

THANKS TO THE DMNA – 50 YEARS OF WORKING TOGETHER

By Renie Schapiro, Hornblower Co-editor

Even if you've lived in the neighborhood for a while, maybe you haven't given much thought to the Dudgeon Monroe Neighborhood Association (DMNA). But it's a sure thing that you're enjoying its many accomplishments, large and small. A half century of neighbors working together through the association has supported and enriched the neighborhood, and responsibly stewarded its many assets.

Safety

Are you safely crossing Monroe Street? Pedestrian safety and traffic management have been a major concern of residents and a high priority since the organization's

founding. Early grassroots efforts to improve signage and enforce the 25-mph speed limit accelerated with the reconstruction of Monroe Street several years ago, says Tom Huber, former chair of the DMNA transportation committee. He recalls countless hours spent with City of Madison engineers and officials to develop the safety infrastructure you see today. This includes the rapid flash beacons, enhanced pedestrian crosswalks, narrow islands and raised road around Trader Joe's to slow traffic.

Collaboration and New Ideas

Collaboration is a keystone of the

neighborhood association's successes.

DMNA members work closely with local schools, the city, state agencies, such as the Department of Natural Resources, other neighborhood organizations, and nonprofits such as the Friends of Lake Wingra to advocate for the neighborhood. Grants and resources from these groups have played a key role in our association's work.

A key achievement came through engaging with the developer who bought the former Ken Kopp's grocery. DMNA was committed to keeping a grocery store in the neighborhood and today Trader Joe's is at that site.

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BRING BACK THE SUN – December 21, 4 p.m.

By Annie Balch, Parks & Gardens Committee Co-chair

As the days grow shorter and the nights grow longer, we invite you to join us to celebrate the return of the light and the spirit of togetherness amidst the chilly winter season. This year, the annual DMNA Winter Solstice Bonfire will be Thursday, December 21 starting at 4 p.m. at the Glenwood Children's Park. Gather with your neighbors and friends for this free, family-friendly event that is open to all!

Indulge in complimentary hot chocolate, generously provided

by Madison Chocolate Co., to chase away the winter chills. Gather around the crackling bonfire, creating a cozy ambiance for sharing stories, forging new connections and enjoying s'mores. There will be a luminaria path to help you find your way to the bonfire.

We need more volunteers to help with setup, tending the fire, and cleanup after. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Annie Balch at balch.annie@gmail.com.





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MEMBERSHIP DRIVE AND DIRECTORY DELIVERY

By Kathy Engebretsen, Membership Committee Chair

By now we hope all households have had a visit from a block captain bringing our long-awaited DMNA directory. Thanks to residents who contributed \$12 in dues and often a bit extra to help with expenses beyond our yearly budget. The next Hornblower will report final figures in all categories.

Catherine Jagoe, who also serves as DMNA secretary, took on the task of organizing the directory process. Without her leadership the project would have been postponed yet another year. There were printing delays and other unexpected frustrations but hopefully the result is almost error-free. We are grateful for her service on our behalf. Additional neighbors helped along the way, and they are listed on p.5 of the directory.

Thanks are also due to volunteers who stepped up to fill block captain vacancies. If you were not home for that visit and wish to mail in the white form that was left for you along with your dues, you may do that by Jan 1. The QR code printed in this newsletter will allow you to pay online and update data or you may use our website dmna.org/membership

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. Those who live in secured apartments are welcome to request a directory by writing to the membership chair at **kae610@att.net**.

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SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE FOOD PROGRAM

By Dave Leeper,
Social Justice Committee Co-chair

The Social Justice Committee, SJC, supports projects where neighborhood residents seek to contribute to social justice. The collection of food for food insecure kids in our neighborhood was one of our first projects, starting in 2015. A study of homelessness put us in touch with TEP (The Transition Education Program of the Madison School District). We learned about homelessness and hunger, especially for children in the schools in our neighborhood, and decided to do something about it. Since 2015 DMNA neighbors have been donating non-perishable food items which have been distributed to the schools that serve our neighborhood including Franklin, Randall, and Thoreau Elementary Schools, Cherokee and Velma Hamilton Middle Schools, and West High.

