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Hornblower

Dudgeon-Monroe Neighborhood Association

FALL 2009

UPCOMING EVENTS

Glenwood Children's Park Work Parties

Saturday September 19,
October 17, November 14:
9-12 A.M. at Glenway and SW
Bike Path

Sunday, September 27:
Monroe Street Festival
10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sunday, September 27:
**Monroe Street Library
Book Sale**
10 a.m.-5 p.m.

October:
**DMNA Membership
Drive**

SW Path Gardening Work Parties

Check board at Glenway/Path
garden site. Volunteers needed!

Welcome Kits

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Monroe Street Festival Celebrates 32 Years

The Monroe Street Festival moves to a Sunday, September 27, this year since there are home UW football games on every Saturday in September, explained Orange Schroeder of Orange Tree Imports, who has been a chair from the beginning of the festival in 1978. She hopes the football crowd might join the festival crowd on Sunday.

A Hornblower from 1978 mentions that "The idea for the festival came from Leo Clark of the Metropolitan Conservatory of the Arts who wanted some sort of a street festival to showcase staff and student danc-

ers and musicians. The fledgling Monroe Street Merchants Association was interested in highlighting the Monroe Street shopping area."

Many of the activities that festival attendees have enjoyed in the past will be a part of this year's event, including the merchants' annual street sales, music, children's events, the library book sale, and the petting zoo will be back. Mark your calendar for a neighborhood tradition: Sunday, September 27, from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

A detailed schedule of events will be posted at www.monroestreetfestival.com.

Join Up—With DMNA

When your Block Captain neighbor knocks on your door for the Annual Membership Drive in October, be ready to become a part of our vibrant neighborhood organization. Why should you join the DMNA? At \$7 per household, it is one of the best deals in town!

Your membership enables the DMNA to:

- Sponsor Jazz in the Park, the 4th of July Children's Parade, Solstice Parties in the Glenwood Children's Park, the Lake Wingra Cleanup, and the Annual Weed Feed
- Publish the quarterly Hornblower, send out the DMNA email news and host the DMNA website to keep you informed of neighborhood events and issues
- Restore Glenwood Children's Park and plant prairies along the Southwest Pedes-

trian/Bike Path

- Monitor and plan for traffic, zoning, safety and building development issues in the neighborhood
- Maintain the Pedestrian Flag project to safely cross Monroe St.
- Maintain cooperative relationships with Edgewood School and College and Wingra School
- Provide Welcome Kits to new neighbors
- Give us a voice in city and university planning and development projects

Support your neighborhood association to strengthen our community and our quality of life. Check the enclosed insert to find out ways you can get involved and make a difference!



Dear Neighbors

A Letter From Your DMNA President

Dear Neighbors,

We are unbelievably fortunate to have so many talented, ambitious neighbors working together to make our neighborhood a better place. I'm particularly grateful for the major efforts being taken to improve the health of our neighborhood centerpiece, Lake Wingra.

Just over ten years ago, Friends of Lake Wingra was formed as a grassroots organization dedicated to improving the health of the lake. The group has grown over the years, and now includes numerous friends and neighbors, many of whom are experts in lake biology and watershed management.



Over time their stewardship efforts have grown into a comprehensive lake and watershed management plan. It includes a host of projects designed to improve Lake Wingra's environmental character and enhance the lake's recreational and esthetic qualities.

You'll see many of these projects as you walk through our neighborhood and adjacent neighborhoods. On Arbor Drive, a large box culvert is being installed with an

underground retention basin to reduce flooding and minimize runoff into the lake and Ho Nee Um pond. Off the Southwest Bike Path, the city just installed two huge storm water treatment devices to control flooding and minimize sediment flow into the lake.

Smaller projects are also in the works: rain gardens are sprouting on the terraces of many homeowners, and at Vilas Lagoon, volunteers are replacing exotic plant species with native vegetation.

These projects represent the best of how the energy and skills of our neighbors play a dramatic role in improving the neighborhood. You can be a part of it, too. Whether you're looking to sink your teeth into a major endeavor, or can only spare a couple of

hours a month, your neighborhood needs your help. We live in a very special place. The talents you share, big or small, are what keep it so special.

To learn how you can contribute your talents to the neighborhood, please contact me at president@dmna.org or 238-6035.

See you at the lake!

