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President's Message

Welcome to spring, D-MNA. One of my four favorite seasons, it is time for me to wake me up from my drowsy, winter snooze. Spring makes me think of so many great things in our neighborhood, including biking on our path, canoeing on Wingra, and shopping along Monroe Street. I can't wait for Jazz in the Park, coming up this June 19th at our amazing Wingra Park.

You've all read the news lately about the importance of our lakes, and we in DMNA certainly appreciate the pricelessness of our own. Friends of Lake Wingra and our own Wingra Park and Lake Wingra committees are doing great work to ensure that this treasure is protected for all of us. You all generously donated to help support Lake Wingra during our membership drive as well.

Lake Wingra will also be featured at our annual meeting, coming right up on SUNDAY, APRIL 25 (see page 2). Our annual meeting is, like spring training and March Madness—an annual harbinger of spring. Lake Wingra and lots of pie, what more could one want? At the annual meeting, I will be turning over the keys to the castle. . . and want you to know one last time, what an honor it has been serving as your president. This neighborhood, and all the people in it, never ceases to amaze me. Have a great spring and see you on the path, the lake, and Monroe Street. . . I'll be the one with no hair.

Be well, *Brian Solomon*

RELAX... enjoy our neighborhood while you wait!



TranSitting Enhanced Neighbors are invited to follow the example of Ald. Ken Golden in providing a bench for their favorite bus stop. Madison Metro's Transit Enhancement Funds program furnishes 80% federal funding for such amenities, including the new bench at Pickford Street. Now, besides the match for that bench, Ken has personally donated a small start-up grant toward the next resident-sponsored bench in our neighborhood.

Contact Paula Benkart (255-2690) for details. In addition, with a match from D-MNA's Oak Savanna Committee, Metro's Transit Enhancement Funds program furnished 90% federal funding for the bike rack at Arbor Drive. Many thanks to all these benefactors!

Mark Your Calendars



June 19th, 2004

Jazz In The Park

hosted at
Lake Wingra Park
on
June 19, 2004

Dust off your
picnic baskets and put on
your dancing sandals!

Spring fever has hit and
it is time to think about
dancing in the park under
the warm sun to some
great jazz tunes.

The day kicks off just after
the Lake Wingra Clean Up,
and starts out once again
with the Children's Activities.

The afternoon and evening
will follow with some of the
best local bands in Madison.

Watch for your flyer and
more information in the
next Hornblower issue.



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Mixing Business and

On the
Agenda
for the
D-MNA Annual
Meeting. . .

Lake Wingra
Neighborhood
Planning Grant
Rain Garden
Workshop
Ice Cream

Mark your calendars for April 25th!

The Annual Dudgeon Monroe Neighborhood
Association Meeting will be from 2-4 PM
at Temple Beth El, 2702 Arbor Drive.



The “keynote” speech will be a
presentation on Lake Wingra by
Edgewood Biology Professor and
Lake Wingra Friends Steering
Committee member, Dr. Jim Lorman. Prof.

Lorman writes, “Lake Wingra is exceptional as a
recreational and ecological resource within an urban
environment. Friends of Lake Wingra is part of a collaborative
community-wide effort working to understand the factors
affecting the ecological health of Lake Wingra and to develop
management strategies aimed at protecting and improving
ecosystem health. Areas of particular interest include stormwater pollution, invasive species, water
quality, and citizen stewardship. Our goal is to put together the story of the Lake and its watershed,
thus providing a framework to help shape the future research, management, and policy agenda.”

Jane Riley will update us on the Neighborhood Planning Grant. “The second neighborhood-wide
meeting is coming soon. This update will make sure you are current on the work accomplished so
far on the Monroe Streets Business Districts planning project.”

There will be a rain garden workshop before (1 PM) and a visit to two rain gardens afterward, at
3102 and 3106 Gregory Street. Daryl Sherman and Hannah Harris will discuss them and answer
questions. Many photographs of the gardens will be on display.



EnAct Neighbors Helping the Environment & Saving Money

Do you want to get to know your neighbors? Would you like to save money and make your
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Steppin' out. . .

HELP US KEEP OUR 'HOOD WALKABLE

Now that temperatures are above zero, spring smells mud-luscious and the neighborhood clear of ice and snow, it's time to drop that winter ten pounds, bolster your lifetime health, and reconnect with your neighbors and neighborhood businesses by walking around the neighborhood. As my realtor friend says, our neighborhood has "all the cookies"—especially when it comes to enjoying nature's fantastic spring show.