Bob Block, the former SJC co-chair, has led the collecting and distributing these food items. His home has been the collection point for food donations which he then distributed to the schools based on need. Bob is transitioning out of this project and is hoping that someone might be interested in taking it over. Bob and the SJC are happy to support a DMNA resident who is interested in taking over this part of the project.

The program was recently expanded by Lissa Koop, the current SJC co-chair, allowing neighbors to contribute money directly via Venmo, which is then used to purchase snacks in bulk at Costco for the neighborhood schools. You may contribute any amount via Venmo to **Lissa: @Lissa-Koop**. The last 4 digits of Lissa's phone # are 9398. Please put "School Snacks" in the note field.



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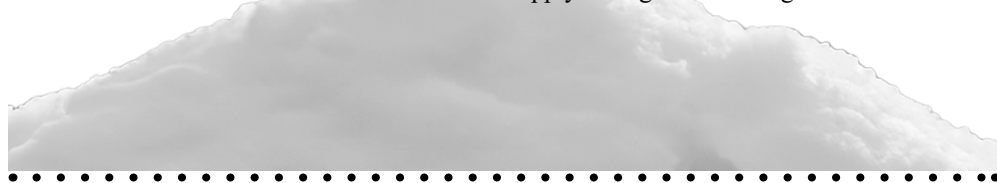
By Jake Dean, Hornblower Co-editor

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. Note that the date in question is the date during the 1:00 to 7:00 a.m. timeframe. Snow Emergencies last a minimum of 48 hours.

Note that the City of Madison continues to expand its Clean Streets Clean Lakes (street sweeping) initiative into our neighborhood, 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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Winter returns – Let's be safe

By Jake Dean, Hornblower Co-editor

Winter in Wisconsin means snow and ice, so it's important to consider our environment and proximity to Lake Wingra when mitigating Mother Nature.

The City of Madison ordinance regarding snow removal states that property owners must remove all snow from the sidewalk and curb ramps in front of their property by noon of the day following the snow accumulation. Fines for non-compliance start at \$124, so make sure you have a snow removal plan!

Ice can be even more dangerous than snow, as it is harder to see. This must be removed also per city ordinance, or mitigated with sand or 'another suitable substance'. If you choose to use a chemical ice melting substance, please keep the following guidelines in mind:

- A 12-ounce coffee cup should be sufficient to cover a 20-foot driveway or ten sidewalk squares. Please use this guideline and your property's circumstances to calculate how much you should use.
- Magnesium chloride is a slightly better choice environmentally than sodium chloride (rock salt), and it works down to zero degrees. Rock salt is ineffective at temperatures lower than 15 degrees.
- Any chemical substance left after the ice has melted must be removed to minimize surface and environmental damage.

The city has placed free sand bins throughout our neighborhood to encourage this environmentally friendly choice.



WALK LIKE A PENGUIN

Walking on snow and ice can be tricky, which most readers probably 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).





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Nature/Nurture: old debate, new times

By Sandy Stark, Parks & Gardens Co-chair, SW Path Co-chair

It's not a surprise to me now that when I was welcomed to Gregory Street by Ann Clark after moving in almost 20 years ago, I was invited to join DMNA and, by the way, a committee. I latched onto the Southwest Path, which was above my back yard. I needed to learn about the native gardens I had just inherited behind my new house. And the "bike path" was close.

A natural choice, yes, but also a long-nurtured one. My earliest memory was watching a full moon over the Pacific Ocean from a ship's porthole; recently I saw a lovely super-moon rise over Lake Wingra. I'm tuned into landscapes and places, a habit fostered by a well-travelled family interested

in wherever we wound up. From sand beaches in Florida to winding sulfurous streams in Taiwan, I learned about fiddler and hermit crabs, wandered in semi-tropical hills. And in Wisconsin, I've learned a ton about plants, insects and watersheds by joining several groups, including the DMNA Southwest Path crew.

