

## DMNA Annual Meeting

Sunday, April 18th at 1:00 pm on Zoom

### Affordable Housing and Development

- Brandon Rule of Rule Enterprises, a developer who has worked on the Truman Olson site on Park Street
- Matt Wachter, Director of Planning, Community, and Economic Development for the City of Madison
- Justice Castañeda, Executive Director at Commonwealth Development and a doctoral student of Urban Planning at the UW

Moderated by Josh Napravnik, chair of the DMNA Zoning Committee. A short business meeting will precede the panel. Get the Zoom link on [dmna.org](http://dmna.org) starting one week before April 18.

## A New Neighborhood Normal?

By Aileen Nettleton, Hornblower Committee

Random Acts of Kindness have increased a sense of community and caring among neighbors during this pandemic. Here are a few shared by members of the Hornblower team:

- A “Help Yourself” sign with two tables of handmade ceramics welcomed neighbors to pick out pieces to take and enjoy. “It was such a surprise, generous, and a joy!” commented one neighbor.
- In the early days of the pandemic, our block captain collected names and emails of interested block residents and set up “block buddies” to look out for each other in case of emergency.
- One of my neighbors owns a restaurant and occasionally sends me dinner.
- A few hand-baked cookies periodically show up at our door from “the cookie elves,” cheering us through the stay-at-home pandemic.
- Many neighbors stopped to have a conversation from the sidewalk as I gardened in my front yard last spring. People were more friendly in general.
- A chair with extra garden produce was set out to share with neighbors, which was especially appreciated when dropping by the market to pick up something fresh for dinner was not an easy option.
- Out for a walk, two others working in their yards picked up masks and spontaneously joined for a walk and welcome conversation.
- Neighbors call to tell me when they are going to the grocery and offer to pick things up for me.
- Several neighbors organized their blocks to set out supplies for a display of luminaria and an invitation to stroll the block on the longest nights at solstice.

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## Native Plants – Good for Wildlife, People and Lake Wingra

By Linell Davis, Hornblower Committee

Spring is about to burst upon us, so it is the perfect time to consider adding native plants to your garden. Why? Because they are good for our beloved Lake Wingra, good for wildlife including pollinators, and because they mean less work for you.



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# **President's Message**

**By Rachel Fields**

This is the last column I'll write as the president of DMNA, and I find myself a little sad to be saying that. This April, I'll turn the reins over to a new president and dedicate my time, instead, to raising the baby that my husband and I are planning to bring into the world in early June (no substitute for DMNA, though surely more work!).

Because of that, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on all the things I've loved about being DMNA president. I've loved getting to know our neighborhood and our neighbors. I've loved becoming acquainted with their interests – from poetry to gardening to being the first person to bike past the cyclist counter on New Year's Day – as well as their fears and hopes for the neighborhood. I've loved becoming familiar with city processes, though I'm not sure I'll miss the City Council meetings that go to the wee hours of the morning.

I've loved sitting in lively and sometimes heated discussions of the issues

that impact all of us, and getting to hone my own moderator skills. And I've especially loved the moments when I hear a cool, creative idea from someone in the association about how to improve our neighborhood. Most recently, it was new Social Chair Billy Daniels' idea to have a snow person/snow sculpture building contest, which, without having the benefit of foresight, I'm just assuming I won. I know Billy has many more ideas up his sleeve for how to bring us together in the future, and I know there will be more creative ideas from other DMNA Council members in 2021 and beyond.

That's what makes this neighborhood a great place to live – the ability for people to share ideas that quickly come to life with a little help from their community. It's brought us through Covid and it will sustain us for years to come.

Thank you for all you do to make Dudgeon Monroe wonderful. I'll see you around, with dog and baby in tow.

## **Membership Drive Results**

Our fall 2020 membership drive was conducted virtually using the envelope insert in The Hornblower instead of the usual door-to-door visits by block captains. The result was a total of 458 residents paying dues in contrast to 756 from the previous year. Instead of mailing a check, 47% chose to use PayPal which was an efficient solution and a trend we hope to see increase. Thanks to the many neighbors who donated beyond

the \$12 dues, resulting in an additional \$2,543. We can use those funds to make up the difference from the usual membership income.

