, or they can "Curate For You" a gift box, after speaking with you about the recipient. As with many shops, you can schedule an in-shop or virtual appointment.
- At **Orange Tree Imports**, customers ring the doorbell at one entrance to be let in, and exit through a separate door.
- In addition to online classes, **New Morning Nursery School** has small in-person classes. Children are enjoying lots of time outdoors, and they report that the kids who are old enough to wear masks have had little trouble adjusting.

- **Gates and Brovi** has opened again for carry out and curbside pickup, starting on Wednesday, November 4th.

## Openings

- **The Mad Makery** at 2528 Monroe Street is a creative space, offering private lessons, DIY kits, and small group workshops to help adults and kids take time to make art. Learn more at [themadmakery.com](http://themadmakery.com)
- **The Hub Realty** is opening a second office at 1605 Monroe Street.
- **Lauer Realty Group** is opening its second Madison location at 2526 Monroe St., along with **Knight Barry Title**. They are hoping to be open by the beginning of the year, after some light remodeling.

## Closings

**Michael's Frozen Custard** (2531 Monroe Street) is permanently closed, after having lost their lease.

*Thanks to Orange Schroeder*



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# Dane County Investments in Mental and Behavioral Health

By Joe Parisi, Dane County Executive

The COVID-19 pandemic has put an overwhelming strain on our community, and has negatively impacted many struggling with mental illness and addiction. Building on years of past partnerships and County funding, we're opening the much-anticipated Behavior-

al Health Resource Center (BHRC) and including funding in the 2021 county budget to plan a mental health triage and restoration center.

The BHRC will serve as a one-stop shop by bridging private and public mental and behavioral health care providers—

making it easier for patients, their families, and even providers to navigate care and advocate for loved ones. It's believed to be the first of its kind in the nation.

The project will be funded solely by Dane County, at a little more than \$1 million a year. Hours of operation will initially be from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., with navigational support available outside normal business hours. We hope to have the BHRC's 24/7 service operational in early 2021.

Nationally, one in five individuals struggles with mental illness, meaning that almost every family has direct experience with the challenges individuals face. And, as the months of the global COVID-19 pandemic accumulate, we know access to mental and behavioral health services will continue to be vital. With the BHRC and the future mental health triage and restoration center, we hope to coordinate care and improve outcomes for Dane County residents.



Facing the parking lot at the northwest corner of Commonwealth and Monroe you will find a brilliantly colored mural, shown here in drab black and white. Commissioned by Lauer Realty, the new owners of the building that formerly housed the Monroe Street Arts Center, this work lightens the mood of our COVID-19 world and provides a unique background for photo ops. Henrique Nardi and Liubóv Szwako are the two artists responsible for the new mural. Szwako, also known as Triangulador,

is a self-taught street artist and muralist from Mexico City. Nardi is a Brazilian graphic designer and a professor of type-making at the University of Wisconsin. "One of the main inspirations for the Madison mural was the decorative letters painted on riverboat signs from the Amazon region in Brazil," Nardi said. "That, along with Triangulador's expressive and maze-like street patterns, gave the mural a Latin-American backdrop we strived for." *Adapted from the Badger Herald. Photo by Al Nettleton.*



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# From Dane County Supervisor, Chuck Erickson

As I write this the County Board has completed the annual budget process which will go to a final vote on the 2021 budget next Monday, November 9. Despite the pandemic and economic slowdown, there were many positive items in the County Executive's proposed 2021 budget including:

- 'Dane County Continuous Cover' program will be increased by \$1.75 million. This program encourages land owners to convert land to grasses and pollinator habitat, which reduces phosphorus run-off into our lakes by over 1,700 pounds a year. A pound of phosphorus grows 500 pounds of algae.

- \$810,000 to help acquire land on the south side of Madison for the Center for Black Excellence and Culture.
- \$300,000 to study a Behavioral Health Triage and Restoration Center to divert citizens with behavioral health issues from the criminal justice system.
- \$2 million for a minority owned Black business incubator modeled after the Sherman Phoenix project in Milwaukee, in partnership with the Urban League.
- Personally, I have supported funding the project at the former Truman Olson site called Fourteen02. The County would provide \$1.35 million

for the affordable housing component of the project; part of the project is a full service grocery store which would replace the Pick n Save when it closes.

- I also supported \$2 million in funding to help the City of Monona purchase the San Domiano property on the eastern side of Lake Monona, which is one of the last open spaces on Lake Monona and is a once in a generation opportunity.

Please email or call me with questions, [chuck@chuckerickson.com](mailto:chuck@chuckerickson.com) or 608-212-8753.

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# Making All Feel Welcome in DMNA

Jan O'Neill, Anti-racism Committee

A Black friend of mine was visiting my home the other day. She asked me to walk with her to her car because she felt that my white neighbor was watching her. As she got into her car, my neighbor began making a call on her cell phone. My friend said, "And now I'll bet she's calling the police. Welcome to my world." My friend drove away, smiling and shaking her head.

I then spoke with my neighbor, sharing my friend's experience. My neighbor was horrified, realizing in retrospect how standing in her yard innocently looking at my friend could be perceived as unwelcoming, and how making a personal call to her brother on her phone could be misread as calling the police. She apologized profusely, saying that this was a learning opportunity to imagine what it might be like for a person of color visit-

ing our very white neighborhood.

I later told my friend about the apology, which she appreciated. And then she said, "You know, it would be nice if when I or anyone who is unfamiliar comes into your neighborhood, neighbors would smile, wave, make us feel welcome. That's all it would take." I've heard this from almost all my friends of color, and the ironic thing is that my neighbor is a kind, warm, welcoming person.

The point of this story is not to warn us all to walk on eggshells, or be overly anxious the next time we see someone of color we don't recognize. Instead, let's just be conscious of how even our smallest actions, given the reality of race relations, could lead to people feeling unsafe or unwelcome. And let's do what we can to be naturally welcoming, compassionate, kind, and awake.



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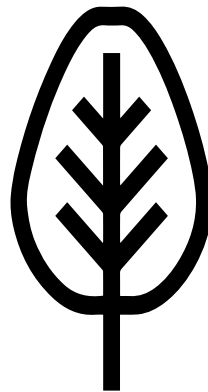
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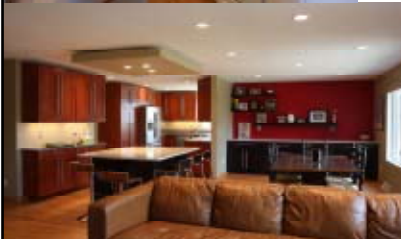
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