So - what's your gig? It's membership drive time, and the new directory and membership forms are still circulating. New to the neighborhood? Does winter make you less social? Our Parks & Gardens committee sponsors a family winter bonfire; volunteer AND have a part in its planning! Or help Wingra Park Orchard grow next Spring and

share in its fruits. Join the Social Committee in organizing new activities, including some you'd like to see. And next year's Southwest Path committee is looking for volunteers and new directions.

Small committees are a good start. And I promise: you'll get more out of any of these activities than you expect! I sure did.

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Many neighbors admire this grand sycamore (*Platanus occidentalis*) tree on Arbor Drive. These stately deciduous trees are commonly found in low-lying areas, especially in southern Wisconsin, and they thrive in the moist soils of river valleys. Their heights often reach 70 to 100 feet or more. The distinctive American sycamore's peeling, mottled bark is especially eye-catching during the winter months when the tree's leaves have fallen. American sycamores provide habitat for various bird species, including woodpeckers, while offering valuable shade and shelter to our surroundings. We are fortunate to have such a grand example of this beautiful species in our neighborhood.

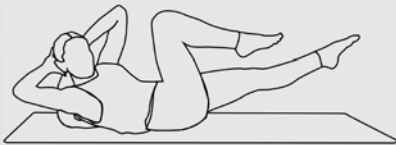
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Neighborhood News Briefs

By Sonia Newmark, Hornblower Committee

Friday, December 1 and **Saturday, December 2** launch the holiday season on Monroe Street with two days of festivities for **Holiday Glow on Monroe**, combined with **First Friday**, on December 1. Among many activities taking place in the eateries, shops and businesses, **the carolers from the Madison Savoyards** will perform on Friday, and **carolers from the Capital City Theater** will perform on Saturday. **Santa** will arrive, and many of the eateries will feature “**afterglow**” special menu and drink items, into the evening.

- Watch for news from the **Monroe Street Public Library** (1705 Monroe Street) regarding their **Holiday Books for Giving** sale, as well as their ongoing programs and puzzle swap.
- Look for the details on the newly revamped website: **monroestreetmadison.com**, featuring photos from **Empire Photography**.
- Also pick up the new Monroe Street guidebooks, available at the Monroe Street Library and many of the businesses.

For the kids, the Elf Door Scavenger Hunt will take place throughout December; pick up entry forms at the Monroe Street Library. There will be prizes for finding a certain number of the hidden elf doors.

We are also looking forward again to **Zoo Lights** at the Henry Vilas Zoo. Tickets are on sale online at **henryvilaszoo.gov**, for the Friday, Saturday and Sunday timed-ticketed events on November 24 through December 30.

Opening Updates

Turkish Kitchen (2616 Monroe Street) is now open, serving traditional Mediterranean foods for dinner, and Friday and weekend brunch.

I'm Bored! Games and Family Fun (1839 Monroe Street) is now open, with many puzzles and games on site. They are also happy to order items that you are looking for.

Camp Cantina (1501 Monroe Street) is now open, serving Mexican food, cooked using their family recipes.

Thanks to Orange Schroeder

: Let's Hear from : Our Young : Neighbors

• *Silas Rodgers and some of his ten-year-old pals have volunteered to give us their perspective on happenings in the neighborhood. Here is the first report from Silas, our kid reporter.*

• Among nearby restaurants a huge attraction is Pizza Brutta. This place for me is a place where my parents get pizza on Friday. It doesn't sound like I like this place very much but I, and a lot of my friends do too, love it. They have an amazing discount for a kid or adult that wants a smaller pizza, a Margarita or Bambini. A lot of kids come here with their friends and chat while eating. Also get this, everything is homemade! That means they buy none of their products and all their ingredients are grown by the company to make sure that your pizza is delicious and fresh.