Discussions are ongoing about our approach for this fall. A survey was sent to the block captains last month and that feedback will be helpful as the council makes a decision in late spring

## **2020-21 DMNA Officer Nominations**

**President - Diego Saenz**

**Vice President - Shawn Schey**

**Secretary - Catherine Jagoe**

**Treasurer - Dennis Trest**



# Edgewood's Appeal for Lights on Athletic Field Denied

By Daryl Sherman and DMNA Edgewood Liaison Committee

At its January 19 meeting the Madison City Council denied Edgewood High School's appeal of the City Planning Commission's refusal to issue a permit to install lighting around the athletic field. A two-thirds majority of the council was required for approval; the vote was 13-4 against granting the appeal, and came at about 1:30 a.m. after four hours of impassioned statements from each side.

Edgewood insisted it was being treated differently from other Madison high schools. Neighborhood representatives and Alder Tag Evers pointed out that a Conditional Use Permit applies to all Campus Institutional (CI) districts for

any new additions they want to make to their field.

The earlier Plan Commission ruling that Edgewood's application for lights would "have a substantial negative impact on the uses, values and enjoyment of surrounding properties" led to several months of delay before the recent appeal. During that time the neighborhoods and the high school could not settle on the criteria for advancing any compromise; the neighborhoods were seeking to mitigate noise issues, but Edgewood preferred to discuss only the number of night games instead. Regulations prohibit filing essentially the same appeal for one year.

## Arboretum is a Landmark

The University of Wisconsin Arboretum has been designated a National Historic Landmark by the National Park Service, one of only 44 such properties in the state. UW said the designation is based on the Arboretum's "pioneering work in restoration ecology, its place in

the history of conservation and its commitment to Aldo Leopold's land ethic." The Arboretum was established in the 1930s as an outdoor lab to study how to repair damaged and degraded landscapes. — *Wisconsin State Journal staff*

## Acts of Kindness

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• My next door neighbors' children, Juliet and Marcus, distributed and collected little "wishing star" ornaments. They asked neighbors to share our wishes and dreams for 2021. The tree ornaments were made from recycled coffee bean bags and affixed with rubber bands to their front yard

tree. It was nice to go next door and see my neighbors' hopes for the New Year.

These and numerous other acts of kindness have connected us with our neighbors and showed genuine concern for each other during the stressful pandemic. Now, as we

## Think Local and Vote on April 6

Voting on Tuesday, April 6, will consider candidates for State Superintendent of Schools, county supervisor, city alder, school board, and judge. See [www.myvote.wi.gov](http://www.myvote.wi.gov) for details on registration, voting locations, hours, and a sample ballot. Your absentee ballot request must be renewed for 2021; the pandemic is enough to qualify you.

For information on locations and hours for early in-person-absentee voting, search "in-person absentee voting City of Madison" Absentee ballots may be delivered by mail, by hand to an early voting location or to your polling location on election day.

For statements by candidates, check Candidates' Answers, League of Women Voters of Dane County and Wisconsin, at [www.lwvdanecounty.org](http://www.lwvdanecounty.org).

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# Pharmacies on Monroe Street – Then and Now

By Ann Clark, Hornblower Co-editor

Pharmacy employees are among the unsung heroes of the pandemic, keeping their customers safe with essential medications while facing more than their share of Covid-19 patients in search of cough medicine. Our nimble Neuhauser Pharmacy began to vaccinate folks for Covid beginning in January before the big guys, another reason for our gratitude and the impetus for this article, along with a neighborhood history soft spot.

When my family moved into the neighborhood in 1971, there were three widely-spaced drugstores along Monroe Street: Neuhauser (the corner of Harrison), Rennebohm #12 (near Commonwealth) and Mallatt (near Glenway). All three provided prescriptions, friendly, personal service, and deliveries. Only the oldest drugstore (1914), Neuhauser Pharmacy, now owned by Peg Breuer, remains today. And it is the oldest operating pharmacy in the city with their primary service by far still filling prescriptions. Neuhauser can compete and some-

times best the national chains in price, as it belongs to a large buying cooperative of independent pharmacies.

In the days of three Monroe Street shops, prescriptions alone didn't take up much space, so the pharmacies experimented with various uses for their remaining space in the typical storefront. Entrepreneurial spirit thrived on Monroe Street. The biggest success arose from the invention of Coke as an indigestion cure. Soda fountains appeared soon after 1900 as a neighbor-

hood hangout, with soda jerks dispensing fizzy drinks, then ice cream concoctions and food. Again all three of our drug stores had them; at Neuhauser's it was behind the present prescription counter. By the 60s fast food stores forced pharmacies to replace the soda fountain with sunscreen and shampoo. Our pharmacies were more creative.

