

## Winter Holidays for Everyone

By Linell Davis, Hornblower Committee

When the sun dips ever lower in the sky, when the air turns frigid, when trees drop their leaves, people across the northern hemisphere emerge from their winter dens to celebrate. Perhaps these festivities began when our ancient ancestors tried to coax the sun to return. Whatever the reasons, most cultures hold important festivals at this time of year. While the particulars differ according to religion, old traditions and new practices in our post-pandemic environment, the celebrations have much in common.

To bring light into the darkness people go to the solstice bonfire at Glenwood Children's Park, light the Hanukkah candles, stroll nearby streets to see neighbors' outdoor lighting displays or drive to Olin Park for a more spectacular show. They attend candlelight Christmas Eve services and festoon trees with lights at home.

To pierce the silence there are boisterous New Year's Eve parties and firecrackers for Lunar New Year. More often the silence is broken with music at seasonal choral concerts, carolers from the Madison Savoyards at Holiday Glow on Monroe, and performances of The Nutcracker at the Overture Center.

To add color to the drab winter landscape, merrymakers display evergreen wreaths, send vibrant cards and wrap gifts with bright paper and ribbons. The candles for Kwanzaa should be red and green and Olbrich Gardens decorates its Holiday Express with poinsettias. Santa wears a red suit while his elves dress in green.

Winter holidays are a time for gathering and feasting. Post-Covid life means being wary of crowds, but people have learned how to have safe get-togethers. Distant relatives return home, businesses and organizations

hold parties. Many festivities include a special dinner with the menu guided by tradition. Some partake of seasonal treats like fruitcake, panettone, stollen or home baked Christmas cookies.

It is the season for gift giving, especially for the children and those less fortunate. It might start with shopping at a holiday market, followed by preparing meals for the homeless or delivering food baskets to the elderly. It could be giving to Toys for Tots, a local food bank, or dropping a donation into a Salvation Army red kettle. Whatever the winter holidays mean to you, be generous, be joyful and be thankful that the dark time of the year is full of brightness and cheer.

## Bring Back the Sun

By Annie Balch, Parks & Gardens Committee Co-chair



Solstice 2021 by David Macasaet

The Winter Solstice Celebration as we know it today started in 2008 when the Children's Park Chair, Peter Nause, invited a few neighbors for a bonfire at the Glenwood Children's Park council ring to ensure the return of the sun. Because it successfully brought longer days, the tradition continues.

Year after year (with the exception of 2020) it has grown to include a variety of activities and treats, such as music (drums!), storytelling with s'mores, hot chocolate and cider. The path to the council ring is lighted for those who do not know the park well. Watch for signage!

Join us this year, December 21 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. as we say goodbye to the early and long nights and welcome back more sunlight! We can always use help with setup, tending the fire, and cleanup after. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Annie Balch at [balch.annie@gmail.com](mailto:balch.annie@gmail.com).



## Winter 2022

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# President's Message

By Diego Saenz

It's hard to believe that winter is already upon us, following what has been one of the prettiest falls that I can remember in a long time. Our neighborhood trees really do put on a spectacular show. The coming of winter for me has also come to be a time to embrace hygge, gemütlichkeit, coziness, or whatever you prefer to call it. It's also a time to be thankful.

As I reflect back on the last year, I'm heartened by how we have been able to return as a Neighborhood Association following the disruptions from Covid: from an in-person Annual Meeting, the Fourth of July parade, and even new activities such as the tour of the Indian Mounds on the Mendota Mental Health Institute grounds. I also want to thank everyone who has contributed so much to DMNA this year. I'm so grateful for everyone who makes our neighborhood what it is, whether in DMNA, helping with events, volunteering to beautify our common spaces, hosting a haunted house or maintaining beautiful landscapes.

The author Nelson Henderson said, "The true meaning of life is to plant trees, under whose shade you do not expect to sit." A vibrant neighborhood is not a collection of streets and houses, but the people who care about their neighbors and their city enough to plant mighty trees. Thanks, neighbors!



## The New DMNA Directory is Coming in 2023

By Kathy Engebretsen, Membership Committee Chair

The DMNA directory has always been a vital resource for our neighborhood, helping us get in touch with neighbors who we may greet and speak with often or reaching out to others in our neighborhood. Organized both by name and by street, the booklet is a unique local reference beyond what we can look up on the internet.

