

## DMNA Membership Drive, 2011

Linda McQuillen and Jane Albert, Membership Committee

It's that time of year again—Labor Day, Back-to-School, and the DMNA Membership Drive! Block Captains will be knocking on doors in September and October with the goal of returning all materials by Halloween. They will be asking for your \$7 dues, your capital fund contribution, and your willingness to volunteer.

Your annual dues support most of the projects that the DMNA undertakes, including most of the committee work and neighborhood improvement projects.

Your capital fund contribution this year will go toward a new project in the Glenwood Children's Park—a tool storage facility. There is detailed information on the insert and on a flier Block Captains are distributing.

Also included in the flier is information about volunteer opportunities. As people's lives change, their availability to fill these roles changes, and vacancies develop. The DMNA needs your help now to fill some important positions on standing committees and on committees that run

annual events—the 4th of July Children's Parade, Jazz in the Park, and the Lake Wingra Cleanup. We also have vacancies on the DMNA Council. Please consider whether you can help in some way toward the work of keeping our neighborhood the best neighborhood in the city!

Look for and welcome your Block Captain sometime before the membership drive ends on Halloween.

## Dancin' Barefoot in the Park

By Karen Redfield

The 20th Jazz in the Park was a rousing success, from the Edge-wood College Jazz Ensemble's first song, Count Basie's "Shiny Stockings," through the Tony Castaneda Latin Jazz Sextet's smooth Latin jazz, to Madisalsa's last irresistible invitation to dance, "Baila Que Baila" (Dance, Dance!). Over 1,000 neighbors and friends participated in the events of the day: the Wingra Lake clean up, the log rolling and stand up paddle boarding, the arts and crafts activities,

and the chance to sit in a shiny Madison Fire Department fire truck. Tyler Leeper, chair of the DMNA Jazz in the Park Committee, said that if he had to summarize the day in one word, it would be "Dancing!" By the end of the evening Leeper estimated that over 200 people, "the young and young at heart," were dancing with their shoes off. Many children were somersaulting and hula-hooping, as well. Intel-lasound Productions did an exceptional job in



"Dancing to the Jazz" photo by Daryl K. Sherman

## 38 Years By Foot, Now By Mail

By Ann Clark

This issue of the DMNA Hornblower is coming to you by U.S. mail rather than on traditional foot. Our printer will now do the mailing work for a small fee.

We wish to thank our many, many volunteer block captains who faithfully delivered the newsletter door-to-door over the last 38 years. They can finally heave a collective sigh of relief and put up their aching feet. You will now see them once a year for the door-to-door membership drive.

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## **Jazz in the Park** *continued*

enhancing the lively sounds and rhythms of all the talented jazz ensembles.

Many thanks are due to all who made this day possible including the DMNA Jazz in the Park Committee: Billy Larimore, Rob Fisher, Susana Rasmussen, Kevin Julka, Shawn Weiler, Anita Turner, Terri Bleck, Summer Leeper, Debi Leeper, and Tyler Leeper. Thanks also to the Friends of

Lake Wingra and the 50 volunteers who joined Jim Lorman, Judi Dilks, Rex Merrill, and Eric Jacobsen in lake clean up.

Though DMNA membership dues provide a large contribution to JIP, the event could not take place without the generosity of neighborhood businesses. The Laurel Tavern again sponsored the headlining band, Madisalsa. Gold

Sponsors this year were MG&E, Orange Tree, Taste of India, Jacs, Pizza Bruta, Mary Jo Croake—Restaino on Monroe, Zander's Interiors, Mallatt Pharmacy, Bluephies, Lake View Veterinary Clinic, and Brasserie V. Silver Sponsors were

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**Horns with Tony Casteneda. Photo by Daryl K. Sherman**

Daryl Sherman, Linda McQuillen, and Jane Albert who staffed the DMNA booth.

Next year's Jazz in the Park is scheduled for June 16. If you didn't dance barefoot this year, I would highly recommend next year!

## **Hornblower News** *continued*

shortly after the organization came into existence. It was "run off" by volunteers on the Wingra School ditto machine, notorious for depositing purple goo all over the person turning the crank.

