



# Hornblower

Dudgeon-Monroe Neighborhood Association

SPRING 2008

## Upcoming Events

**APRIL 6, 2 pm.:**  
DMNA ANNUAL MEETING/  
ICE CREAM SOCIAL  
Speaker: Dave Worzala speaks  
about "DMNA & the County's  
new Comprehensive Plan"

Heritage Room, Washburn  
Hall, Edgewood College  
(see insert for details)

**APRIL 19, 9-12: ANNUAL  
GARLIC MUSTARD PULL,**  
Glenwood Children's Park  
(see article, p. 6)

**JUNE 14: JAZZ IN THE PARK**  
is coming to a park near you.  
Mark your calendar and See  
our May issue for details.

**WELCOME NEIGHBOR!**  
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please call Kathleen Engebretsen  
at 238-1630.

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## Neighborhood To Battle Gypsy Moths

Part of our neighborhood and surround-  
ing neighborhoods are included in a  
planned selective aerial spraying program.  
Surveys have shown that in these areas the  
gypsy moth population is large enough to  
cause extensive damage if no action is tak-  
en. Residents who want to insure that they  
will continue to have trees need to keep on  
top of the problem beginning now.

These prolific insects will thin the leaf can-  
opy on virtually every tree species and even  
defoliate them entirely. In a severe infesta-  
tion, with environmental stresses or oppor-  
tunistic diseases, the tree will weaken and  
die within a few years. Even if your tree  
survives, the caterpillars and their droppings  
are a disgusting nuisance. We don't need to  
remind you that your trees are not just deco-  
rative, but shady energy savers.

The caterpillars  
hatch from eggs  
in late April to  
early May and  
begin feeding  
on leaves imme-  
diately, but you  
may not notice  
them. Then  
suddenly you  
will notice black

peppercorn droppings and your tree is full of  
gypsy moth caterpillars. Moreover, seem-  
ingly overnight your tree will look as though  
it has lost some, if not all its leaves. Don't let  
this happen to you!

### Homeowner's Agenda

This spring homeowners must monitor their  
trees for gypsy moth activity. In March and  
April, look for and thoroughly paint egg  
masses with Golden Oil (a soybean oil from  
garden centers). They will be in crevices on

tree bark, the underside of branches, and on  
buildings and anything in your yard. From  
late April on, residents should use pesticide  
sprays or various trunk banding methods  
to trap caterpillars. We haven't room for  
detailed instructions needed, so visit UW-  
extension's Web site: <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/gypsymoth/>. Burlap is available at local  
fabric stores, other supplies at garden centers.

Keep your trees healthy by watering defoliated  
trees during warm dry periods and mulching to  
prevent diseases. Prevent soil compaction and  
tree wounds as well.

### Aerial Spraying Explained

To supplement—not replace—homeowner ef-  
forts the city has paid \$50,000 for DNR aerial  
spraying of 1500 acres in late May to early  
June. The pesticide, *Bacillus thuringiensis*  
*kurstaki* (commonly called Btk) has a naturally

occurring soil bacte-  
rium that kills only  
gypsy moth caterpillars  
when they eat it. Btk  
has been used for more  
than 30 years for gypsy  
moth control, and has  
undergone thousands of  
lab and field tests that  
demonstrate its safety.

Marla Eddy, City For-

ester, cautions that we cannot eradicate this  
pest with current tools, but with conscientious  
and sustained effort we can limit both the dam-  
age and the nuisance to something we and  
our trees can live with. For more information  
about the spraying program, see the program  
website <http://www.gypsymoth.wi.gov> and  
[www.co.dane.wi.us](http://www.co.dane.wi.us). The public can call a toll-  
free telephone number (1-800-642-MOTH) in  
May and June to find out when spraying will  
occur.



Gypsy Moth Life Cycle • Nordisk Familjebok 1904-1926

The Dudgeon Monroe Neighborhood Association's Hornblower is published four times a year.

Article deadline for the next issue: April 18

Contact Ann Clark, 238-5612 or [annclark@tds.net](mailto:annclark@tds.net)

Or Aileen Nettleton, 238-6053 or [aanett@execpc.com](mailto:aanett@execpc.com)

Advertising deadline: April 14

Contact Judi K-Turkel, [jkt@cpacomputerreport.com](mailto:jkt@cpacomputerreport.com)

The next issue should be on doorsteps by the end of May.

