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President's Message

As some of you know, my wife Lynne and I just had a baby (Kaiya Marena). She was born on October 8th. Her birth, and upcoming Thanksgiving (recently departed by the time you read this), give me pause to reflect. I have to admit, the last few years have placed a strain on the eternal optimist in me. There just seem to be so many things WRONG out there, or at least things moving in the wrong direction.

But then I look into her eyes. I am instantly filled with so much hope.

Talk about the ultimate act of optimism—I think having a kid wins that prize.

I look into her eyes, and I think of how lucky we are. How lucky we are to have relative security, clothes on our backs, a roof over our heads, and food on our plates. How lucky we are to live in a community where people care for each other, where people go out of their way to make a difference in each other's lives, and where we can put our baby in her stroller, walk down the street, and smile at the trees, gardens, lake, zoo, park, and people with whom we are so fortunate to share our neighborhood. Even garlic mustard makes me happy these days. I look forward to canoeing with her on Lake Wingra and then grabbing some Michaels Frozen Custard on the way home. I can't wait to jazz her up in clothes from Wild Child. Wine tasting at Barriques might have to wait a couple years (although her first public appearance EVER was at the DMNA Beer Tasting!).

There are a lot of problems in this world and we here in Dudgeon-Monroe are certainly not immune to them. But, all things considered, we are pretty lucky. And as I think about my daughter and this time of year, I want to thank everyone in this neighborhood—every neighbor, business, teacher, piano instructor, garbage man, committee chair, volunteer, and yes, potential baby sitters :-)—for everything they do to make this neighborhood such a great place to live.

In a world of uncertainty and cynicism, you give me hope that bringing Kaiya into this world was the right thing to do.

Have an AMAZING holiday season. Try to do something—give a hug, offer a smile, deliver a meal, tutor a child—to make it amazing for someone else too.

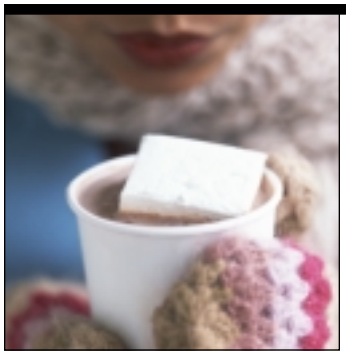
Be well,

Brian "Big Bad Dad" Solomon

ATTENTION SENIORS!

Do you need volunteer assistance with routine chores such as snow shoveling?

Although potential helpers are no longer recruited during the membership drive, Joyce Messer has graciously offered \to continue coordinating this service. Just phone Joyce at 233-1378 to request help or to volunteer.



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The Dudgeon-Monroe *Hornblower* is published four times per year.

The advertising and article deadline for the next issue is February 26, 2004

For information on display ads —sizes and cost— contact **Julie Meyer** at 231-1558

Story ideas welcome. Call **Kathy Madison** at 238-3533 or email at *kmmadison2000@yahoo.com*

DMNA reserves the right to edit articles.

Getting Badgered?

ANY SERIOUS PROBLEMS IN THE 'HOOD ON UW GAME DAYS?

With planned stadium expansion threatening to increase fan behavior problems, the four neighborhoods surrounding the stadium negotiated a Memo of Understanding in June with the UW Athletic Department. The department will contribute funding for increased police staffing in the neighborhoods on game days as long as problems associated with the arrival of 75,000 strangers on our doorstep in a party frame of mind persist. It was a condition for the city's approval of the stadium expansion, and we expect it will be needed for the foreseeable future.

The new DMNA representative at the post-football season meetings of neighborhood reps, police and UW Athletic Department officials will be **Sherwood Malamud.** Feel free to contact him at 256-2925 about any significant neighborhood problems you have encountered on UW home game days this fall, so he can provide feedback at the meeting. The group will move to solve such problems before the next season. If you'd like to give the University or the Madison Police Department a pat on the back for the fall's successful aspects, that is welcome also!