It's also time to renew our neighborhood commitment to a better transportation balance in the neighborhood, so please consider:

- **USING OUR CROSSWALK FLAGS** because we need to train drivers to drive more slowly and alertly, and to get used to stopping for pedestrians in the crosswalk. Even if you don't feel you personally need them, you are helping our more vulnerable walkers and improving neighborhood livability. 80% of the time drivers stop, but we'd like that to edge closer to 100%.
- **SETTING A GOOD EXAMPLE** by driving 25 mph around the neighborhood. If you drive Monroe Street, Glenway, Commonwealth, Spooner and Edgewood traffic (our busiest streets) at or below the speed limit as you do your errands, we can slow the habits of other drivers over time.
- **COMMUNICATE VIOLATIONS OF THE TRAFFIC LAWS BY CALLING THE CITY'S SPEEDER'S HOTLINE**, 266-4624, so folks driving unsafely in any fashion will receive a warning letter. They will want the license number, car description, time & place.
- **VOLUNTEER TO HELP** by contacting Paula Benkart of the Transportation Committee at 255-2690, whether for a single small event or to join the committee.



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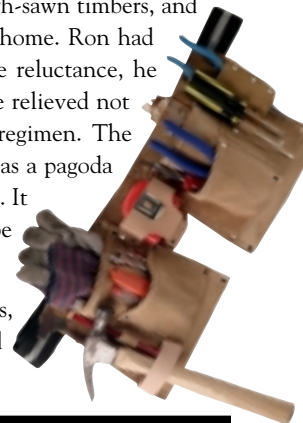


"One step forward, two steps back." That is how a fellow contractor described Nels Diller, a remodeling and building contractor who has lived in the neighborhood at 605 Pickford St since 1984. Hearing that comment second-hand fifteen years ago, Nels was offended. Now, he wears it like a badge of honor.

Nels has done restoration and worked in traditional styles from the time he went into business with a partner in 1971. Some of his early projects are now gone, the Bakers' Rooms at 305 State St and the Barber's Closet in the basement of the Washington Hotel. But, it was not until Jan 2000 that an old interest in the tools and methods of hand crafts flared up and became the new challenge in his life. On that date he made a drawing of a Norwegian folk building, called a Stabbur. From the Middle Ages, at least, these two-story structures have been built on rural farmsteads to house the farm produce and, on the second story, the treasured costumes and household goods of the family. Nels began experimenting with materials and techniques in preparation for building such a structure. His work there sparked the use of hand tools and techniques that he now employs in his contracting business.

In the spring of 2000 Nels began a job for Ron Rosner at 1819 Summit Ave. Ron wanted a garden shed and a place to store his canoes. Ron and Nels worked together to come up with a design based upon a Japanese boathouse. For building materials, Nels suggested they look for a local alternative to the typical lumberyard product. Ron found a mill in Peshtigo, WI, which could supply Northern white cedar. They ordered poles, rough-sawn timbers, and shingles. Ron and his wife, Ronnie Hess, rented a U-Haul and went up and brought it home. Ron had recently retired from the WI Dept of Rev and was looking for a challenge. After some reluctance, he yielded to Nels' urging that they build the structure with hand tools. The neighbors were relieved not to have the blaring radios and screaming saws. For the most part, they held to their regimen. The completed 12'x20' structure resides at the back of Ron's lot and could truly be described as a pagoda or tea house. It provides a focal point for all the neighbors in their triangular-shaped block. It urges them to get out and pay attention to what is happening in their back yard and maybe to do a little gardening.

Nels is looking for others in the neighborhood interested in pursuing traditional hand crafts, either through hiring him and his partner to do carpentry work or in sharing resources and techniques. He can be reached at 238-0735.



BUSINESS BEAT

YIRGALEM

Ethiopian food comes to Dudgeon-Monroe, served by Dan Teferra and his partner Yeslie Demisse. Their new restaurant, Yirgalem, meaning "let the world be a stable and peaceful place," is located in the old Victor Allen's site in Knickerbocker Place. Yeslie has developed meat, fish, chicken and vegetarian recipes from her Ethiopian homeland.

Open Monday - Saturday—11am to 10 pm; Sunday brunch—10 am to 3 pm. Call 231-6242 for reservations.