It was titled "dudgeon area news" and invited residents to a general meeting of association members. The campaign to save Dudgeon Elementary School, a precipitating cause for the association, had by this time morphed into efforts to rent all the school space to nonprofits, as we learned that there just weren't enough children in the neighborhood to fill the school. An article introduced

8 child-centered tenants to the neighborhood, Wingra School among them. Alder and county supervisor news was already included, and organizers were asking for input about an earlier effort to improve the long-neglected Jens Jensen Glenwood Children's Park.

So began the decades-long effort to enrich our neighborhood. The newsletter may arrive by a new avenue, but it will continue to chronicle all the DMNA work to improve our quality of life and the many issues and events affecting our beloved neighborhood. Enjoy!

# Glenwood Children's Park Stormy History

By Peter Nause, Parks and Gardens Chair

Hornblower readers may recall the Hspring newsletter carried an article about a city stormwater project starting at Glenwood Children's Park's south end, "Park Sinkhole Unearths Local History". The article described some aspects of the park's history in terms of engineering to control urban run-off and flooding in the early 1970's. This was just before Glenwood was recognized as a Madison Landmark.

In 1972, a mounded detention berm with large catch basin was built at the south end of the park as part of a stormwater system. Originally, the south end of Glenwood had been intended to be the main (and perhaps the only) park entrance, according to Landscape Architect Jens Jensen's design. Jensen envisioned visitors being greeted by a sunny opening amongst the darker backdrop of forest called the "Rose Meadow," with drifts of roses and highlighted smaller individual hawthorns and crabapples. Jensen's Plan shows the actual park entry from the

street to be more enclosed with plantings and large boulders before the sunny expanse of the Rose Meadow opened up before you inviting exploration. When the 1972 detention berm was installed, roses and three hawthorns were planted, no doubt with Jensen in mind.

The 2011 stormwater project originally sought to strip the berm of the many weeds and roses for easier lawn maintenance. An agreement between City Engineering and DMNA Parks Committee was to allow a budget for landscape plantings in a manner emulating Jensen's naturalistic style instead. Other objectives were to remove invasive trees, protect the hawthorns and salvage roses for replanting.

Tragically, the contractor who was awarded the stormwater project failed to protect two 40-year-old hawthorns or carry out the rose salvage when the work was done in May. City Forestry has assessed the trees' "liquidated damages" and replacement of the hawthorns and costs for the roses. The good news

is roses are being propagated from the survivors and a Landscape Plan of native perennials is in City hands to be planted this fall. Copies of Jensen's original plan and the proposed berm area Landscape Plan can be seen at [www.dmna.org](http://www.dmna.org)

## WINTER SOLSTICE BONFIRE

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Oh, and did I mention sledding (if global warming allows us good snow)!

Help us on the Parks Committee make this traditional event the best yet! See you there—at Glenwood Children's Park!

## Sis! Boom! Splash!

By Mary Erdman

This year's fantastic July 4th parade and celebration (organized by Sarah Affeldt and Kristi Stanton) included bike decorating, games, food, and a fire engine! Children decked out their bikes, trikes, scooters, big wheels, and even doll strollers in the Michael's Custard parking lot, then marched on to Wingra Park for food and games.

At the park, kids enjoyed water balloons (thanks to John Stanton), bubble wands, face painting (bravo! to Nell Williamson, age 12), hula hooping and lawn games (courtesy

of Nell's mom, Amy, and sister Maya, age 9), and splashing through the water from a hose supplied by the Madison Fire Department's Engine 42 crew!

Parading, playing, and splashing makes kids hungry and thirsty. Many thanks to Michael's Custard for their custard, Trader Joe's for juice boxes, and Pasqual's for salsa and chips. Hats off to Brooke Kellor, Nancy Hart Hernandez, Jane Albert, and Elspeth Mungall for hanging the Mango Girl Designs poster advertising the event around our neighborhood.



Ready to Roll, photo by Lindy Anderson

Our Dudgeon-Monroe Neighborhood July 4th celebration is growing! Sarah Affeldt and Kristi Stanton have some great ideas for making this event a tradition for years to come. Please consider being part of that by volunteering to help out next year. Sis Boom Splash and Hurrah!

## Volunteer Appreciation Night

Please join us to thank our wonderful volunteers in Edgewood's Regina Hall, Washburn Room, Wednesday, October 19, 7-9 p.m. for treats and beverages. Everyone welcome. See you there!