Note From The Transportation Committee

We hope that all the media attention resulting from **Sarah Marty's** unfortunate accident at the Sprague and Monroe crosswalk has not discouraged you. She is recovering well, first of all, and this is the first ped/car crash in the year and a half since the flags were put up at Monroe & Sprague. Literally thousands upon thousands of pedestrians have safely crossed there with flags.

DMNA has also responsibly stressed to pedestrians that the flags aren't a shield, just a communication device, and that pedestrians must continue to be alert and to use good judgment. This admonition will continue to be true even if our vision of a more equitably-and legally-shared street, and many more pedestrians enjoying a safe, efficient, and pleasant trip comes to pass.

A little background. In the year and a half BEFORE the flags went up, two pedestrians were hit in the area of that intersection, one of them even crossing at the light with the walk light, and pedestrians were also cited as contributing to two automobile crashes at that intersection. There have been no ped-related fender-benders reported since the flags were launched, according to city statistics (up to July 2003, the latest available). Also, for the last 40 years Madison has typically experienced several pedestrian fatalities and over 100 reported injuries in encounters with cars, all this without flags.

So the flags don't cause accidents for pedestrians—they happen anyway without the flags, as pedestrians have to cross streets to get anywhere. It's inattentive drivers who cause the crashes as they are legally bound to yield, and we are trying to get their attention and train them to watch and stop with the flags.

Salt Lake's transformation from starring on a list of the ten worst cities in the U.S. for pedestrians to getting an award for becoming one of the best cities for pedestrians came about chiefly because of their flag program. Drivers there—and in states on both U.S. coasts—have learned to stop for pedestrians just fine. This tells us that the flags are a major positive safety influence.

Unless we think that we as Wisconsin drivers are ultimately untrainable idiots, we need to persevere to change the situation for the better! And we need to thank the many, many drivers who HAVE learned to yield—and that's the vast majority on Monroe Street. All above the Lake Woebegone average, I might add! Thanks, everyone!

Teaching Lodge
at Wingra School

You may have noticed this beautiful willow structure on the front grounds of the Dudgeon Center. Students at Wingra School, a K-8 school located in the Dudgeon building, are learning first-hand about the art and science of building structures from natural materials, an activity common to all cultures. Together with their art teacher, Barbara Westfall, students are building a teaching lodge out of native willow saplings that they harvested from Governor Nelson State Park in Middleton. The trees were removed from the tall grass prairie as part of the park's land management plan.

The lodge measures 10 x 20 feet and will be used for art making, literature groups, storytelling, and other activities over the next few months. The lodge will be maintained through the winter and dismantled in the spring.

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Changing demographics in Madison in the last five years have created a need for more school volunteers.

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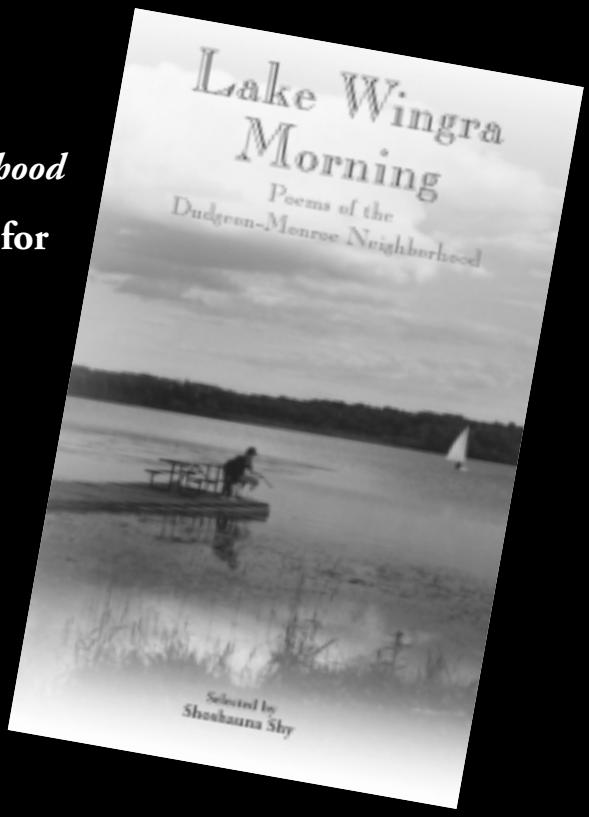

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Dear Webmaster,

How can I search for specific information about the neighborhood on the DMNA.org website?