PAPA PHIL'S

Phil Clementi of "team Clementi restaurateurs" and his wife Jackie are the owners of Papa Phil's at 2611 Monroe Street. Son Steve is manager and chef. Remember Lorenzo's on State Street? That was Grandpapa's. The Clementis have dipped into their old family recipes for the sauces, which they make themselves, and serve with fresh pasta. They also feature vegetarian choices.

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Dear Webmaster:

I've got an event of interest to the neighborhood coming up that I'd like my Dudgeon Monroe neighbors to know about. Any suggestions on how to get the word out?

Dear Publicity Hound,

The Dudgeon Monroe Neighborhood Association Web site at <http://www.dmna.org> maintains a calendar of current events for the neighborhood. You'll find a "DMNA Calendar" link on the main page that will take you to a three month view of what's going on in our immediate area. Getting your event added to it is a piece of cake. Just click on the "Submit a calendar event" link on the top of the calendar page and a form will pop up asking you everything that your webmasters need to know to add your event. Hit the "Submit Event" button when you're done and we'll take it from there. The calendar is a great place for meetings that address neighborhood issues, block party dates, performances in the neighborhood, etc. There is no charge for posting events on the calendar. You must be a neighbor or the event must be directly linked to neighborhood issues or events. Even if you've publicized it elsewhere, listing it on our local calendar is a great way to make sure that your neighbors will be there.

Your Webmasters—Jane Riley & Steve Murray 238-6824



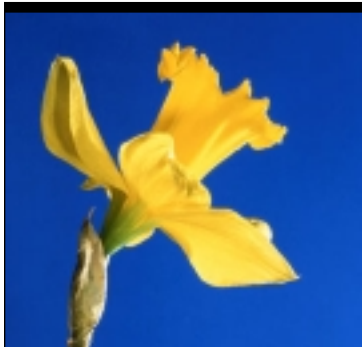
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NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING GRANT

Work is in full swing on the neighborhood planning grant. The plan for the Monroe Street business districts will include a market study, a land use plan for the Monroe Street corridor and general development guidelines. This plan accomplishes several goals based on input from neighbors, business owners, property owners, financiers, city staff and community leaders along with marketplace realities. All input is related to basic land use economics.

This planning process will provide a business district master plan to take to the city, provide land use and development guidelines for developers and property owners and will provide marketing tools to recruit and retain businesses in the corridor. This plan will change "planning by reaction" to "planning with guidance." Your input is vital to a successful plan for the corridor.

Planning consultants, Planning and Design Institute (PDI) from Milwaukee, and their partner in this project, Business Districts, Inc. (BDI), are holding meetings and interviews with neighbors, merchants, and stakeholders. This information-gathering phase of the project is critical to defining the vision for this area. If you have not had an opportunity to comment, you can go to www.DMNA.org and click on Neighborhood Planning Grant under "Hot Topics." There you will find links to PDI and BDI. Click on PDI link and send comments to Gaurie Rodman and Brian Peterson, project managers. Locally you can send comments to Jane Riley by using the www.DMNA.org feedback form, General Comment, "attn: Jane" in your message.

BDI is conducting the market research aspect of the study. They met with merchants in February and have begun to conduct one-on-one interviews with merchants, property owners, city staff and other stakeholders. Their initial results will be presented at the second neighborhood-wide meeting in early May.

The first neighborhood-wide meeting, held on March 4, was conducted by PDI on the Edgewood campus. This meeting was a listening session for PDI and an opportunity for neighbors to provide their vision for the neighborhood. The consultants requested comments in five categories relating to the business districts:

1. Activities and Uses;
2. Physical and Visual Character;
3. Environment and Landscape;
4. Traffic and Circulation;
5. Sustainability and Redevelopment.

Like BDI, the planning consultants are conducting additional one-on-one interviews to gather more information. The initial findings will be part of the presentation at the next neighborhood meeting in early May. This is an important meeting for all of us to attend. This is the meeting where we have an opportunity to check the progress of the study and see if it reflects our collective vision for the Monroe Street business corridor. This project is a \$30,000 project, funded 50% through a grant from the city and 50% through donations.

We thank the following businesses and organizations for their support.

Vilas Neighborhood Association, D-MNA, MG&E, Associated Bank, Monroe Street Merchants, High Pointe Properties, the Library League, Edgewood College, Restaino-Bunbury independent contractors: Mary Jo Croake, Paul Rynders, Pat Whyte and Tom Meyer.

We are still looking for donations. Make checks payable to: Dudgeon-Monroe Neighborhood Association-MSNPG and send to Jane Riley, 3004 Monroe Street, Madison, WI 53711.