Janet Niewold, President
Dudgeon Monroe Neighborhood Association

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Flags on Monroe Street

By Chuck Kalish, Transportation Committee

Madison pedestrians know drivers do not always yield at crosswalks. Wisconsin law is clear--pedestrians have the right of way at crosswalks, marked or not. Drivers yield more at certain intersections than others. Pedestrians can usually count on cars stopping at the Monroe-Prospect intersection, for example.

Pedestrian right of way on Monroe St. is a goal of the Transportation Committee. While Monroe is the major artery through our neighborhood, one of our prides is walking to the shops along the street. We cross to walk to our parks and to and from work. Children cross to walk to school. We are an urban neighborhood and many of us choose to live here so we can walk instead of drive.

We residents can help by being model drivers. We make up much of the traffic on Monroe, so if we establish a norm of stopping for pedestrians, others will follow.

As pedestrians we can be a little assertive. Traffic law is no defense against the laws of physics when cars and pedestrians meet at speed. Some assertiveness by a pedestrian is required, however. It is only when a pedestrian has entered the intersection that cars must yield, not when someone is just standing on the sidewalk looking like

they might cross. Looking like you mean business sends a signal to drivers. Let them know YOU want the right of way. If pedestrians expect motorists to stop, drivers will get the idea.

Don't rush into the street and play chicken, though. Wisconsin law is clear that the pedestrian has an obligation to time the crossing so cars can stop safely.

The Transportation Committee introduced crossing flags at many intersections on Monroe to help pedestrians negotiate crossing safely. They allow pedestrians to give an unambiguous signal of intent to cross.

To use a flag:

- take a flag from its holder and hold it high,
- make eye contact with drivers,
- stick a toe into the crosswalk and hold the flag ahead of you.

Cars are not going to stop if you hold the flag at waist-level and stand on the sidewalk. The flag allows you to enter the crosswalk visibly, but safely. It does not offer physical protection. Always use your best judgment about whether it is safe to cross.

Let's work together to make walking a pleasant, efficient, and safe way to get around the neighborhood.



Do Crossing Flags Work?

Crossing flags may be the most effective way to get cars to yield at intersections without stop lights, according to the few studies completed. A recent study by the Safe Communities Coalition found that flags significantly increased the rate at which cars yielded to pedestrians.

- At one intersection the yielding rate went from 31% without flags to 49% with flags.
- At a very high volume intersection, a community added a pedestrian-activated flashing light. This increased yielding rates from 9% to 31%. Putting in a permanent speed board (that shows how fast cars are going) increased yielding to 39%. Finally, crossing flags were added to the intersection and the yield rate rose to 81%. This means that pedestrians rarely had to wait for even a single car to go by before crossing.
- A national study found yield rates of 45-80% with crossing flags. Crossing flags are inexpensive and relatively easy to maintain.

We think they are a great solution to the crossing problem.

Did you know that DMNA initiated the first crossing flags in Madison? Our thanks to the individuals and businesses who maintain them.



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More Signs, Twine and Plantings!

By Sandy Stark, SW Path Chair

Have you noticed? Yes, in addition to tons of weeds, there actually are more native plants growing. There's a new small roped-off area next to the more established prairie at Glenway and the bike path. DMNA Path Committee volunteers planted over 200 plugs in June after almost two months of digging and prepping the new site. We are beginning to make a dent in the dense stands of invasives like reed canary grass by digging it out, roots and all, and replacing it with hardy native plants like milkweed, aster, and blazing star, which will also attract a variety of butterflies and birds. (THANKS to all our volunteers, including the Dane County Youth Intervention Services crew and neighbors who pulled garlic mustard along the path as part of the 2nd Annual Weed Feed.)

What's next? Cleaning up the wildflower

area directly across from the more established prairie at the intersection, and hacking away at invasives that continue to encroach on what we restore. We're also debating various plans to tackle the knotweed groves further down the bike path. Knotweed not only squeezes out everything else, but also sends its roots into and under the pavement of the path itself.

Want to join us? We are still active in September and October, weeding and collecting seeds. We always need volunteers, whether you work with the official crews or individually in areas you feel more attached to. We usually work one Saturday a month. Watch for signs posted near Glenway, check the DMNA website calendar, or call or email the current SW Path Chair, Sandy Stark, 255-4195, sestark@wisc.edu.