For information about DMNA contact:

DMNA President: Daryl Sherman, 238-5106

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# Tips For Your Block Garage Sale

Garage sales are a wonderful way to clean, recycle, provide others with inexpensive used items and meet neighbors in the process. Jane Albert, Kate Edwards, and Cathy Caro-Bruce, all organizers of block sales, shared these tips:

**How many households?** Organizers strongly recommend at least four households to attract more customers. Some have eight to ten families.

**When?** May or June work well, or August or September (you may catch returning students then). Baltzell holds its sale annually. Find a date that works for a group of neighbors.

**How do you organize the neighborhood sale?** On some blocks the organizer delivers a small flyer a month ahead to inform neighbors on the block of the date that has been set and they respond if they wish to participate. Another block uses a listserve to set a date that will work for at least four households.

**What's the best way to advertise?** Buy a Want Ad in the newspapers and each household contributes its share of the ad cost. Be sure to include that it is a BLOCK or MULTI-FAMILY SALE. List attractive items for sale such as specific pieces of furniture or baby items. Place clear signs out on Monroe Street or other busy streets.

**What sells best?** Baby equipment, furniture, clothing and toys; kids' toys and sports things; antiques and furniture, musical instruments, jewelry; children's books are good, adult books are OK. Things that do not usually sell well are adult clothing and kitchen "stuff." But often it's unpredictable.

**How do you set things up?** Usually each household sets up its own sale, especially

if shareable space is limited. Sometimes several families join together at one location. Each household takes care of its own pricing, marking its goods uniquely. Sales can be efficiently recorded and computed by family by removing the price tag as each item is sold and attaching it to a special notebook page for that family. Just add up each page to divide the profits.

Place attractive items such as baby equipment or special furniture near the curb to draw in customers driving by. People participating often buy things from each other and share coffee or food during the sale.

**How do you price items?** "Low! You got it out of the house. Why in the world would you want to take it back in?" commented Kate Edwards. Price it to sell unless it is a more valuable item, in which case you might note "Make an Offer" and negotiate. One neighbor placed a sign saying "Everything \$.50 Unless Marked" and sold most items.

**What time should you be ready for business?** "The 'Garage Sale Circuit' folks (looking for antiques and special collector items) show up by 6:30 when the sale begins at 8:00, and they are competitive!" reminded one organizer. You need to decide individually if you are willing to sell while you are still setting up.

**What if it rains?** With several families involved, it is not reasonable to try to reschedule. Coordinators suggest the next day as a predetermined "rain date."

**What about what's left?** "Many of us do not take anything back into our houses—we pack it up and give it away." Watch for an article on recycling "what's left" in our next issue.



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# A Boutique Hotel: Stadium View

By Michael Florek, Chair, DMNA Neighborhood Planning & Zoning Committee

The owners of 1501 Monroe Street at the south corner of Monroe & Regent, Robert and Debra Seiger, after several failed attempts at city approval for a mixed-use condo development, are proposing to construct a “boutique” (or small independent) hotel on the site. While there have been several changes to the original hotel proposal rejected by the Plan Commission in December, it essentially will be a small (45-bed) hotel with four stories and a penthouse above that. There will also be a lounge (read “bar”) in the lobby as well as a pedestrian walk-

way set-off on Monroe St. Car traffic will enter and leave from the alley behind the building off Regent St. There will be underground parking for about 35 cars and above ground parking for about ten cars.

Vilas, Dudgeon-Monroe and Regent neighborhood association representatives will be meeting with the developers. DMNA has serious reservations, the greatest being the traffic impact at that intersection and the precedent any development there will set for future development along Monroe St. The DMNA

Council has made it clear to the developers that the final plan must adhere to the letter and spirit of The Monroe Street Commercial District Plan. No final position on this site has yet been taken by the DMNA Council at press time.

Seiger’s current hotel plan is on view to the public at his office in 1501 Monroe St. until its planned reconsideration at the March 28 city Plan Commission meeting. The technical issue will be the granting of a demolition permit for the current building.