• The next place is the amazing ice cream place, Chocolate Shoppe Ice Cream! I had to go through a lot to get some answers for this so enjoy! The most popular flavors were Super Man (now Super Human), and Blue Moon. When I was a little kid, these flavors were among my favorites, but now as an older kid, I opened up and tried some new flavors. They sponsor the Monroe Street Festival and do face painting and a bouncy house. Of course, they get loads of kids almost every day, especially in the heat of summer.

• *Thanks to Linell Davis of the Hornblower Committee for mentoring Silas*





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Congratulations to Monroe Street Framing - 40 years and counting...

By Inger Stole, Hornblower Committee

This fall makes 40 years since David Gunderson opened Monroe Street Framing in the 2600 block of Monroe Street. Five years later, in 1988, the business moved to its present location at 1901 Monroe Street.

Michelle Waldeck, who is the second owner of Monroe Street Framing, has been with the business for nearly three decades. Growing up in Verona, Michelle was studying Art Therapy at Edgewood College when a small job advertisement in the classifieds caught her attention. Soon after, she was hired by Monroe Street Framing and has not looked back. She is delighted to be a member of the Monroe Street community and presently serves as Treasurer of the Monroe Street Merchant Association.

Each year, Michelle and her six associates produce around 3,500 framing projects, ranging from framing fine art prints and paintings to the design of shadow boxes for the display of sentimental objects. Some of the more unique framing projects have included a Sugar Plum Fairy dress from the Nutcracker, a WWF wrestling belt, and an intricate installation of Rubik's Cubes. Other projects include athletic jerseys framed for the UW Athletics Department as well as items to be displayed at the State Historical Society. "We consider ourselves partners in the process to display and preserve our customers' collections," says Michelle. "Our job is to ensure that the design and materials will help display and preserve the pieces for decades to come".

With more than 200 frame varieties in stock – and more than 2000 available by special order – professional assistance is often needed; choices about mats and glass can further complicate customers' decision-making but a knowledgeable staff is eager to help. During recent years, Michelle has increasingly seen customers draw framing inspiration from home improvement shows and publications and has also noticed that the same TV programs have made customers more knowledgeable about the craft of framing and more deliberate in their requests.



Michelle Waldeck beside a portrait of her cat, Sophie (painted by Natalie Jo Wright from Stoughton, WI).

Michelle does not view competition from big chains as a significant threat. She believes customers recognize the value of having an experienced framing professional in charge of their project and that they appreciate that Monroe Street Framing relies heavily on local products. She also considers the commitments of the community and local nonprofits, combined with knowing that money spent at Monroe Street Framing stays in the community, to be strong reasons for customers' continued support and loyalty.

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From Our Alder, Tag Evers

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At our Common Council meeting on September 19, I'm pleased to report we changed our ordinance to allow pigs bred as companion animals to be kept as pets. In other words, Rudi the Pig, who lives with his family along the Southwest Path bordering Dudgeon Monroe, gets to stay and is not forced to leave. Yes, I agree, there are more important matters for Council to be working on. But as the alder who crafted this simple change to the ordinance, I contend that in these challenging times, it's no small thing to spread a little bit of joy and happiness.

On to those other matters.

Budget Season: We are in the budget season, the period of time we policymakers approve the budget for the following year. I sit on the Finance Committee, which met to consider amendments to the Mayor's Executive and Capital & Operating Budgets. I put forth five amendments, all of which passed unanimously:

- 1) Add \$3.2 million in Tax Increment District-supported borrowing to account for construction bid estimates for structural improvements, parking ramp, and site and stormwater work in the Village on Park.
- 2) Add \$1 million in the Community Development Division's 2024 annual budget to fund the Community Facilities Loan Program, which assists local non-profit organizations to upgrade existing, or expand into new, facilities.
- 3) An amendment to advance the Brittingham Beach House project forward one year with design occurring in 2025 and construction in 2026.
- 4) An amendment adding a mini park now referred to as the Wingra Triangle Park to the Parks Division's Horizon List.
- 5) Added \$73K in spending to support neighborhood centers in three program areas: Early Childhood, School-Age Youth, and Older Adults.