Witch Hazel, Native Fall Bloomer

By Roland Rueckert

Last year your DMNA Parks Committee was awarded a Wisconsin DNR Urban Forestry Grant with the aim of renovating Glenwood Children's Park. Renovation includes constructing a long-term management plan for the park with guidance from plans originally drawn up by famed landscape architect, Jens Jensen. We are working with Stephenson Tree Service to inventory and survey the park's flora and create a formal management plan for the next five to seven years. Many of you who have volunteered know that we have begun implementing our own informal management plan with clean-up, black locust thinning and tree pruning to increase diversity in the understory. To this end we have been removing invasives, including garlic mustard, hedge parsley, buckthorn, and honeysuckle. We are also planting wildflowers and understory shrubs, including a musclewood and a witch hazel planted in June.

Look for the witch hazel (*Hamamelis virginiana*) at the base of the east slope when you enter the park from Cross Street. In the fall you will see it in full bloom with fragrant yellow flowers. The witch hazel is the only woody plant native to Wisconsin that blooms in the autumn instead of spring. Intermixed with these flowers you'll often find last year's seedpods that spread their small hard seeds by bursting open with a sound almost like a tiny gunshot. Each pod has two cells, with a seed imprisoned inside. Frost triggers the opening and dry cold weather can discharge the entire seed crop in a few days.

Witch hazel's name has nothing to do with witches. Its name originates from "wych," an old English word meaning "weak," and refers to the sprawling habit of the tree or the pliability of its wood. Its flexible forked branches were commonly used as "witching sticks" by dowsers who reputedly used them to search out hidden water or precious metals.

The Parks Committee members include Linda McQuillen, Percy Mather, Margaret Nelson, Roland Rueckert, and co-chairs Dina Corigliano and Peter Nause. Dina replaces Margaret Nelson, who co-chaired with Peter for a number of years.



Photo: Peter Nause (right) and Igor Ivashko planting the witch hazel on June 6, 2009.

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Leaves and Lake Wingra

By Dorrie Sundquist

With the re-introduction of cooler fall weather, most minds are on back-to-school, what to be for Halloween, and Badger football games. Another joy of fall is the brilliance of our trees as the leaves change. But, in all the fun and color that autumn brings, we must be sure not to forget our fragile Lake Wingra. It is still vital for us to keep leaves contained and out of the lake.

The second leaf collection period for the year begins in October. However, the Streets Division for the City of Madison no longer uses a schedule for leaf collection. Crews begin collection in the Monday refuse collection district, and then they follow the calendar with the Tuesday through Friday districts when collection is complete in each day's district.

Although the city will pick up bagged

leaves when the bags are left open at the top, a source at the Streets Division said that they prefer leaves to be piled at the curb and on the terrace. The source did agree, however, that, despite best efforts, leaves left too long on the curb may still end up in Lake Wingra.

Here are a few options to reduce the number of leaves left for curb pickup:

- Build a compost area for your leaves. This area can be as big or small as you like. Use flexible, stable wire, like chicken wire. But remember: this should

be used exclusively for leaves and other yard waste. Do not put food scraps in with your compost unless it is covered tightly and contained on all sides. Otherwise, you may have some unwanted animal visitors.

- Use the leaves as mulch around plant beds, trees and shrubs. Not only are they free mulch, they break down for natural soil improvement.

- If all else fails, take the leaves to a drop-off site. The drop-off site for near West is at 1501 W. Badger Road.

The site is currently open seven days a week, Sunday,

Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 8:30-4:30, with Tuesday and Thursday 8:30 a.m.-8:00 p.m.



Wellenstein's yard and kitchen compost



Jake Blasezyk, Sandy Stark, and Igor Ivashko digging out reed canary grass. Igor is a UW pharmacy student doing community service projects as part of his internship there.

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A Firecracker of a 4th!

By Mary Erdman

An overcast July 4 didn't dampen the spirits of about 80 children and many adults that took part in the DMNA sponsored neighborhood parade and picnic. Kids of all ages rode scooters, 3-wheelers, tricycles, and bikes to Michael's Custard for decorating.

Colorful streamers, flags, pin-wheels, and decal tattoos supplied by the DMNA transformed children's wheels and faces.

The event organizing trio of Sarah Affeldt, Kristi Stanton, and Devon Kinne orchestrated the happy chaos of children's artistry and signing thank you posters for: Michael's Custard (decorating space), Trader Joe's (food), and Mango Girl Design (poster design).

They even thought of supplying nametags, asking people to write their name and the street they live on. What a great way to meet your neighbors!

The sidewalk parade traveled the short distance on Monroe Street to Wingra Park. Although not leading the parade, Benjamin, age 3, looked the part of the Music Man in his bandleader's outfit, clanging cymbals as he marched. Benjamin's mother said he had just been waiting for a chance to wear his outfit.