Watch for the next meeting announcement. Please plan to attend. Again, your input is vital to a successful plan for the corridor. Current project information is posted at www.dmna.org Neighborhood Planning Grant link.



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GET TO KNOW YOUR LAWN.

Does your lawn have problem areas? While most lawns don't have serious problems, many can be improved by using smart horticultural cultural practices. Many common lawn problems such as weeds, thin grass, and bare spots occur because of poor soil structure, lack of nutrients or compacted soil. Lifting a patch of turf and examining the soil will often provide clues about soil condition. Other turf problems are the result of planting grass in the wrong location. Grass rarely thrives in shady areas and high traffic locations. Consider shade-loving ground covers and paths instead.

BUILD HEALTHY SOIL FOR HEALTHY GRASS.

- Leave grass clippings on to supply nitrogen.
- Use natural fertilizers such as compost, corn gluten meal—a natural “weed and feed”—and meal from fish, kelp, or legumes to supply nitrogen. (See *Seasonal Lawn Care* at the website for application rates.)
- Avoid chemical fertilizers—they harm beneficial organisms and earthworms.
- Consider planting clover in your lawn to supply nitrogen.
- Aerate established lawns if your soil is compacted. Core aeration makes holes and drops soil plugs back onto lawn.

DISCOURAGE WEEDS.

- Mow high (3 - 3½”) to shade out weeds. Lawns with taller grass have fewer weeds. Never cut more than 1/3 of the grass blade at a time.
- If you water your lawn, water deeply (to 6” down) and infrequently to encourage deep grass roots. It is not necessary to water in hot, dry weather when grass goes dormant—the grass will recover in the fall.
- Remove weeds in the spring when plant root reserves are low. Use a dandelion digger or pronged grabber tool to pull tap-rooted weeds such as dandelions, thistles, and burdock. Rake or pull creeping charlie.

Weed killer?



- Apply corn gluten meal in the early spring to prevent weed seeds from taking root on established lawns. This product is most effective on crabgrass seedlings, but has also shown promise with other seedlings, such as dandelion. If crabgrass persists on your lawn and sets seed, apply corn gluten meal again in the fall. Use corn gluten meal annually to diminish the number of weeds in your lawn over time. This product is also an organic source of nitrogen.

GIVE WEEDS STIFF COMPETITION.

- Select the grass seed mix that is appropriate for the amount of light your lawn receives.
- Over seed your lawn in the fall. Grass is a cool weather crop; starting more grass plants in the fall will give weed seeds more competition next summer.
- Sprinkle grass seed on bare spots after weeding.

Lawns will always have some weeds and some insects. Even heavily treated lawns have weeds. Weed seeds blow in from other yards and are carried by feet and dropped by birds. Avoid pesticides and tolerate a few weeds for the greater good of the environment and your health.

For more information about the D-MNA Lake Wingra and Healthy Lawn Team, please contact Hannah Harris at 232-1462 or harris@merr.com.



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Residents interested in becoming more involved in Wingra Park activities are welcome to join the Wingra Park Committee.

**Please contact
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236-4429.**

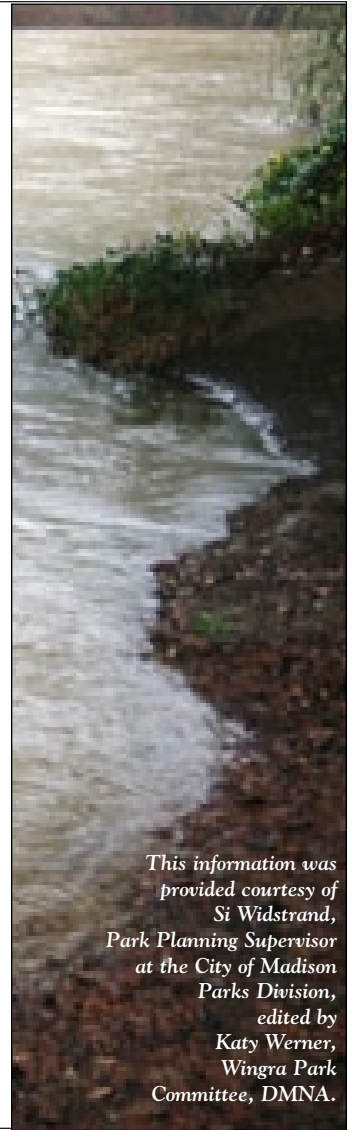
Depending on the level of interest, we may meet and/or establish an email list to facilitate communication about Wingra Park issues.

