



Dudgeon-Monroe Neighborhood Association's  
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## HAPPENINGS IN THE 'HOOD

### Notes From the DMNA President

December 15, 2001

This time of year is always busy, isn't it? Several things are coming up that are of interest to most of us, and keen interest to some of us in Dudgeon-Monroe.

I got a call at the beginning of December from **Sandy Mayer**, *President of High Pointe Properties*, the owner (since last spring) of the Ken Kopp's site. High Pointe has decided to lease the main Ken Kopp's retail space (about 5000 square feet) for a "**Curves for Women**" facility. "What's that?" I said, which is what many of you will say. I checked it out at [www.curvesforwomen.com](http://www.curvesforwomen.com). Very informative. As part of the lease arrangements High Pointe is requesting a zoning conversion for the site, from the present combination of C1 and R2 to all C2. The latter would mean that henceforth the site would be open to a very broad range of types of business. **Alder Ken Golden** (and his colleague Matt Sloan) have arranged a public meeting for comment on the rezoning request, January 23, 7:00 p.m. at the West High School cafetorium. Our neighborhood has a strong interest in studying both the present and the future implications of the proposal to convert to C2 zoning. The City will be studying the request from the standpoint of compliance with zoning codes and our input, whether for or against, will certainly weigh in the final decision. We will post updates on our website, [www.dmna.org](http://www.dmna.org) under **hot topics**. **Martin Scanlan** and **Dean Bakopolous** are the co-chairs of the DMNA zoning committee.

Meanwhile, the other business interested in the Ken Kopp's site, the **Monroe Street Grocery Co-op**, is still working to open a store. The MSGC Board has developed a viable business plan for the Ken Kopp's site and remains in contact with High Pointe Properties. Details of the co-op's activities and position are available through **Membership Updates** found at [www.monroestcoop.com](http://www.monroestcoop.com) or linked through [www.dmna.org](http://www.dmna.org).

Several other things are also coming our way. **Edgewood College** has announced their plan to build a new studio and classroom space for the graphic arts on the southwest corner of the Edgewood property, where the white house called *Rosewoods* is now. Remembering the neighborhood furor over earlier expansion plans, Edgewood College is working extremely hard, not only to inform neighbors, but, to involve them in planning the building. DMNA, Vilas Neighborhood Association, and Edgewood have created a Liaison Committee to review the plans and organize neighbor information and comment. The first of a planned series of public meetings organized by the *Liaison Committee* occurred on November 27. Well, neighbors, especially those living on Woodrow Street, had a lot of input—concerns, comments and suggestions. Edgewood College, and the architects they have engaged, the Potter Lawson company, satisfied some of these and promised to look into a number of others. On December 12, representatives of Edgewood and Potter Lawson met with the DMNA Council to explain the need for the building and to preview the preliminary plans. Most design questions will be decided by spring of the coming year, so now is the time for neighbor input. Assuming financing for the building and City agreement are secured, Edgewood hopes that the Arts building will be completed by the end of summer, 2003.

The Chair of our DMNA Edgewood Liaison group is **Bill Barker**; other liaison members are **Shawn Schey** and **Bill VandenBrook**. They would be happy to answer questions or have your comments. Representing Edgewood on the building project is **Maggie Balistreri-Clarke**, *Edgewood College Dean of Students*.

Closely related geographically is the issue of the future of the "**Park and Pleasure Drive**" that runs on the lake side of Edgewood, from Woodrow to Edgewood Avenue. Surveys show virtually all of us regard this woodsy drive as a community treasure and want to preserve its character (see page 5). It is scheduled for reconstruction next year and that bears watching.

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## Happenings in the 'Hood continued

Will we end up with a curbed and guttered speedway for cars? Alder **Ken Golden's** article on page 4, is reassuring. The other issue with the Drive, which has been under discussion for a couple of years, is limiting the volume and speed of car traffic. Various options will be coming to the stage of public discussion—probably not long after you receive this. Ken's article gives us a preview, as does the article on page 5.

Old business for a lot of us is replacement of our lead-pipe water services. As you recall, after a hard battle by Ken Golden and others it was decided that the City would pay half of the cost to replace services (up to \$1,000). Quite a number of replacements have already been made, especially where the change seems called for for health reasons (e.g., numbers of children in the house) or where the street is taken up for another reason. The City will gradually stage replacements so that the City portion, from the main to the edge of the homeowner's property, can be replaced at the same time as the homeowner's service. The replacement schedule is now posted on the Internet—[www.ci.madison.wi.us/water/lead/schedule.htm](http://www.ci.madison.wi.us/water/lead/schedule.htm). If your street or address is not listed then your replacement is not yet scheduled. For more information, homeowners can call 266-4646.