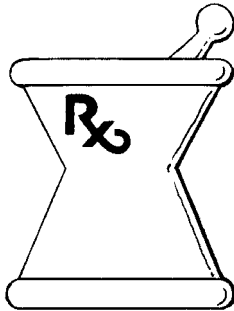
Neuhauser still offers a helpful US Post

Office substation (as did all three of the pharmacies) and flu, shingles and pneumonia shots.

Until we learned that Rennie's #12 was the site of a wine collection sold at discount to doctors, we wondered what booty was going discreetly out the back door into station wagons.

Another popular "front of store" service was makeup, blossoming into a large theatrical makeup and costume business at Mallatt's. Masks, hats and makeup were on the main floor while costumes filled the basement, ready for the annual Halloween rush.

In its limited space Neuhauser presently carries a surprising variety of items such as personal care products, non-prescription medications, greeting cards, school supplies, holiday items, housewares, and lately face masks. They offered CBD oil early and provide some products Trader Joe still doesn't carry. Baking powder comes to mind. Creativity lives!



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Soda fountain at back left of Neuhauser Pharmacy (originally Menges Pharmacy), 1926. Photo courtesy of The American Institute of the History of Pharmacy.

# Gardening with Native Plants

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The deep root systems of native plants increase the soil's ability to store water, so they reduce runoff and prevent erosion and flooding. Another benefit for the lake is that native plants do not require fertilizers. This keeps nitrogen and phosphorus out of the lake, thus reducing the growth of algae. Native species provide nectar, pollen, and seeds that serve as food for native butterflies, insects, birds and other animals. They do not require pesticides that can harm wildlife. Because native plants are adapted to the local environment, they tend to be hardier and healthier than horticultural plants. They do not require that you amend the soil, water during dry periods or worry about garden pests. Because they are not fussy, you have less work to do.

Before you are ready to expand that border or cut a patch out of your lawn, you will want to know if native plants are beautiful. If you had planted spring

ephemerals last year you could now be looking forward to enjoying the beauty of trillium, yellow trout lilies, Dutchman's breeches and bloodroot. Summer might bring you greater pleasure knowing that your lovely orange butterfly milkweed is helping monarch butterflies survive and that your coneflowers and bee balm are attracting hummingbirds. You can find natives that will provide seasonal highlights from early spring through fall.

Ground covers like wild ginger, grasses like little bluestem, and foliage plants like maidenhair fern will also delight you. You can search online for plants from the many nurseries that sell natives. To get started right away, check out the Friends of the Arboretum plant sale (foamadison.org). Order plants by March 15 for pickup at the Arboretum on May 8th. Make this the year to become a more ecologically informed gardener.

## Spring Yard Waste/Brush Pickup

Check the city website [cityofmadison.com/yardwaste](http://cityofmadison.com/yardwaste) to learn the specific week for putting out your yard waste and brush. Be aware that yard waste and brush (branches over 18 inches long.) must be separated. Re-

member you can mulch grass clippings and leaves into your yard or garden or compost them. The city's Streets Department can answer any questions you might have: 838-3212.

## Advertise Your Business in The Hornblower

By advertising in The Hornblower, your business will have a low-cost way of reaching every Dudgeon Monroe household and business each quarter. This DMNA newsletter is distributed four times a year directly to the mailboxes of more than 1,600 residences and businesses. Annual advertising contracts

will be accepted from June 1 to July 15 for the upcoming publication year (fall 2021 through summer 2022). See [www.dmna.org/hornblowernewsletter](http://www.dmna.org/hornblowernewsletter) for details and sign up there to receive email announcements about future advertising opportunities.



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# Neighborhood News Briefs

By Sonia Newmark, Hornblower Committee

There are many ways that we have all found to stay connected with and continue to support our local restaurants and businesses. In addition to shopping in person, ordering remotely and picking up curbside, see if your favorite businesses have email and newsletters and/or social media options. Business owners suggest following them on Twitter or Instagram, and/or writing a positive Google, Yelp or Facebook review (a Google review can be done with “stars” only). A positive social media review goes a long way to helping a business, both now and in the future.

For those of you who enjoy newsletters and may also be missing the in-person author events at Mystery To Me, visit their website [mysterytomebooks.com](http://mysterytomebooks.com). They host multiple free virtual events each month, and if you cannot attend them, recordings are available. Among many different discussions of books, their monthly newsletter features the “Bookseller Happy

Hour”, a list of favorite books from the staff. This list began at the onset of the pandemic, as the staff’s response to missing the opportunity to recommend their favorite books to customers.

Annemarie Maitri, owner of Bloom Bake Shop, sends out a weekly email. Not only does she give details about delicious menu items, her emails are grounding in their heartfelt honesty, reflections, generosity and resilience. See [bloombakeshop.com](http://bloombakeshop.com).