–Seeker.

Dear Seeker,

At the bottom and top of each DMNA.org web page is a 'Search Site' link. This page will allow you to quickly find the information you're looking for. Just enter a couple of words that describe the subject you're interested in. The more words you enter, the more selective the search will be, and the fewer the number of pages that will be found. You can also use the 'Boolean' and 'Case' options to further refine your search. Details on how to use these options are described on the search page.

Dear Webmaster,

I receive numerous unsolicited and often offensive e-mails. What can I do about this?

–Concerned.

Dear Concerned,

This unwelcome "junk mail" is commonly refereed to as "Spam". It is estimated that one half of all e-mail messages are Spam and that two out of three Spam messages contain false information. Congress is currently considering several anti-Spam bills, but action is not expected until at least next year. In the mean time, refer to sites like **http://spam.abuse.net** for information about what you can do to prevent Spam. DMNA.org messages you may receive are not considered Spam because you have to voluntarily sign-up for a mailing list in order to receive them. Also, using the DMNA.org email list does not generate Spam messages on your computer.

NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING GRANT

The Monroe Street Commercial Districts Planning project is underway. The project is headed up by an 11-member Neighborhood Planning Grant (NPG) Project Team representing the three grant partners: Dudgeon-Monroe Neighborhood Association (DMNA), the Vilas Neighborhood Association (VNA) and the Monroe Street Merchants Association (MSMA). The NPG Project Team released a Request for Proposals for professional urban planners to work on this project. Proposals were received until early October and the Team expects to hire a planning firm by November. (See www.dmna.org for updates)

The project is exciting. This planning study brings together neighbors, businesses, property owners, developers, educational institutions, planning experts, elected officials and city staff to develop a vision for our neighborhood commercial district. Specifically, the project will prepare a commercial district land use plan for Monroe Street from Regent Street to Odana Road. This plan starts with a wish list from all of us and moves through the debate and compromise of differing perspectives and the imposition of data, research, and regulations. The goal is a plan that provides redevelopment and development guidance that reflects the nature and respects the people in the area, provides tools for success for our neighborhood commercial districts, and provides area businesses the freedom to express their individuality.

This plan will ultimately be reflected in a commercial district market study, a land use plan and in general development standards.

The project presents challenges. The first is budgetary. This is a $30,000 project. Fifteen thousand dollars in city Neighborhood Planning Grant funds must be matched with fifteen thousand dollars of private funds. The NPG Project Team has been fund raising and, frankly, will continue to fund raise throughout the project because we do not want to fall short of our goal through lack of funds.

As I write this, the Project Team is interviewing urban planners and will hire a professional planner to work with the Team and to facilitate, research, analyze and design the final product.

Most important for our success will be the input we ourselves contribute. There will be many opportunities for neighbors, businesses, developers and the whole list of people mentioned earlier to bring opinions, experiences, knowledge, ideas, and of course, wishes, to the table. The NPG Project Team will work hard to make sure everyone is aware of public meetings and other input gathering opportunities. We will use the D-MNA email announcement list and the www.DMNA.org web site. This is a big undertaking. It is exciting. It is an opportunity to give something to our neighbors in decades to come.

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BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR

Seems too cold and miserable to shovel? That unpleasant chore is a critical lifeline to neighborhood walkers. The elderly who need safe sidewalks to get to the drugstore, the wheelchair-bound disabled, the young mother pushing a stroller, the neighbor who takes the bus to work, and our stalwart exercisers, all need your shoveling help! If one person on their route doesn't shovel, the most vulnerable among us will be stuck at home. Even the others must worry constantly about falls.