City Turns An Eye to **WINGRA PARK**

You may have noticed City dump trucks hauling bare earth into Wingra Park this winter and wondered about the commotion.

The City of Madison Parks Division has been filling in depressions in the softball outfield. In November, the City of Madison met with the neighborhood association and concerned citizens to discuss several Wingra Park issues including the smoothing of uneven terrain in the softball field where areas have settled. Wingra Park was built on filled wetland areas along the lakeshore, and some areas had settled due to poor soils. The Parks Division filled the worst of the holes this winter, hauling topsoil into the area when the ground was frozen. The area will be seeded in the spring. The Parks Division came to the November meeting with plans to review the Master Plan for Wingra Park and upgrade various amenities. However, based on discussions at the November meeting, the Parks Division decided to delay the plan review and any further upgrades until stormwater planning can be brought into the process.

The Arboretum and the Madison Engineering Division are currently looking at stormwater issues in several watersheds entering the Arboretum and Lake Wingra, including the watershed area that drains through Wingra Park. By late 2004, the Parks Division expects to develop concepts for stormwater improvements, urban sediment removal near the Wingra boathouse, and shoreline restoration. In addition, the Parks Division will consider how these water resource improvements may affect additional renovations that it has considered for the park. Some improvement items may be requested in the city's 2005 budget. Si Widstrand, Park Planning Supervisor, anticipates returning to the neighborhood meetings this fall to discuss these issues in relation to a park Master Plan.



This information was provided courtesy of Si Widstrand, Park Planning Supervisor at the City of Madison Parks Division, edited by Katy Werner, Wingra Park Committee, DMNA.

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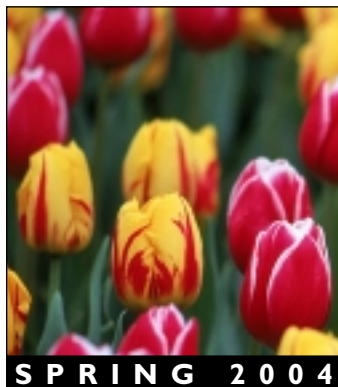
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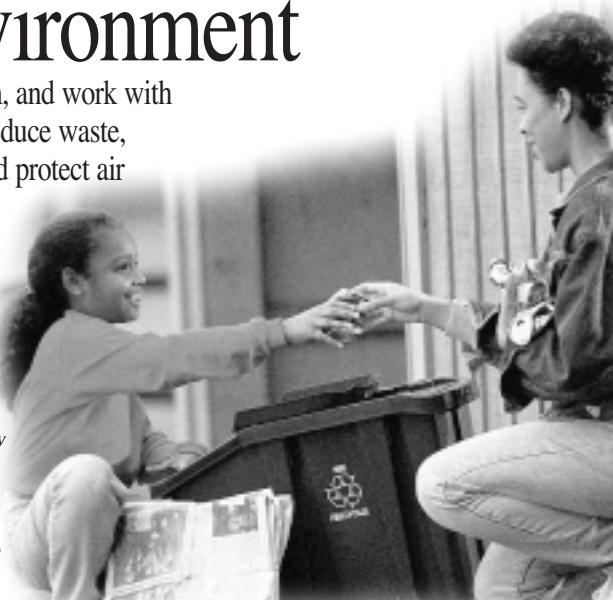
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Please Join Us...

D-MNA ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, April 25, 2004

at

Temple Beth El

2702 Arbor Drive (Near Wingra Park)

1:00 pm

Rain Garden Workshop

Hannah Harris and Daryl Sherman.

2:00 pm

Ice Cream and Pie Social

Rain Garden Display Table: Photos, brochures, information

2:45 pm

Business Meeting

Election of Officers and

Neighborhood Planning Grant Update

Jane Riley. The second neighborhood-wide meeting is coming soon.

This update will make sure you are up to date on the work accomplished so far on the

Monroe Street Business Districts planning projects. (15 minutes).

3:15 pm

“Lake Wingra Watershed: Research and Management Issues”

Emphasis on ecosystem health, particularly stormwater pollution, invasive species, water quality and citizen stewardship.

Speaker

Jim Lorman,

Professor of Biology, Edgewood College and

Friends of Lake Wingra steering committee member.

4:00 pm

Visit Rain Gardens

3102 and 3106 Gregory Street

lead by Daryl Sherman and Hannah Harris.

To volunteer for
this event, or other
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