Because of the Covid pandemic our plans to reissue the directory in 2020-2021 were delayed. Now that we're back in gear we want to make sure that what we publish is as accurate and complete as possible. Our information comes from membership

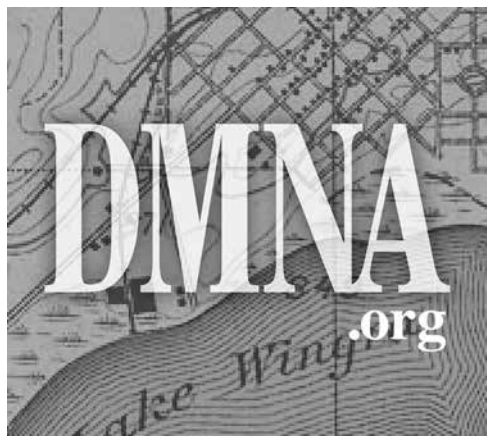
forms. If you missed a visit from your block captain this fall, or if you recently moved into the neighborhood, you can still add your contact information to our database. Link to [DMNA.org/memberform](http://DMNA.org/memberform). You may have only changed an email address or phone number but without your help that new information will not be included. Please complete any changes by January 1, 2023.

If you could volunteer a few hours in spring 2023 for proof-reading, data entry or layout, please let us know. We could really use your help! Text or call Catherine Jagoe at 608-800-4234.

## VOLUNTEERS MAKE IT HAPPEN

### *Thank You, DMNA Volunteers!*

- Membership chair Kathy Engebretsen and her block captains for ramping up the face-to-face membership drive.
- Southwest Path volunteers who work to tame the natural plant prairies that grace our walks, runs and bicycle commutes
- Hornblower volunteers: the dedicated team that produces this newsletter



# What is Transit-Oriented Development?

By Josh Napravnik, Zoning Committee Chair

The City of Madison is considering a new Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) policy to create additional housing units in areas most serviced by public transit. Other goals of TOD are to reduce dependence on cars, build pedestrian-oriented neighborhoods, and increase mobility for more Madisonians.

TOD identifies high-volume bus areas and “upzones” them to allow for denser development. Due to our neighborhood’s proximity to Monroe Street and its future higher-frequency bus service, most of our neighborhood is under consideration for TOD.

For areas that are currently zoned single family, under TOD a homeowner could build or renovate to create a duplex and add an accessory dwelling unit (ADU) on an existing single home lot, under current ADU rules. For areas currently zoned for business, TOD would allow 36 units instead of 24.

Setbacks and other zoning regulations would not be changed by TOD. For example, allowable distances from neighboring buildings and/or a street will not change, and apartment buildings still could not exceed five stories.

TOD has been discussed at the Plan Commission for much of 2022. The next steps are:

1. **Introduction of TOD to Common Council, November 22**
2. **Discussion at Transportation Policy and Planning Board, December 5**
3. **Vote at Plan Commission, December 12**
4. **Final vote at Common Council, January 3**

If you have any comments, please attend those meetings or email Alder Evers (district13@cityofmadison.com) and/or Josh Napravnik, DMNA zoning chair (zoning@dmna.org).

**Editor’s Note:** This is an ongoing proposal; no final decision has been made. As new information becomes available it will be shared in future Hornblower issues.

# Parking Rules for Winter

By Jake Dean,  
Hornblower Committee

Like last winter, our entire neighborhood is inside the city’s Snow Emergency Zone. This means that the old alternate-side parking rules no longer apply, EXCEPT when the city declares a Snow Emergency.

During a Snow Emergency, from 1:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. cars must be parked on the even-numbered side of the street on even calendar dates, and the odd-numbered side of the street on odd calendar dates. Snow Emergencies last a minimum of 48 hours.

Note that by now, most of our neighborhood is part of the city’s Clean Streets Clean Lakes (street sweeping) initiative, which prohibits parking for four hours each week on a block-by-block basis. This means your car may need to be on one side of the street from 1:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. during a Snow Emergency, and then moved to the other side of the street later that morning to comply with Clean Streets Clean Lakes rules. Check the signs on your block to be sure.

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# Prairie Gardens at a Crucial Crossroads! Survey Request

by Jake Blasczyk, Southwest Path Committee Co-chair & Prospect Gardens Crew Chief

One of the main tipping points we are facing is the upcoming retirement of long-term co-chairs Sandy Stark and Jake Blasczyk, who manage volunteer crews AND also work in the areas themselves. The other is a shortage of volunteers, possibly a result of the Covid pandemic and its continued effects. I'll start with a little recap of path plantings areas and their history.

2000: Dudgeon Monroe Prairie, at the intersection of the Southwest Path and Odana Road planted. The site is now a prime example of a small, diverse, urban prairie. Sue Reindollar, the founder and long term crew chief, can no longer be the chief or tend the prairie, so Sandy is now the crew chief.