Noise Ordinance Update: I'm working with staff to review our current noise ordinance. A loud outdoor party this fall with amplified sound surprised many Dudgeon Monroe residents, particularly when it was allowed to continue to 11 p.m. It seems clear to me there should be some sort of notification process by which the district alder is informed ahead of time, allowing the alder to then notify nearby residents. Reasonable time restrictions, more like 10 p.m. on weekends, should also be considered moving forward.

In the future, if there is a loud party disturbing your peace, please call MPD's non-emergency number: 608-255-2345.

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Neighborhood residents with ideas, big or small, energize the organization, says DMNA president Diego Saenz. With a vast array of resources and relationships built over the decades, the DMNA can superpower creative ideas that would be difficult for an individual to do on their own, he says.

Last year, for example, Annemarie Maitri, co-owner of Bloom Bakeshop and Lallande, and Tyler Leeper, owner and operator of Wingra Boats, approached DMNA to help fund their idea of First Fridays in the park. The organization was able to provide the full \$2000 they needed to bring music and food trucks to Wingra Park for memorable, monthly, neighborhood gatherings throughout the summer.

Southwest Commuter Path

The Southwest Commuter Path is now an integral part of our community. But DMNA members, along with other nearby neighborhood associations, worked tirelessly with the city in the late

1990s and early 2000s to determine how to transform the old Illinois Central railroad tracks into this neighborhood asset. This newsletter, the DMNA Hornblower, continues to monitor the city's oversight of the SW Path for readers.

DMNA path and garden committees organized residents to pull invasive species and restore natural areas along the path. Their ecological restoration and beautifying efforts continue, with new generations of volunteer gardeners.

Stewardship of the neighborhood's extraordinary natural assets has been an association priority. A multitude of projects help clean, preserve, protect and enhance the rich natural environment of the neighborhood, from Lake Wingra and its shores to the Park and Pleasure drive to community plantings and residential rain gardens.

"We have the expertise, talent, and resources in this neighborhood to be a very active group" says Huber.

Southwest Commuter Path – Update

By Jake Dean, Hornblower Co-editor

We are very fortunate that the Southwest Commuter Path is such a vital part of our neighborhood (see below) and is enjoyed by so many of us. What you may not know is that the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation retains ownership of the Southwest Path land as a transportation right-of-way. The DOT and the City of Madison have an agreement for the construction and use of the Path, originally signed in April 2000 and updated in 2021.

The DOT is conducting a multi-phase project to control 'encroachments' into the Path land. Examples of encroachments are fences, sheds, decks, fire pits, etc. Our neighborhood is impacted in Phase 3, defined as the path segment between Glenway and Sheldon streets. Dates for future phases have not been announced, but presumably these will include the remaining sections of the path in Dudgeon Monroe heading northeast towards Camp Randall. Phases 1 and 2 were for the sections of the Path southwest of Dudgeon Monroe extending to the Beltline.

The DOT has inspected the path for encroachments, and in July the City sent a letter to owners whose properties back up to the path and contain encroachments. Some encroachments (play structures) must be removed, some will be allowed with a state-issued permit (fences, sheds, decks), and some are allowed with notification to the DOT but do not require a permit (gardens). Several owners who have contacted the DOT confirm that the minimum annual permit fee is \$500.

If you received a letter concerning an encroachment, or if your property will be impacted by a future phase of the project, it is strongly advised that you contact the DOT at DOTrailroadandharborssection@dot.wi.gov to inquire about a permit or other options. The City plans to issue citations to Phase 3 owners with un-permitted encroachments soon.





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