# Seeing the Trees for the Forest: Glenwood Children’s Park

A priority focus of the DMNA Parks Committee over the last year has been woodland restoration issues at Glenwood Children’s Park, which has suffered from invasive species and a lack of comprehensive management. The Parks Committee has met with City of Madison Parks officials to discuss forestry management regarding invasive species. Tree species like black locust have aggressively dominated the forest cover

in parts of the 3.5 acres of the park in such fierce competition that much of the past & existing native plantings have not succeeded as planned.



Woodland restoration management strategies are more complicated with species like black locust that spreads through its underground root systems and seed dispersal. The next issue of the *Horn-blower* will elaborate on the history of the park in relationship to

the colonization of the park’s forest by the black locust and how this creates a dilemma if we are to work toward a restoration of the park as envisioned by its designer, landscape architect Jens Jensen.

The Parks Committee invites anyone interested to contact one of the committee co-chairs with your concerns and ideas. Please forward your feedback to either of the Parks Committee co-chairs:

Peter Nause, 206 -1463 pan@secondnature.biz  
or Margaret Nelson, 258-9437  
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## Alder Brian Solomon Reports

**G**reetings DMNA Residents: I want to start by thanking our neighborhood association for the great work they do. If you haven't been involved, this is a great time to start. It's not a huge commitment, just a worthwhile one. Contact Daryl Sherman (238-5106) for more information.

Citywide, the big issue this winter has been the snow. We are all working on ideas on how to clean the streets more quickly. I appreciate everyone's patience. Just remember, the goal is to balance quick response, taxpayer investment, and environmental protection (salt is bad for the lakes). One thing I know for sure: we get our money's worth with our street crews - they work unbelievably hard for us.

My priorities lately have been Allied Drive and an energy efficiency ordinance I am co-lead sponsoring. Allied: I am thrilled to report that our redevelopment proposal passed the Common Council 15-2. The tax credit application was submitted on February 1 and we'll find out in mid-April. Fingers crossed! Meanwhile, I'm working to make sure Allied residents have job opportunities in the redevelopment. Energy efficiency ordinance: This is to require apartments to use high efficiency lighting. We got a bit sidetracked when the federal government passed a law that may make local ordinances impossible. The federal law doesn't take effect until 2012 (or later), so I'm working with the City Attorney to see if we can do something more quickly.

A few other things going on: Regent/Monroe intersection. The latest proposal for this redevelopment was turned down by the

Plan Commission. The owner is working on a new plan.

We had a public meeting on March 5 to look into alternatives for improving bike friendliness on lower Odana Road. Ideally, improvements will look similar to what was done further on down the road.

DOT is planning on signalizing the Seminole/Beltline intersection. There are still a few concerns we're trying to work through.

I want to remind everyone that I send out an electronic monthly "District 10 Update." To be added to the mailing list, send an e-mail to [briansolomon@charter.net](mailto:briansolomon@charter.net). E-mail or call 446-1362 if you have any questions. Thanks for allowing me to serve you!

## Government Reports

### County Supervisor David Worzala Reports

**M**y recent county activities have focused on implementing 2008 budget initiatives and promoting sustainability in future county operations.

In February, the County announced expansion of the successful Early Childhood Initiative (ECI) to two additional sites to help at-risk families. The ECI program provides support and job training to low-income mothers to create stability for their children and provide for future employment opportunities. The county has also developed a new program to assist at-risk youth with employment opportunities as a positive alternative to gangs. The County Board focused on job

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### Glenwood Moravian Community Church

We invite the neighborhood to Sunday School at 9 am and to join us during Lent:

Wednesday evenings in Lent - Soup & Book Study - 6 pm

March 16-22 - Holy Week Readings - 7 pm

Easter Sunday March 23 - Sunrise Worship Service - 7 am

Easter Breakfast - 8 am - Worship - 9:30 am

All are welcome!

Coming in June: Our Annual Rummage Sale

Call the church office for information on youth events

**\*\*Join our weekly meditation group from 10-11:30 am every Friday\*\***

Worship 10:30 a.m. Nursery provided Pastor Mary Lou Plummer

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# Representative Terese Berceau Reports

You might imagine that a stellar record of no accidents or insurance claims would translate into lower car insurance premiums. That used to be true but not any more. Wisconsin car and homeowner insurance companies have begun using people's credit reports to set their premiums or deny them coverage.