Once at the park, kids scattered to the swings, slides, and games on the grass. Jack, 11, wore a unique red and white hat with worm-like extensions that he purchased at Mallatt's.



"Ready for the Parade!" Photo by Al Nettleton

Callum, 3, informed me that he had to take a bath so he could come. His favorite things about July 4th are the fireworks and picnics. Maddie, 4, relaxed in a wagon decorated by Mom and Dad while munching on a Trader Joe's cookie.

When the fire truck and ambulance arrived, everyone raced to get a closer look. Children climbed in and through the vehicles. Sean, 7, said the fire truck was his favorite thing along with playing Capture the Flag.

Even a light shower couldn't rain on the parade organized spectacularly by Affeldt, Stanton, and Kinne. As Emma, 10, shared, "The best part of the day was being with friends and decorating my bike!"

Weed Feed May Sprout in Chicago

A "Weed Feed" in Chicago? The Chicago Parks District and the Jane Addams Hull House are interested in organizing a Weed Feed in Chicago in concert with area chefs, thanks to DMNA's Peter Nause! Peter, a landscape architect and co-chair of the Parks Committee, spoke recently at the "Jens Jensen Revisited" symposium in Chicago. He described Glenwood Children's Park and our neighborhood efforts to preserve this historic landmark designed by Jensen.

Peter presented background on Glenwood, restoration challenges facing the park, and the success of the culinary Weed Feeds the last two years, including this year's children's play "A Case of Garlic Mustard" held in the "Players Green," which Jensen had targeted for outdoor performances.

To save natural areas, Jensen and his Chicago friends, including Carl Sandburg and Jane Addams, staged plays and readings to create public awareness and participation, which were very successful. Jensen is remembered for his signature Council Rings, of which two are in Madison—in Glenwood Park and the Wheeler Ring nearby in the UW Arboretum.

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Zoning for Cultural-Architectural Integrity

By Michael Florek, Planning and Zoning Committee Chair

In the first half of 2010 the city of Madison will have new zoning laws. They have been working on them for several years, and if the final version is the same as the current version the city is presenting to the various neighborhood associations, I think most of us will be happy. They are easier to follow and they reflect many of the concerns that have been voiced by members of the DMNA and others. These new regulations will be used as guidelines for any new development on Monroe St. Of particular interest is a section that mandates that developers present their plans early in the process to the neighborhood associations. In our case, they would present their plans to the Planning and Zoning Committee of the DMNA, and we would then present them to the DMNA Council as a whole.

Another point of interest is the new Institutional District that includes our friends at Edgewood College. The zoning regu-

lations state that an Institution such as Edgewood may put together a master plan that is used as a guideline for all future development. In lieu of the master plan, the Institution must develop each site separately and work with the DMNA for each one. If they pursue a master plan, it will be presented in detail to the DMNA Planning and Zoning Committee and in turn to the Council as a whole. Once that plan is approved, it will guide future development for many years to come.

For a complete copy of the new zoning regulations you can go to the city web page, www.cityofmadison.com/neighborhoods/zoningRewrite. If there are particular questions about any part you can contact Michael Florek, the Planning and Zoning Committee chair and he will try to get you answers. mflorek@tel-lurian.org

Keeping Cats, Dogs, Wildlife, and People Safe

By Mary Erdman

Many of us are familiar with our Madison and Dane County laws regarding keeping our dogs and cats leashed when outdoors and off our private property or in the case of dogs, in off-leash exercise areas of parks. Leashing and supervising our pets is good for the pet and safe for people and wildlife.

When domesticated Wisconsin cats are allowed to range freely, they can kill up to 7 million birds, estimates Professor Emeritus Stanley A. Temple from the UW- Madison. Dr. Temple co-authored the paper "Cats and Wildlife A Conservation Dilemma". Quoting directly from the paper, "Worldwide, cats have been involved in the extinction of more bird species than any other cause, except habitat destruction."

Dr. Pam Mache, veterinarian at Lakeview Veterinary Clinic, 3518 Monroe Street, shared that cats allowed to roam outside live only on average 5 years versus 17 for cats kept indoors. She listed instances of cats being shot, hit by cars, and being infected by parasites and viruses. Mache suggested using "cat tunnels"

to allow your cat to enjoy being outside--always supervised by the owner, of course! The cat tunnels are a mesh screen tunnel. Mache reports that many of the cat owners she talks to really like them. (Google "cat tunnel" to check them out.)