2007: Glenway Prairie at intersection of the SW Path and Glenway restarted. Sandy took over as crew chief.

2010: Prospect Gardens at the intersection of the SW Path and Prospect Ave, started by Jake and Steve Arnold, then a Regent neighborhood resident, after the Regent Neighborhood Association (RNA) received a small city grant written by Jake and Steve. The partnership has continued with financial support from RNA and DMNA, along with volunteers from both neighborhoods.

Crew chiefs, with input from other volunteers, make decisions about the gardens, recruit, schedule and supervise work. All three Prairie Gardens are still dependent on volunteers, and the SW Path Committee needs a chair.

We are now discussing alternatives to crew chiefs, the possibility of contracting a seasonal volunteer coordinator paid through external funds, and alternatives to monthly work sessions.

***We need your input on these and other issues.***

We will greatly appreciate you completing a short survey at

**<https://slgi.nl/dLXgw5rA>**

Please feel free to contact Jake at **[jblasczk13@gmail.com](mailto:jblasczk13@gmail.com)**.

***Thank you.***



## Snow and Ice Safety

By Sue Janty, Hornblower Committee

**D**espite temperatures in the 60s and a beautiful white iris blooming in my garden as I write, winter is fast approaching, and with it snow, ice, shoveling, scraping, shivering, and safely navigating. A few reminders:

Edge-to-edge removal of snow and ice that accumulates on a public sidewalk is the responsibility of the owner or occupant of the property immediately adjacent to it. The timeline for removal is noon of the day after the snow or ice stops. If removal of ice is impossible, use of sand or "another suitable substance" is required to prevent the ice from being dangerous.

Free sand is available for Madison residents, and in our Dudgeon Monroe Neighborhood sand is located at the Glenway Golf Park (3753 Speedway Road) near the center of the parking lot, not far from the entrance and next to the sign that says "CITY SAND." Bring a shovel and pail. Be careful not to use golf course sand, also located in the parking lot, as it has a different composition. You may also be able to find sand in barrels located at other locations throughout the neighborhood.

What about salt usage? The City of Madison does not prohibit the use of salt but requests you avoid over-salting sidewalks. The recommendation is to use no more than a "12 ounce coffee cup full of salt to treat a 20 foot driveway or 10 sidewalk squares." Magnesium chloride is less likely to damage concrete and adjacent vegetation and works in temperatures as low as 0 degrees Fahrenheit. This is in contrast to sodium chloride (rock salt), which

is more likely to damage concrete and only works in temperatures down to 15 degrees Fahrenheit.

Alternatives to salt that are more environmentally friendly and "suitable substances" include sand, beet juice, kitty litter, and coffee grounds.

Walking on snow and ice can be tricky, which most readers likely already know. Here are some tips:

- \* Wear appropriate footwear such as boots, shoes with good grips, or slip-on ice cleats.

- \* Walk flat-footed with a wider stance and lean slightly forward at your waist. For an entertaining and helpful one minute YouTube video on this topic search for "Walk Like a Penguin" produced by Alberta Health Services (2015).

Wisconsin winter is beautiful. Getting out into it can make it more enjoyable. Follow the rules for homeowners and the suggestions for walkers to help make every winter excursion on foot safer.



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# The Monroe Street Library

by Inger Stole, Hornblower Committee

The Monroe Street Library was busy when the Hornblower visited on a bright late-October morning. We met with Assistant Librarian Jill Maidenberg, who ushered us to a sunny corner for a conversation about the library and its role in our neighborhood.

As the smallest branch in the Madison Library System, the library at 1705 Monroe Street does not inhabit a large physical space, but don't let that fool you. Maidenberg and her colleagues are experts in utilizing the space, making it visually interesting, and offering a large range of services. Lending materials continues to be the main library activity. We learned that Monroe Street patrons are particularly interested in literary fiction and non-fiction about current issues. They also like to browse, checking out library shelves for new and interesting titles.

But the library, which Maidenberg refers to as "the neighborhood's living room," offers more than books. On a given day you may find patrons without their own reliable internet services making use of the library's computers, toddlers enjoying story time, individuals receiving tutorials on using the library's databases, or instructions on downloading books and music. You may also encounter a teacher in search of assistance on a class project, students poring over homework, someone checking out a vinyl record and a record



player or a parent borrowing an audio-enabled picture book for their child. You'll find these last two collections at just a few Madison library locations.

Patrons can also reserve the library's meeting room for community meetings, book groups, etc. The library's new jigsaw puzzle exchange is proving popular!