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# October Gallery Night

By Karen Redfield

The Madison Museum of Contemporary Art sponsors two gallery nights, one in spring and one in fall, at galleries around Madison. The goal of Gallery Night is to "get people out and about and thinking about art in town," explains Brian Farrell of Milward Farrell Fine Art. We are fortunate to have so much art in our neighborhood and so many galleries open on Friday, October 14, from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. If you haven't been in these fine galleries, this would be a most enjoyable way to check them out. Some of the galleries listed here are also having receptions with light refreshments.

For more information, check the gallery websites given below or [mmoca.org](http://mmoca.org). Let the art lover in you come out to play!

Grace Chosy Gallery

1825 Monroe Street

Works by Sarah Budensieck and Mai Win Schantz: paintings, oil on aluminum, landscapes and abstracts.

[gracechosygallery.com](http://gracechosygallery.com)

Macha Teahouse + Gallery

1934 Monroe Street

Works by local and regional artists in a variety of mediums.

[machateahouse.com](http://machateahouse.com)

DeRicci Gallery Edgewood College

1000 Edgewood College Drive

Exhibit by Zach Medler, "County Fair": ceramics with relief printing.

[artedgewood.edu](http://artedgewood.edu)

Milward Farrell Fine Art

2701 Monroe Street, Suite 200

Eclectic mix of paintings, prints, glass, ceramics, and jewelry.

[milwardfarrellfineart.com](http://milwardfarrellfineart.com)

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[monroestreetfamilydental.com](http://monroestreetfamilydental.com)

## County Supervisor Jeremy Levin Reports

**A**n update on this year's state budget and the Income Maintenance Program: the potential loss of millions to Dane County Income Maintenance and 70 county jobs was altered to allow Dane County to form a consortium with other counties and continue to provide local services to residents eligible for economic assistance programs and significantly reduce the loss of funds and jobs for the County.

The County starts the budget process in the fall, and this year appears even tougher than the last few. Because the state has imposed a levy limit, which allows a levy increase equal to the greater of zero percent or the increase in equalized value due to net new construction, Dane County might have a little bit of flexibility since we have reduced our

debt service. But it will be difficult to continue providing services to our needy residents in the tough economy.

Finally, the new decennial reapportionment of the supervisory districts has been passed by the Board. I am sad to say that the new districts for the 2012 spring election have removed DMNA from the 10th District, which will join the Vilas and Greenbush neighborhoods in the new 13th District, currently represented by Chuck Erickson. I have been honored to represent DMNA for the last three years and will continue to do so until the next election.

Please feel free to contact me at [levin.jeremy@co.dane.wi.us](mailto:levin.jeremy@co.dane.wi.us) or call me at 577-9335 with questions and concerns.

# Mural: From Slab to Fab

By Dorrie Sundquist

It all began with a slab.

Not a slab of beef or a slab of cheese, but a slab of concrete inexplicably nestled against the steps at the Prospect Avenue bike crossing. The DMNA Parks and Gardens Committee had worked with the Regent Community Association to beautify the crossing, but still there was the slab. That's when I got involved. "I envision a mural there," I mentioned to fellow enthusiasts, who took the idea and ran with it. The next thing I knew, the city had approved the project and the responsibility fell on me to transform the slab into public art.

The creative stages the mural went through were many. I had recruited some

assistance from Barbara Drews' West High art class. Anna Sumi, a rising junior, stepped up to the challenge, vetoing my elaborate ideas. "Too complicated," was the reasoning. "The space needs something that can catch the eye of passers-by."

She created the funky stencils now adorning the ramps. With the help of friends and neighbors, we painted the base color and the figures including a walker, a biker, a skateboarder, and a dog walker. Anna still has a stencil of a roller-blader and a few others to add.

The next step was to use the slab to tie the mural together. I remember someone suggesting painting a bike. Thank goodness I found an old bike in someone's trash. I took it apart, beginning by flattening the wheel to use as a template. The fenders, seat, pedals, handlebars and frame were all put on separately to serve as guides. I outlined the parts in white, then came back, fine-tuned with color. People going by on the path would yell words of encouragement like "Thanks!" and "Looks great!"

Pending approval, we hope to paint two other ramps at Virginia Terrace and Harrison. I consider the Prospect Avenue mural a good start and somewhat of a radical move for our neighborhood. I wouldn't mind if it is changed next summer. At the very least, we proved that it could be done.