Finally, it's a pleasure to report that more than 900 households have joined DMNA in the latest membership drive. We figure that's about 70% of the potential, an unusually high proportion. See the article on page 6 on the membership drive and if you have a chance say a word of thanks to the block captains and area representatives (see list). Without them this association—quite literally—wouldn't exist.

Now we just need to ask you all who did join, to participate in other ways. Come to our socials—the next is our annual Wine Tasting, (see the enclosed flyer)—and our other events, join a committee, turn up for neighborhood work sessions. Remember to check the calendar at our website at [www.dmna.org](http://www.dmna.org). Thanks!

By the time you read this, season's greetings will seem passé but it won't be too late to wish you all an excellent New Year—hopefully a happier and steadier one than the one we're seeing out.

*Best regards*

**Paul Beckett**



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madCAP's new space is on the first floor of the Dudgeon Center for Community Programs 3200 Monroe Street!

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DMNA members

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Kathy and Shawn have both participated in the Wingra Watershed Community Fair, bringing a "poetic dimension" to that event.

Both are members of the Wisconsin Fellowship of Poets and have published a variety of pieces in a range of media including the Wisconsin Poets' Calendar.

Support local talent and banish the February blahs—come to Canterbury and have a listen!

## DIRECTORY UPDATES!

Everyone involved in compiling the handsome new Neighborhood Directory hopes D-MNA members are finding it useful and informative. To our dismay, however, we inadvertently omitted some households. We apologize to the neighbors listed here, who were residents during the fall 2000 canvass and wished to be included in the directory.

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Tavian Walker 2000



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### City Engineering 266-4537

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or curb ramps

Alderson  
Ken Golden  
266-4071

All above problems or  
any other concerns

# UPDATE ON THE PARK AND PLEASURE DRIVE

by Ken Golden, 10th District Alder

There has been keen interest on the future of Edgewood Drive, known also by its historical term, the **Park and Pleasure Drive** (see Ann Clark's article in the last Hornblower). The Drive is due for reconstruction. But for some time we have also been discussing ways to reduce traffic and traffic speeds there, and to preserve the recreational character that was originally intended.

It's turned out to be very complicated. I recently met with a variety of City staff. The ideas and agreements we came up with will now be put to the two neighborhood associations that are primarily concerned—Dudgeon-Monroe and Vilas—and to Edgewood College for their comment. Let me give you a preview.

The reconstruction is the clearest part. People don't want a developed street with curbs and gutters which would destroy the historical character. Engineering's intent is to reconstruct the Drive pretty much the same as it is with the possible inclusion of some storm water features that would not appreciably affect the character. The tree would remain in the middle of the road.

On the other issue, one question has been clarified. City legal staff advise that it is not possible to completely close the Drive to car traffic (one of the options that had been considered) due to the terms under which the use was acquired in 1905. This leaves two or three other options: a seasonal closure (say, March 15 through November 15), partial weekly closure (some days of the week), and changes and limitations in the direction of traffic flow. City staff have expressed strong preferences for experimentation with options and with decisions based on the entire community's use of the drive. If strong sentiments by drivers in other parts of the city get expressed, they argue that these need to be addressed.

We have also agreed that quite a number of groups have an interest in the Drive and need to be consulted in different ways. There was a consensus that the entire Madison community has an interest; this could be represented by the *Board of Parks Commissioners*, which has ultimate jurisdiction over the drive, and the *Common Council*. The Dudgeon-Monroe and Vilas neighborhoods have a particular interest, as do, obviously, the people who live close to it. Finally, other streets near the Drive may see impact on their traffic volume; this constituency would need to be polled by a process modeled after the *Neighborhood Traffic Management* process

**Where do we go from here?** Data on traffic on the Drive and neighboring streets will be collected and updated, weekdays and weekends. The major step will be a well-advertised public meeting where all the data and all the options will be laid out and explained and discussion will be entertained. If there seems to be a consensus on one of the options, the consensus would turn into a resolution which would be referred to the *Board of Park Commissioners*. At that point, the *Neighborhood Traffic Management* polling process would occur. If both these approval processes resulted in a "yes" vote, we would install that approach. The approach is likely to be a trial given the legal situation. In fact, some experimentation is entirely possible. Staff have strongly hinted they want a data driven decision and not just a popularity vote. I think we would want to respect that preference or risk getting nothing.

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Well, I said it was complicated. But after listening to the City's legal staff, I think this is the responsible approach to take. We will get through the preliminaries and get to a public meeting as quickly as we can. Email me if you have comments in the meantime. Or contact **Brian Solomon** (solombr@dwd.state.wi.us); Brian chairs the neighborhood committee on the Drive.

# NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

## *Making Madison a Better Place to Walk*

Undoubtedly one of your New Year's resolutions is to do your part to make Madison an even better place to walk. OK, probably not. Nonetheless winter is a great time to tackle things you don't get around to all summer because there is too much to do outdoors. Why not spend some time this winter getting to know Madison's Pedestrian Transportation Plan (available for check out from the Madison Public Library)?

Many positive things for pedestrians have already happened at least in part because of the **Ped Plan**. In the D-M neighborhood alone, for example:

- the Southwest Bike Path includes a connection to the Regent neighborhood at Virginia Terrace, the intersection of Monroe and Harrison streets is a federal test site for a 'yield to pedestrians' sign,
- Gregory Street has speed humps through the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program, and
- when Glenway Street was recently reconstructed the grade was altered to improve visibility of pedestrians crossing at the top of the hill and a second curb ramp was added on the Children's Park side of the street at Gregory Street to facilitate more convenient pedestrian travel.

The DM neighborhood is a good place to walk, but as these recent improvements show, it can be even better.

We are the watchdogs of Madison's Pedestrian Transportation Plan—the ones to insure it is implemented. Familiarity with the plan provides good leverage when you wish to request additional improvements. According to the plan, progress should be reviewed in 2002. We are the ones that need to make sure the City does this.

## MORE ON THE PARK AND PLEASURE DRIVE

The **Ad Hoc Park & Pleasure Drive Committee**—composed of interested members of the DMNA and Vilas Transportation Committees, representatives of the Edgewood Liaison Committee, and the chair of Dudgeon-Monroe's Woodlands Committee—has been working on options for reconstructing the drive in assistance to **Ken Golden**.

We polled actual users of the drive—many of whom don't live in our neighborhoods—to be sure their experience can be considered as the reconstruction decisions are made.

In September the committee administered a carefully neutral *user survey* on the Drive. The survey showed:

- 100% of the 130 respondents—in cars, on foot, and on bikes—favored preserving the woodsy character of this road, and
- fully 60% experience a problem with cars on the road (speeding, too many cars or both).

A sampling of traffic volumes showed that numerous cars use the drive during rush hour, few use it on weekends, while recreational use by walkers and bikers is high at all times. The obvious conclusion is that drivers use the drive *mainly as a rush hour shortcut*. The non-motorist majority, trying to commune with nature or exercise, are forced to share the busy roadway with drivers in a rush to get to school or work or back home at the end of the day.

Taming the cars is difficult because the posted 15 mph speed limit is advisory and cannot be enforced

(per state statute 25 mph is the minimum for city streets). Adding wide shoulders or sidewalks would not only destroy the woodsy and historic character of the site, but be virtually impossible due to the location of the Indian mounds and steep dropoff. Parenthetically, during the committee's work, **Bill Barker** of the *DMNA Woodlands Committee* rediscovered a large bear mound "lost" for many years, due to its mislocation in an early survey.

The committee is continuing to discuss alternatives with stakeholders, and will be reporting to both Vilas and DMNA governing bodies, whose recommendations will be available at Ken's public meeting. For more information, call **Brian Solomon** at 294-9289.



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**WELCOME BACK** to the **Breadsmith**, 1921 Monroe Street. New *President* is **David Grunke**. Stop in to sample, savor, and buy.

**Relishes Deli** at 1923 Monroe Street has reopened. **Jim Lampe** is the new *owner* and **Jane Pierson** is *manager*. Some new menu items, soup and sandwich combinations, look for pasta down the line, wonderful cheeses (many from Wisconsin), and convenient hours: opening at 10 a.m. weekdays and Saturday; also open Sunday afternoons.

**Acupuncture Works**, 1605 Monroe Street, Suite 103. **Amy Crikelair**, *acupuncturist* and *herbalist* was trained at the New England School of Acupuncture in Massachusetts. Crikelair is trained in Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) and Japanese acupuncture. Home visits when needed. Phone: 608-250-2536.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to **Dianne and Peter Zilley** of the **Laurel Tavern**, 2505 Monroe Street, on their almost-complete refurbishing! Check out the new brickwork, rear entrance, new lights that illuminate only the parking lot (nice work!), the pool table in the back room, the new bar, the fireplace. . . and those fries—how long have we been waiting! Mmmm.

**Pasqual's** has changed hands; **Paul Hansen** and **Benjamin Roberts** own the 2534 Monroe Street operation. They are adding a new coat of interior paint, have added softball-size scones to the menu and are expanding into the former Galway Bay corner store to create a new pass-through kitchen. They expect the kitchen to be operational sometime this spring. Winter hours in effect—opening 11 a.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. weekends.