In addition to individual websites, information about access, services and business hours can be found at [www.monroestreetmadison.com](http://www.monroestreetmadison.com). The restaurants and businesses on Monroe Street are grateful for the community, and are still very much counting on the community to continue to support them in any and all ways that they can. Businesses are hopeful about adding events, and returning to events (Monroe Street Chocolate Walk, in June), as health and weather allow.

## Openings/Re-openings

Berke & Benham (1925 Monroe Street) a seafood shop specializing in sustainable seafood from river, lake, and sea, will be opening at the beginning of April. If you would like to order from them before the Monroe Street shop is open, they are delivering to the Madison area, and can be found at [www.berkeandbenham.com](http://www.berkeandbenham.com). They will be going into the space next to the Good Day Shop.

Bloom Bake Shop (1851 Monroe Street) is open five days a week again, Wednesday-Sunday, for preorders online, walk up or walk in. In addition to their pick-up window, limited numbers of people are now being welcomed inside.

Hotel Red is planning to welcome guests back to its rooms, sometime this summer. The restaurant The Wise, will not reopen this year. The Hotel Red expansion has been tabled for the time being.

## Closings

Full Circle Vet (1931 Monroe Street) has closed.

The Monroe Street Library is reducing hours to three days a week:

Monday, Tuesday, Friday 10 a.m.-1 p.m,  
2:00-6:00 p.m.

Borrowers can place holds online at [www.linkcat.info](http://www.linkcat.info) or call the library at 608-315-5151 to ask staff to place holds.

*Thanks to Orange Schroeder*

## The Monroe Street Farmers’ Market is back for the 2021 season!

The 2021 Monroe Street Farmers’ Market will run May through October every Sunday from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Located in Edgewood High School parking lot, the MSFM features local products including fresh vegetables and fruits, locally pastured meats, cheeses, specialty items, gifts, prepared food, live music, family-friendly activities and more. There is ample free parking available to all market visitors. Sign up for their weekly newsletter to stay apprised of 2021 market events, new vendor updates, and relevant news: <https://www.monroestreetfarmersmarket.org/newsletter-signup>.



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# Pandemic Poetry

Neighborhood resident, Shawn Schey (pen name Shoshauna Shy), runs a literary program called "Poetry Jumps Off the Shelf." Last summer she conducted a call for submissions for "The Contact Tracing" project: haiku and senryu about the pandemic. Poems poured in from around the world. She then produced postcards with selected poems about canceled vacations, solitude and social distancing. If you would like a sampling of them to send to friends, these postcards are available (for free!). Read more about this at: [www.PoetryJumpsOfftheShelf.com](http://www.PoetryJumpsOfftheShelf.com) and/or contact Shawn

at [poetryjumpsoff@gmail.com](mailto:poetryjumpsoff@gmail.com). Here is her example of a senryu, which follows the 5-7-5 syllable pattern:

## LOSS OF TASTE

Place online order  
No-contact delivery  
Set table for one

# SOUTHWEST PATH NEWS

By Sandy Stark and Jake Blasczyk, Southwest Path Committee Co-chairs

The DMNA Path Committee has been asked to apply for a 2021-2022 water quality subgrant managed by the UW Arboretum, which has received funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. We're teaming with Wingra School, several other local educational and environmental groups, and City of Madison Engineering and Parks Divisions, and looking at options for replacing impervious pavement with rain/native gardens.

We are excited as we refine our request to work with these partners and are grateful for a recent additional grant from John Imes of the Wisconsin Environmental Initiative which will broaden our impact in Lake Wingra watershed communities.

If DMNA receives the grant we'll be updating you frequently, inviting you to plantings, to educational programs and community activities, possibly on-site tours and walks to Lake Wingra watershed demonstration sites.

Daniel Goldman, LCSW

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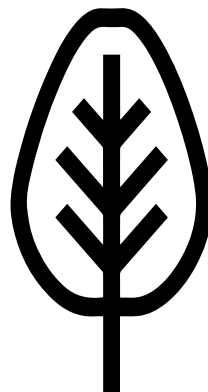
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# Bob Block's Contribution to Social Justice

By Dave Leeper, Social Justice Committee Co-chair


Bob Block helped to create the Social Justice Committee as a standing committee of DMNA several years ago and served as its co-chair since its creation. The SJC's mission is to look at the challenges and opportunities facing our neighborhood through a social justice lens. The committee has addressed concerns of hunger in our schools and our community; the crisis of trash, recycling, and environmental degradation; the problem of racial equity, particularly in our schools; the crisis of affordable housing; the need to reach out to other neighborhoods; and the ongoing impact of exclu-

sionary zoning and red-lining that segregated our neighborhood.