Maidenberg stresses the library's goal is to create a "warm and welcoming" space that reflects the neighborhood's needs. Access plays a crucial part and that's why all city library locations have a bus stop right outside the door and a nearby parking lot. A consistent schedule is also important. The Monroe Street Library is open weekdays 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

except Thursdays, and 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Saturday. The phone number is 608-266-6390. Best of all, perhaps, is that the library is free and open to all. New library patrons are always welcome!

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# Neighborhood News Briefs

By Sonia Newmark, Hornblower Committee

**Holiday Glow on Monroe**, and **Monroe Street's First Friday**, are combining for an exciting evening, **Friday, December 2, 4:00-8:00 p.m.** This event officially kicks off the holiday season for the businesses on Monroe Street. Among Friday's features, Santa will appear, the Carolers from the Madison Savoyards will be singing, marimba player Eric De Los Santos will play seasonal music at the Chocolate Shoppe Ice Cream (2531 Monroe Street) and at the Monroe Commons (by Trader Joe's). Many shops and businesses will be hosting open houses with artists and refreshments, and look for After Glow drink specials in your favorite Monroe Street eateries. For the most up-to-date information about Holiday Glow on Monroe, check [monroestreetmadison.com](http://monroestreetmadison.com), as well as the websites and social media for individual businesses. Monroe Street's shops and eateries will be warm, welcoming and festive places to spend hours, throughout the holidays, and on into the winter months.

With almost one million lights, **Zoo Lights** will set the Henry Vilas Zoo alight on **Friday, Saturday and Sunday** evenings from **November 25 to December 30 (with some additional days around Christmas)**. Tickets are already on sale on the website [henryvilaszoo.gov/home/lights/](http://henryvilaszoo.gov/home/lights/), and include unlimited carousel rides.

**The Monroe Street Library**, which always has a puzzle in progress, is starting a jigsaw puzzle swap. They are looking for gently used puzzles, 500 pieces or larger, complete and in the original box, to get the exchange started. In conjunction with **Holiday Glow on Monroe and First Friday on December 2, 4:00-6:00 p.m.**, the library will hold a **Holiday Books for Giving** sale.

## OPENINGS

**Artsy Fartsy** is open (1717 Monroe Street). This shop is full of handmade local art (much of it made by co-owner Alisson Burda), creative, bright and clever items for the home, and gifts, including art supplies for all ages. Artsy Fartsy has already run a number of evening art classes, and will continue them, so stop in and keep an eye on their social media. They offer a 10% discount to people in education and mental health professions.

**My Pretty Girl** (1821 Monroe Street) opened at the end of August. This shop is

full of stuffed "animals" of many characters, sweaters and other clothing, backpacks, jewelry, accessories for hair, iPhone cases, and more.

**Bloom Bake Shop** has taken over the Crescendo Espresso Bar space (1859 Monroe Street). We will have to wait until late Spring to see what new dining and culinary delights will be offered by owners, husband and wife team Annemarie Maitri and Mark Pavlovich. The new space will be separate and independent from the bakery, and they are hoping to have "back porch" dining.

## CLOSINGS

**Brasserie V** (1932 Monroe Street) closed at the end of August. Their restaurant Longtable Beer Cafe in Middleton is still open.

**Berke and Benham** (1925 Monroe Street) is now closed. It had been open for two years in this location.



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# FACES OF MONROE STREET:

## *Tastes Better/Feels Better*

By Sonia Newmark, Hornblower Committee



**B**uilding community and neighborhood is at the heart of how Annemarie Maitri, of Bloom Bake Shop, 1851 Monroe Street, approaches every day. About the shop, Annemarie says "... I love how I can take my passion for baking and make it about supporting local ... it tastes better and feels better." Whenever possible, she sources locally, and if not available, everything is researched and chosen with care.

Annemarie's parents were from the South, and with her dad in the military, she moved a lot. All three of Annemarie's children were born in Baltimore, Maryland; she and her family moved here from Baltimore 16 years ago. She says that having moved a lot as a child, she does not take setting down roots for granted, and she has worked hard to do that here. She says: "From the first day on Monroe Street, I felt like we were home ..." The community welcomed them and the business, people walked into the bakery asking "how can we help?"

Bloom is a family-driven bakery, owned and run by Annemarie Maitri and her husband, Mark Pavlovich. Mark is in charge of the bread and viennoiserie (breakfast-type pastries) offerings at Bloom. The entire staff works as a family. When one of them read about the Berlin baker who was baking and raising money for the Ukraine, Bloom came up with a plan and started baking. Bloom made over 6,000 hamantaschen and raised over \$11,000 that was sent to two charities working in Ukraine: Polish Humanitarian

Action and World Kitchen. One of Bloom's core value questions is: "How can we help humankind?" They clearly address this question every day, and act upon it through the care they lavish on their customers and bakery items as well as through their community-building and charity work.