Dogs, no matter how well trained, have the instinct to chase bunnies and other animals, says Dr. Mache. She also states that because some people don't like or are afraid of dogs, it's important to keep them on a leash when off your own property. Plus, it is City of Madison and Dane County law.

To find out more visit:

<http://www.publichealthmdc.com/environmental/animal/cat.cfm> (Cat Owner Responsibilities)

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Neighborhood News Briefs

Used Books for Library Sale

Monroe St. Library will take donations for its Book Sale to be held as part of the Monroe Street Festival, Sunday, September 27. You are welcome to drop off gently used books, DVD's, videos, or CDs at the library anytime before the sale.

Edgewood Expansion Plans

Edgewood College is doing fundraising for a new Visual Arts facility on the southwest corner of the Edgewood campus where Woodrow Street meets the Park and Pleasure Drive. The proposed facility would be 44,000 square feet, and the earliest construction would take place is June 2010. The Edgewood-

Neighborhood Liaison Committee will be meeting soon with alders Brian Solomon and Julia Kerr, a member of the DMNA Zoning Committee and the project architect from Potter Lawson. Open neighborhood meetings will follow. For questions prior to the neighborhood meetings, please contact Shawn Schey at 238-7937. (Shawn Schey, Edgewood Liaison Committee)

From Bistro to jacs

jacs is replacing the Monroe Street Bistro in the 2600 block of Monroe Street. Two of the four Bistro owners remain with the new restaurant. They plan "a new menu, a new attitude, and a new philosophy" and "will be embracing our neighborhood, our neighborhood families, and

look forward to a longstanding relationship." Rebecca Mergen is the general manager and Krista Warshauer the executive chef. Both were Bistro employees.

New at Monroe Street Library

Reopening September 8th after being closed for major remodeling, the Monroe Street Branch Library is transformed. Stop by to enjoy the results of repainting, a revised floor plan, new furniture, shelving, and a new service desk. Enhancing services will be additional computers, self service hold shelves, more seating and better access to the activity room.

Dentist Office on Monroe St.

Benjamin Farrow, a DMNA resident, plans to open Monroe Street Family Dental at 2702 Monroe St. in early November. Welcome to the neighborhood, Dr. Farrow.

Open Art Studios

Madison Area Open Art Studios is an opportunity to glimpse into artists' studios, see how an artist works, and visit a gallery all in one. On October 17 and 18 artists all over the city will open their studios for viewing, sales and sometimes artmaking while you watch. DMNA artists participating include Rachel Durfee on Woodrow and Kathryn Lederhause on Gregory. For more information go to www.maoas.com

Parks Committee Update

By Dina Corigliano, Parks Committee Co-chair

The Glenwood Children's Park continues to look better and better with each season. We had a great turn out for the 2nd Annual Weed Feed and other spring work parties and lots of fun at the Solstice Bonfire. Thanks to all the volunteers, we have significantly reduced the amount of garlic mustard and other understory invasives, mulched the path into the park and the playground, planted two new trees, cleaned up the rose garden area, and planted lots of native plants throughout the park. The Parks Committee is currently working to complete the management plan that is being funded by the Wisconsin DNR Urban Forestry Grant.

Take advantage of this local opportunity to serve!

**Glenwood Children's Park
Saturday Work Parties
Glenway & the SW Bike Path
at the Kiosk
9 AM to Noon
September 19, October 17,
November 14**

We have scheduled three workday events for this fall to remove smaller, invasive trees and shrubs, cut up and pile wood from downed trees, and prune existing desirable trees. Your volunteer efforts entitle you to take home free firewood! Please bring your own loppers, pruners or tree saw if you have sharp ones. And please be sure to bring work gloves and wear long pants. Children are welcome, but should be old enough to work on their own or under the direction of an adult. Please contact Dina Corigliano at 238-1062 with questions.

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Jazz in the Park Huge Success!

(How to Say Thank You?)

For those of us that have come to expect the wonderful Jazz in the Park event to happen, I don't think we really know just how much work and planning goes into making it such a huge success! Let's start with thanking:

- Beth Tryon and Ted Petith (Beth, entertainment chair, who books the bands. Ted, fundraising chair, whose work makes it financially possible for the event to happen.)
- Tyler Leeper (Layout of poster, collected sponsor names for advertising, worked closely learning the "business"

with Ted and Beth.)