And walking is emerging as a crucial component to maintaining your health, along with a playing a major role in maintaining a sense of community in our neighborhood. Walkers meet their neighbors—okay, so maybe not so much in December!—provide "eyes on the street" for problems, and encounter others to swap rich life stories and discuss the issues of the day. They are also the life-blood of small neighborhood businesses.

Worth encouraging? We have failed in past winters. Among the unsuspecting victims of poor shoveling in our neighborhood have been two middle-aged friends of mine:

- the resident who hit her head when she fell on a snow-covered icy patch and spent six months trying to sleep upright because of the resulting vertigo, and
- the live-alone neighbor who fell on an unshoveled walk and broke her wrist, having to call her neighbors for months whenever she dressed to help her pull her clothes over the pins securing the fracture.

Have a heart! This year, please be a hero and clear that sidewalk promptly and carefully! Remember that careful shoveling after those first storms is necessary to keep that concrete showing. And you can remove accumulated ice with salt or the ice scrapers in plentiful supply at the hardware store. The city requires you to keep applying sand or salt to any sidewalk ice you cannot remove-there must be an active abrasive, not just a single application. Any remaining untreated patch of ice can cause a pedestrian to topple.

Need another nudge? Remember that the city requires that snow and ice be removed from your sidewalk before noon of the day following a storm. If you have a corner lot, you are also responsible for a broad path (remember those strollers and wheelchairs) down the ramp or curb.

And yes, Virginia, there IS a fine: $64.80—with steeper penalties and an expensive clearing by the city if you still don't shovel. Walkers needing to report unsafe sidewalks should call City Building Inspection, 266-4551 to protect fellow walkers!

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WINTER AND LAKE WINGRA

SAFE SIDEWALKS AND A HEALTHY LAKE WINGRA: THE USE OF SALT AND SAND THIS WINTER

SHOVELING... That unpleasant chore is a critical lifeline to neighborhood walkers. Many of our neighbors (the elderly, wheelchair-bound disabled, parents pushing strollers, bus-riders, exercisers) need your shoveling help! Unshoveled and slippery sidewalks can and do cause injuries every year.

NEED ANOTHER NUDGE? Remember that the city requires that snow and ice be removed from your sidewalk before noon of the day following a storm. If you have a corner lot, you are responsible for a broad path (remember those strollers and wheelchairs) down the ramp or curb. And there is a fine: $62.60-with steeper penalties and an expensive clearing by the City if you still don't shovel. Walkers needing to report unsafe sidewalks should call City Building Inspection, 266-4551 to protect other walkers!

HAVE A HEART! This year, please be a hero and clear your sidewalk promptly and carefully. Remember that shoveling after those first storms is necessary to keep the concrete showing and prevent the formation of ice.

Sometimes it's difficult to prevent the formation of ice on our sidewalks and driveways. To some, the solution may seem to be to scatter salt or sand. The neighborhood's Lake Wingra and Healthy Lawn Team and Friends of Lake Wingra encourage you to find alternatives to salt and sand. Why? Salt, in particular, is detrimental to Lake Wingra's water quality.

As warmer weather melts the snow and ice and spring rain showers appear, the salt we apply to our roads, driveways and sidewalks (usually sodium chloride, NaCl) dissolves. The water then carries dissolved salt as it soaks into the groundwater or flows downhill through the gutters and storm sewers into Lake Wingra. As a result, the levels of sodium and chloride steadily increase in both Lake Wingra and shallow groundwater aquifers in our watershed. Before Madison began regular road salting in the 1950s, chloride levels in Lake Wingra were 5 mg/liter. In recent years, the average chloride level in Lake Wingra has been 75 mg/liter or more, or at least 15 times the original level. Edgewood College students have measured chloride levels during spring melt that exceeded 100 mg/liter in Lake Wingra, Wingra Creek, and the Marion Dunn retention pond on Monroe Street, 600 mg/liter in Odana Ponds, and 3000 mg/liter in Edgewood's retention pond.