## FALL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Through the dedication of hardworking Block Captains and Area Reps and the generosity of our residents, the fall membership drive again enrolled close to 70 percent of Dudgeon-Monroe's 1281 households. In addition, \$2639 was collected for the completion of our two recent Capital Fund projects.

Thanks so much for the outstanding effort to everyone who contributed, to **Sheila Fay** and **Lois Cosmides** of the *Membership Committee*, and to the volunteers whose names are below.

You can phone **Paula Benkart** (255-2690) or contact the committee chair directly to volunteer.

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**AREA 10:** Joe Silverberg

# DUDGEON CENTER CONSIDERS BUILDING PURCHASE

by Tim Lee, Member, DCCP Board of Directors

The **Dudgeon Center for Community Programs** (DCCP) at 3200 Monroe Street has initiated discussions with the city of Madison that may lead to a change of ownership of the 74 year-old school building. The building is currently owned by the city and is leased to the Center, which provides space for educational non-profit programs. The Board of Directors of DCCP recently agreed to investigate potential purchase of the property. In May of 2001, Board members of DCCP met with the Dudgeon Monroe Neighborhood Association Council and explored a number of questions and concerns. The DMNA Council agreed to create a liaison committee to work together with DCCP as the proposal to purchase the building is considered by DCCP and the City of Madison.

Built in 1927, with the second floor added nine years later, the neo-gothic style brick and concrete school building was the Dudgeon neighborhood's public school and arguably its social epicenter until 1969. In that year, despite vocal opposition from neighborhood families, the school was closed. Shortly after the closing, the **Dudgeon Center for Community Programs** was founded with the support of the DMNA to preserve and maintain this historic building for community uses.

Two of the building's tenants, **New Morning Nursery School** and **Wingra School**, have called the Dudgeon building home for thirty years. Other current tenants include **Very Special Arts**, an arts education and recreation program for developmentally disabled adults, and **Madison Creative Arts Program**. A number of smaller community programs use the building and the DMNA frequently meets at the center at no cost.

DCCP and its tenants have struggled over the years in finding funding to adequately maintain and improve the building. The City leases the building to DCCP for a dollar a year but DCCP is responsible for maintenance and upkeep. DCCP employs two full-time custodial staff and a part-time building director.

Rent paid by tenants to the Center's management has been the source of all funding for building improvement and maintenance over the past thirty years, although the city made a low-interest loan to DCCP in 1992 for replacement of the building's roof.

As the Center's Board looks ahead, major improvements are predicted that will require commitment of significant financial resources. There is no elevator and the second floor of the building is not wheelchair accessible. This presents an inequitable barrier for disabled building users and limits the lease-ability of the space. The gymnasium of the center is too small to be leased by community sports leagues. The DCCP has

commissioned a feasibility study that addresses these issues, but finding funding to make building changes usually results in a dead end when foundations and granting organizations find out that the site is municipally owned. The DCCP Board also considers it impractical for tenants to make expensive improvements to a space that they do not own.

A change in ownership would not affect the building's operations. The Center only occupies and controls the building and the parking lot. The land adjacent to the building is public park and would remain so with any ownership change. Through the planned DMNA liaison committee, The Dudgeon Center will do

everything possible to keep the local community informed as the proposal for building purchase is considered. **Cami Peterson** is DMNA liaison to the DCCP Board. The President of the Board is **April Denton**, Director of **New Morning Nursery School**.

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## OAK SAVANNA UPDATE

DMNA residents may be noticing some changes in the UW Arboretum property which adjoins our neighborhood. As of press time for this *Hornblower*, tree and shrub work was planned in the Wingra Oak Savanna, to include the removal of a large ash tree on the corner of Monroe Street and Arbor Drive. This tree has exhibited a large canker and is declining in vigor, with several dead branches. It is being removed due to safety concerns.

In addition, renewal pruning of shrubs around the savanna parking lot and along its boardwalk was done in order to clear overgrowth, reduce competition for other native species and for aesthetic reasons. Along Arbor Drive near Wingra Park, a number of box elder trees were removed from among the cedars.

Under the guidance of her professor and the Arboretum ecologist, a UW undergraduate

student has undertaken to selectively remove watercress from the spring-fed stream which runs through the Wingra Oak Savanna area. She will be studying the impact of the watercress, which is a non-native but relatively slow-spreading plant, on nitrate levels in the stream.

The **Wingra Oak Savanna Restoration**, besides being a great volunteer opportunity for neighbors and others, continues to be a rich source of research projects in the Arboretum's mission of restoration ecology. If you'd like to help, please come to the work parties which are held the first and second Saturday mornings of every month. We meet at 9 AM in the little parking lot off Monroe Street & Arbor Drive and work until noon. Activities vary with the season; all necessary equipment is supplied by the Arboretum.

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