- Jane Riley (Assisted with the Lake Wingra cleanup and got park and event permits.)
- Billy Larimore (Announcer, coordinated the set up of tents, bands, traffic, tables, and helped with fundraising.)
- Debi Leeper (Coordinated the fire truck, neighborhood team signs, got T-shirts, helped orchestrate.)
- Kristin Branch (Coordinated and orchestrated the Lake Wingra Cleanup with sponsorship from Friends of Lake

Wingra.)

- Kathy Engebretsen (Coordinated the children's events, helped with T-shirts and publicity.)
- Matt Powers (Donated his T-shirt design)
- Bruce Winkler (Helped set up; dragged picnic tables around with his SUV.)
- Janet Niewold (Helped sell T-shirts.)

Jazz in the Park would not happen without the generous support of: Laurel Tavern, Orange Tree Imports, Monroe Street Bistro, State Farm Insurance: Agent Aaron Perry, J. Michael Real Estate, MG&E, Mallat Pharmacy, Borokhim Carpets, Parman's Service, MadCat Supplies, A Stone's Throw, Happy Heating and Air Conditioning, Michael's Frozen Custard, Monroe Street Fine Arts Center, Restaino & Associates, Mickies Dairy Bar, Wingra Boats.

It is crucial for a DMNA sponsored event such as Jazz in the Park to have a group of volunteers to make it happen! Please think about volunteering for next year's event by checking the Jazz in the Park volunteer option on this year's membership drive sheet!

Early Times in the DMNA

When European settlement came to southern Wisconsin in the second quarter of the nineteenth century, our neighborhood was an undisturbed oak savanna on the Lake Wingra shore. An oak savanna was a transition zone between prairie and forest characterized by scattered oak trees surrounded by prairie and maintained by periodic fires that only the oaks and prairie plants could withstand.

It was on the path of Monroe Road, the first public road designated by the territorial legislature in 1838, and the precursor for Monroe St. The road was named for the town of Monroe, Wisconsin, on its route, although it followed Native American trails as far south as Freeport, Illinois.

By the 1850's, our first substantial build-

ing, the Plough Inn, was opened at what is now Monroe and Copeland to serve thirsty, tired travelers and their horses on their way to and from the state capitol. Its nickname, "Plough in, stagger out," tells us that humans were being served more than the water from nearby springs. The inn was named for the ploughs it sold to the increasing numbers of settlers who found the oak savanna as suited to farming as the Native Americans (who intentionally set savanna fires) had. The Monroe Road became a shopping center for nearby farmers and for those living further south and west, with feed and hardware stores eventually joining the plow concession.

--adapted from Past and Present, a History of the Dudgeon-Monroe Neighborhood and Association

S'Mores & Solstice Great Mix

On the same evening as Jazz in the Park was another DMNA tradition, the Solstice Bonfire at the Council Ring in the Glenwood Children's Park. Dina Corigliano, Margaret Nelson, Roland Rueckert, and Peter Nause were all important volunteers that helped make this event happen.

Dina Corigliano reported that the kids had a great time exploring and playing in the park until it was time for more s'mores at the fire. It's an event that parents and children both love! Thanks everyone!

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Libraries: As you know, there is a proposal to create a new central library downtown. I believe a new central library would be an incredible addition to our city, something we could all cherish. But I am extremely concerned about the cost given the current budget situation and about investing too much in a central library. I believe we need a flagship central branch, but not at the expense of neighborhood branches like Monroe St. The Monroe St. Library League is raising money for our local branch remodeling. Give what you can to support our local library.

Parking: Parking rates went up this spring, which I supported because we'd already raised Madison Metro fares.

- New "P" signs were installed last month indicating public parking in the Monroe Commons and the Library – the first time Madison has used environmentally efficient LED lights.

- Monroe meter rates went from \$.50 to \$1.00 per hour – a bargain compared to the rest of the city.
- Looking into changing time limit on meters in Monroe Commons from 2 hours to 1 hour. I think the reasons are outweighed by the benefits two hour parking will offer to Monroe St. Merchants for customers to park, shop at TJ's, and then shop along Monroe Street.

Plastic Bag Recycling: I co-sponsored an ordinance to forbid the disposal of plastic bags in the city. A city-wide recycling program made the most sense. Our streets department is planning for recycling centers. Madison uses about 75 million plastic bags per year with only 6% recycled.

Excerpts from Brian Solomon's July Update. Contact Brian, briansolomon@charter.net to get monthly updates.

Thanks Area Representatives!

A big thank you to our faithful Area Reps who coordinate the Membership Drive with your Block Captains and distribute the Hornblowers quarterly to the Block Captains!

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