There is evidence that salt can have detrimental effects on watershed health. Native plants and animals that live in Lake Wingra and its shoreline wetlands are adapted to living in low salinity (salt concentration) habitats. Road, driveway and sidewalk salt runoff over the years has degraded Lake Wingra's waters and making the habitat less suitable for native plants and animals. (For more information and references regarding the impact of salt on water quality, please see the Road Salt and Water Quality article at www.lakewingra.org.)

As an alternative to using salt as a de-icer this winter, please:

- Shovel after those first storms to keep the concrete showing.
- Use a ice scraper tool or flat hoe to break up icy patches.
- If you're physically unable to do the work yourself, hire a student or trade service person.
- If you must, carefully spread sand on the icy portions of your sidewalk so that it creates a layer of abrasive (not piles).
- If thick or stubborn ice warrants salt or other de-icer product, please use them sparingly.

For Information about alternatives to salt visit www.consciouschoice.com/environs/slipslidingaway1201.html. And please share your ideas with us! Contact Hannah Harris at harris@merr.com.

For more information
about how you can help improve Lake Wingra's health, please visit the Friends of Lake Wingra website at **www.lakewingra.org**.

Come Celebrate With us

Stay safe—and help protect Lake Wingra!

PROTECTING LAKE WINGRA

FRIENDS OF LAKE WINGRA TEAMS UP WITH PUBLIC SECTOR TO ADDRESS LAKE WINGRA WATER QUALITY ISSUES

As you likely know, Lake Wingra has been beset with problems this past summer, culminating in the beach closing beginning July 25th. Friends of Lake Wingra (FOLW) has been working for several years to plan and develop actions to restore the health of Lake Wingra.

FOLW with City of Madison, State of Wisconsin, University of Wisconsin, and federal partners is working on a grant-funded comprehensive water quality monitoring program at three Madison beaches. [The grant is called U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Environmental Monitoring for Public Access and Community Tracking (EMPACT).] The goal of the program is to develop better and faster ways of identifying unsafe swimming conditions and therefore reduce the risk of swimmers being exposed to pathogens. FOLW's role is to implement outreach strategies to educate Vilas Beach swimmers and the community about what causes poor water quality and how to help protect our beaches.

The Madison Department of Public Health (MDPH) regularly monitors beach water quality to ensure that beaches are safe for swimming (i.e. pathogen free). Occasionally, as we have recently experienced, beaches have to be closed due to the suspected presence of pathogens. The EMPACT program includes extensive water quality monitoring at three Madison beaches: Vilas Beach, Olbrich Beach on Lake Monona, and Spring Harbor Beach on Lake Mendota. Over a 2-year period, beginning in the summer of 2002, MDPH and partners will study beach water quality for physical, nutrient, and weather-related factors. These factors can be measured quickly and frequently using automated sampling instruments. The EMPACT study is developing ways to predict bacterial indicators of unsafe swimming conditions from quickly measured factors—physical, nutrient, and weather-related.

For more information, please visit the Friends of Lake Wingra website **www.lakewingra.org** and the City's beach website **www.cityofmadison.com/beaches/**—The City site has drop-down menus at the top that provide links to actual data tables of results of sampling.

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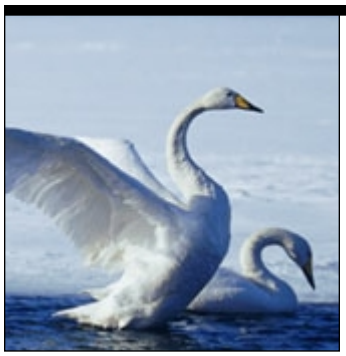

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Monroe Street's Business Beat

Why not do all your Christmas shopping on Monroe Street this year? Pull on your warmest boots, grab your shopping list and leave the car at home; avoid the crush at the mall, and save your sanity. You'll find something for everyone right here in your own neighborhood.