People with lower credit scores often have tighter budgets than those with higher scores. Under current law you could be poor, a great driver, but thanks to some overdue medical bills or other expenses, you are targeted by insurance companies to pay more than your wealthy neighbor with the same driving record.

That's unfair and it defies common sense about how insurance is supposed to work.

All drivers are at risk of incurring damages related to driving. We buy insurance to protect us from those damages. Insurance companies should be judging us on our driving behavior, not how we use our Visa or MasterCard.

I've introduced legislation to prohibit this practice. This important consumer bill must have public support to move from committees to votes by the full Assembly and Senate. To express your views on this bill, contact the chairs of the legislative committees that address insurance bills: Rep. Frank Lasee (Frank.Lasee@legis.wi.gov) and Sen. Jon Erpenbach (Jon.Erpenbach@legis.wi.gov).

## Supervisor Worzala *continued from page 4*

initiatives in the 2008 budget because existing poverty can best be reduced by providing people with the skills and opportunity to find jobs.

The County Board also recently passed an initiative to look at increasing sustainable practices in county decision-making. This effort builds on the Comprehensive Plan and is designed to systematically bring long term thinking about county programs into future planning discus-

sions. While this is already done to some extent, many Supervisors want to push for greater consideration of sustainability and its impacts. I supported this effort because I think a review of programs with a long-term framework will identify improvements to county services.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at 255-3278 or worzala@co.dane.wi.us.

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# Neighborhood News Briefs

## **GLENWOOD PARK MUSTARD PULL (AND CLEANUP)**

The annual garlic mustard pull and general clean-up of Glenwood Children's Park is scheduled for Saturday, April 19th from 9 a.m. to noon. Please commit at least an hour of your time to enhance our environment and to commemorate Earth Day (April 22). Snacks and bags will be provided. Bring gloves and trowels. We ARE making progress. It is important that we continue!

## **WINGRA SHORES CONSTRUCTION DELAY**

Architect Randy Bruce reports that construction of the commercial building planned for Monroe Street south of Michael's Frozen Custard should start this spring with completion in fall. It is currently planned that construction of the condominiums will begin in mid-2009, with completion in 2010. Although he asserts there is an extensive waiting list, the developers have decided to proceed conservatively given market conditions.

## **DMNA'S NEW VP NAMED**

Bill Barker, DMNA President in 1998-2000, is our new Vice President. Bill currently chairs the city Park Commission. Congratulations, Bill!

## **SW PATH PLANTING PLANS FOR '08**

According to Chair Sandy Stark, SW Path Committee activities will start up again in March. Watch for signs along the path announcing things, likely at the prairie plant-

ings at Glenway/Path. Our goal this season is to nurture the new plants, fill in any gaps, and start moving east, weeding out invasives and planting more natives. And to have fun doing it!

## **THE SOLSTICE: A New Neighborhood Holiday?**

On December 22 a number of your neighbors braved the rain and the snow to build a bonfire at Glenwood Children's Park to ensure the return of the sun. S'mores and even some hot-dogs were consumed. This was so successful (notice the longer days) that we are planning to observe the Summer Solstice at the park on June 21, again with a bonfire. More information will be in the next Hornblower. Anyone with ideas for observing the Solstice and especially for children's activities please contact Margaret Nelson (mvnelson@wisc.edu).

## **WINE AND CHOCOLATE TASTING ENJOYED BY ALL**

Thanks to all who attended DMNA's annual Wine & Chocolate Tasting! Held each year, the tasting is offered as a thank you to all who contribute their time and talent to our community, with a special thanks this year to all of those who graciously stepped up to provide extra support the DMNA Membership Drive.

Grace Chosy Gallery hosted our event again this year, with donations from James J Chocolate Shop, Mallatt's fine wines, the Dardanelles and Orange Tree Imports, with a beautiful floral arrangement provided by Jane Kinney.

Please keep an eye out for the fall beer tasting! Contact Laurie Poast, Social Chair, at [laurie@restainohomes.com](mailto:laurie@restainohomes.com) if you'd like to help with this neighborhood event.

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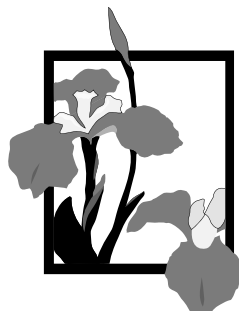
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