Getting out into nature is another core value. When Wingra Boats asked Bloom to team up with them this summer to get people down to the lake on Tuesday mornings, Bloom did not hesitate. From 6:00-8:30 a.m. the Bloom bus (that many of us know from the Sunday Farmer's Market at Edgewood) was down at the lake, serving up coffee and treats.

Bloom is embarking on two new ventures. Bloom's Northstreet is a sit-down site at 557 North Street, in the Eken Park neighborhood, featuring Bloom Bake Shop goods. All of the baking for Northstreet is being done on Monroe Street.

For Monroe Street, the big news is that Bloom is taking over 1859 Monroe Street (the retail space next door to Bloom, formerly Crescendo Espresso Bar). Annemarie and Mark are dreaming and planning about how to complement their already established bakery with a new dining experience for Monroe Street.

Annemarie's energy, gratitude, and thoughtfulness are inspiring and contagious. Sit back with a Bloom pastry, enjoy reading one of her almost-weekly newsletters, and await the late-Spring unveiling of the new space.

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# From Our Alder, Tag Evers

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**P**rogress on three important development projects in District 13 continues: the new grocery store and affordable housing complex at the former Truman Olson site on South Park Street, Bayview's redevelopment of their low-income housing and community center, and the CDA Housing redevelopment project, both on the Triangle.

The grocery store project has been a top priority since I took office in 2019. There have been many challenges since, but we keep moving forward with the addition of Maurer's Urban Market as our grocer, a key element to ensure continued food access for South Madison residents.

The first phase of Bayview's development is complete with the construction of the colorful 48-unit, four-story apartment complex at the corner of Regent and West Washington Streets. Bayview residents living in two of the older apartment buildings have moved in and those older buildings have been demolished, starting the second phase construction of energy-efficient townhouses.

CDA Housing on the Triangle, also slated for redevelopment, is moving forward with the development team of New Year Investments, led by Dudgeon Monroe resident Anne Neujahr Morrison and her sister and partner, Sarah Neujahr. Anne and Sarah's development team is taking a strong equity approach, working closely with EQT By Design to garner resident input in the design process. This same approach was used by the neighboring Bayview project, which employed Design Justice principles to elevate and amplify resident voices.

I'm tremendously encouraged by the progress being made on these projects. I'm also pleased that the Neighborhood House in Greenbush has issued a request for proposal (RFP) to build a new community center, including affordable housing.

Forest Hill Cemetery and the future of Glenway Woods are both receiving attention. I believe leashed dogs should remain permitted in the cemetery; many of you also agree and have written to the Board of Parks Commissioners. I hope by Hornblower publication time the topic has been favorably resolved. Parks staff have also been working on the adjacent Glenway Woods. There is talk of adding mountain bike trails there, which I have serious doubts would be appropriate for this space. I will keep you updated on this proposal.

Lastly, there have been concerns raised about the proposed Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) policy and the impact these changes would have on Dudgeon Monroe (see page 3). Similar concerns have been raised in other District 13 neighborhoods. My ears are open to these, but I remain convinced that TOD is a sensible policy approach as we meet the challenges of a growing city. I will continue to share details as we move forward.

Take care and best wishes for the holidays.

- Alder Tag Evers

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# Madison Friends Earn Top Climate Award

By Jeremiah Cahill

In September, Madison's Quaker community received a 2022 Dane County Climate Champions award, presented by County Executive Joe Parisi and the Office of Energy and Climate Change.

The Meetinghouse renovation and renewable energy systems (detailed in the Fall 2022 Hornblower) were recognized for going "to near net zero" in carbon emissions. Parisi praised all of the award winners, noting that "leadership is contagious—what you do inspires others."

The County presented 87 Climate Champion awards in 10 categories, at four levels of distinction—four stars being the highest. Only three projects received a four-star

rating, and Friends Meeting was one of them! The project was designed to take the building off fossil fuels, relying almost completely on solar and geothermal sources.

Friends Meeting also won praise for staying in place and retrofitting a century-old building. Planners and crews took on major structural challenges. The result—in contrast to energy-intensive "sprawl"—allows people to travel shorter distances to a central location.

County officials recognize the example that Climate Champions provide in generating further momentum. They are, in Parisi's words, "the people who do it, so that others take notice."

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### DMNA COUNCIL MEETINGS

Wednesdays, December 7,  
January 4, February 1  
6:45-8:30 p.m. Via Zoom  
Contact [president@dmna.org](mailto:president@dmna.org)

### HOLIDAY GLOW ON MONROE

December 2 opening and  
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