The committee is a forum where concerned neighbors bring issues of social justice to our attention and we educate ourselves to understand and act. Bob raised many of the issues SJC has considered and has been a steady servant leader of the committee. When you see the call for healthy snacks for food insecure students, those snacks are dropped off on Bob's porch and he delivers them to the schools, month after month.

Bob describes himself as an octogenarian

and he recently informed DMNA that it is time for him to step down. This article is a call for new leadership to bring new ideas and a new perspective to this important committee. Dave Leeper will remain as co-chair, but the Social Justice Committee is ready to evolve with the ideas and energy of new leadership. This is an opportunity for the right person to make a contribution to social justice and our neighborhood as co-chair of the Social Justice Committee. Contact Dave Leeper at [daveleeper@gmail.com](mailto:daveleeper@gmail.com) for more information.



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## Our Latest DMNA Volunteers

By Carole Kantor, Hornblower Editor

Two neighborhood men have recently stepped up to lead DMNA committees, looking out for our safety, convenience and community spirit. Billy Daniels has volunteered to be chair of the Social Committee, bringing creative approaches to connecting us even under the current pandemic limitations. Michael Schneider takes over the chair of the Transportation Committee from Jason Bittner – thanks Jason for your past service. Here's how they answered my questions:

### 1-What brought you to Madison, and from where, and when?

BILLY: My wife and I just returned to Madison after 3 years living in San Francisco. We're happy to be nearby family and friends, since we're Midwesterners at heart. The real reason we came back is Friday Fish Fry.

MICHAEL: I grew up in Madison, although I spent 5 years living in Milwaukee prior to moving into the neighborhood.

### 2-Before you got involved with DMNA, what -if anything - did you know about it?

BILLY: Friends Rachel Fields and Josh Napravnik mentioned the opportunity and shared their involvement in DMNA.

MICHAEL: I joined the Transportation

Committee shortly after moving into the neighborhood. My knowledge of DMNA was minimal, but Jason and the rest of the committee summarized recent activities as well as a brief overview of historical involvement.

### 3-What do you think is the most important issue for your committee in the coming year?

BILLY: Hosting social events that don't involve in-person groups which can keep the neighborhood connected. And, when the time comes, resuming more in-person events.

MICHAEL: We are planning to continue our work focusing on non-vehicular traffic, building on last year's statement regarding sidewalk network improvements. This year will focus more on improving the safety of all Southwest Path users, especially as it relates to the interaction of higher-speed cyclists and slower-speed pedestrians. Also, there are a number of initiatives the City is undertaking, including their Vision Zero project. We will monitor possible neighborhood improvements related to the City's initiatives and are open to our neighbors' suggestions as to how to improve overall transportation within Dudgeon Monroe!



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# PARKS AND GARDENS

By Sandy Stark, Interim Parks & Gardens Committee Chair

Madison Parks Division is considering a new Master Plan for Glenwood Children's Park in next year's budget that will take into account continued erosion and the goal of making work in this neighborhood park compatible with both its historic status and climate change impacts. (Already slated to start this spring is remediation of past flood damage to the railroad arch that connects the Southwest Path on the northwest slope of Glenwood Park.) DMNA has

pledged its financial and volunteer support for the Master Plan funding.

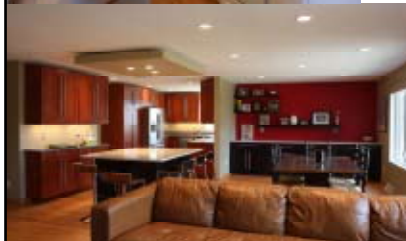
One of our first steps is a neighborhood survey to be distributed online and through strategically placed flyers. Residents will be updated regularly, and all master plans have very public engagement processes. Because the DMNA Parks & Gardens committee has an interim chair, and very few volunteers except for events like the Winter Solstice so far, this is not moving quickly.

If you are interested in joining this committee, especially during a time when planning for social and educational activities can be revived please contact DMNA (president@dmna.org or interim Parks Committee chair sestark@wisc.edu).

We love co-chairs! You already have seasoned Solstice volunteers waiting in the wings!



During the depth of our socially-distanced winter Dudgeon Monroe neighbors entered a lively contest for the most popular creation built of the plentiful white stuff. DMNA Social Chair Billy Daniels has shared these contest entries.



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