Start out your shopping day with a hot latte and a muffin for breakfast; then you're ready to check out the great clothes for men, women, and children, music and books for all tastes and ages, toys, antiques, coffee, wine, cheese, a box of chocolates, and, hmmm, time to take a hot soup lunch break and pick up a biscuit for the dog.

Maybe a futon, a rug from the Orient, a plant, a painting maybe two - an artistic lamp, a frame for that old map, a new stereo system, a cool bottle filled with great shampoo, yarn to knit a warm sweater (or cap since it's getting late), cookware, jewelry, a certificate for a massage, a bottle of vitamins to get you through the new year. What about a Marvel comic book, a quick look to see if the tiles you want for the kitchen are still there, then on to Christmas plates (painted and fired by you for someone special), or a wooden giraffe; and don't forget to pick up your prescription. Too late and too tired to cook dinner—let's see, which restaurant is nearest. . .
It's hard to beat Christmas shopping on Monroe Street!

NEW BUSINESSES

The Bodacious Boutique

1719 Monroe Street, opened in September and carries, "trendy clothing for classy, sassy women of all ages." Predominant clothing label is ***French Connection*** and the owners, Joy Lynch and Sheryl Batten are planning to add a line of men's clothing soon.
Call 442-7575 to check Christmas hours.

Solon Sundari

When Solon Sundari opened on the second floor of 1719 Monroe Street three years ago we missed mentioning them in the Hornblower. Wow! Male or female, old or young, if you need to seriously control your "dreads" or just want a shimmery green streak in your hair for that Christmas feeling make an appointment with Bry, Tina, or Steph. Salon Sundari is open from noon to 8 pm (or later, by appointment). The Salon is all about art and creativity.
Call 255-8684.

BUSINESS RELOCATION

Victor Allen has moved his coffee shop into the former Utoypia location at 2623 Monroe Street and replaced the old chairs (thanks V.A.!). Bakery selections now include a full range of gourmet breads.

DMNA 2003 at a Glance

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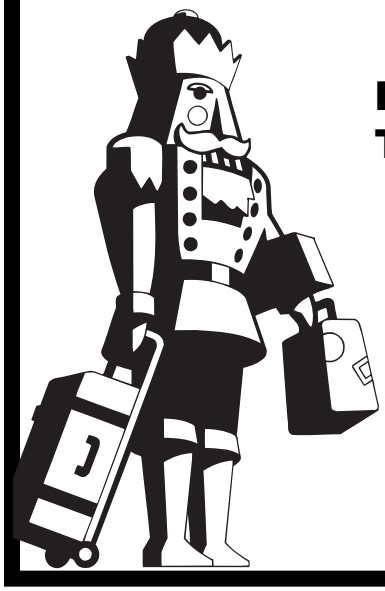

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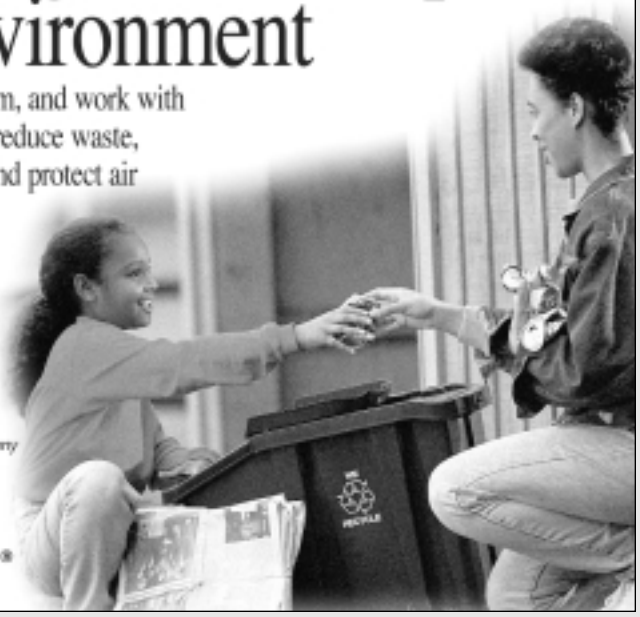

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