## Football Saturday on Gregory Street

By Shawn Schey

Wind gentle enough  
for the cottons of June,  
amber light pours through  
the Glenway ravine, flavors  
bright songs of children playing,  
an orange cat chasing through grass.  
This tawny day  
etches itself into collective memory,  
a quilt we'll pull chinwards when winter  
numbs, a patchwork of spangled  
maple blaze, cinnamon suede,  
sweet Cortland crunch.

Our thanks to Shawn Schey for so perfectly capturing one of our neighborhood's autumn events. Please consider sending us a piece for the next edition. It does not have to be poetry; it can be a short story or reflection. Check [www.dmna.org](http://www.dmna.org) under Newsletter for Guidelines. Deadline for the Winter Issue is October 20.

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# Neighborhood News Briefs

## Wingra Orchard: Help, Then Harvest!

Wingra Park's Orchard Garden will soon provide tasty heritage tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers and onions. Produce is available for picking by the public. Since we depend on volunteers to weed, water and maintain the site, we encourage anyone who plans to share in the harvest to pitch in and help either at a scheduled work party or individually. To borrow tools, call Percy at 233-1955.

## Keep Leaves Out of Streets!

With fall comes the reminder to keep leaves out of our streets so they do not wash "leaf tea" into Lake Wingra. Help reduce phosphorus and algae in Lake Wingra. Place your leaves in compostable or open plastic bags or under a tarp for city pickup or compost them yourself. For information check: [cityofmadison.com/streets/yardWaste/leaf/](http://cityofmadison.com/streets/yardWaste/leaf/)

## Monroe Street Festival

The Monroe Street Festival will be held Saturday, September 17, from 10:00 to 5:00. Sponsored by the Monroe Street Merchants Association, the festival runs the entire length of the street. Find bargains from merchants and activities for the whole family. See [www.monroestreetmadison.com](http://www.monroestreetmadison.com)

## Monroe Street Library Book Sale

Drop in to buy used books, DVD's or CD's at the Monroe Street Library League Book Sale on Saturday, September 17, 9:30-4:00. You are welcome to donate gently used books, DVD's and

CD's at the library before the book sale. Support your local library!

## Tile Art Moves

On August 1 Tile Art moved from its Monroe Street location to a new location at 849 East Washington. We wish them well in their new home.

## Eyeopia Coming

Eyeopia is planning to open in late fall at 1719 Monroe Street, the previous site of Tile Art. According to manager Stella Aniszewski, "We are an independently owned and operated, full service optical boutique representing exclusive lines and specializing in personalized eyewear selection. We also provide excellent comprehensive eyecare and contact lens services." Welcome!

## Brocach Opening

Brocach Irish Pub plans to open at its new location, 1843 Monroe Street, by the end of October, according to co-owner Cliff McDonald. This is their third location in Madison. Welcome to Monroe Street!

## Restaurant "Expansion" to Sequoya

Bluephies owners have announced they are opening a new restaurant, Luigis, in the Sequoya Commons in September. Bluephies manager and executive chef, Bill Horzuesky, and his wife Melanie are opening the new restaurant and would like to introduce Luigis to everyone in the neighborhood. They wish to thank the neighborhood for its support over the years. Good luck, but not farewell, Bill and Melanie.

## Voter ID Update

City Clerk websites outline changes to Wisconsin Election Laws. Beginning in 2012 you will need Photo Identification (Wisconsin driver's license, Wisconsin DOT-issued photo ID, current US passport, current photo ID issued by a WI college) and you will need to sign the poll book. Absentee voting at the City Clerk's Office will be for 2 weeks before an election, through the Friday before the election. Requests for absentee ballots by mail or email or at the City Clerk's office must include photo ID. To register at a new polling location if you have moved, you must reside at the current address for 28 days.

Details are on these City websites: <http://www.cityofmadison.com/clerk/documents/NewElectionLawsBrochure07.20.2011.pdf>

[http://www.cityofmadison.com/election/documents/VotingBrochure\\_000.pdf](http://www.cityofmadison.com/election/documents/VotingBrochure_000.pdf)

<http://www.cityofmadison.com/election/documents/ObtaininganIDCardtoVote.pdf>

## Free Little Libraries in DMNA!

You may have noticed tiny houses popping up here and there that are actually Little Free Libraries, the brainchild of Todd Rol and Rick Brooks. Outside of homes and businesses, these wonderful structures encourage passers-by to take a book or leave a book. You or your organization can be a sponsor, steward, or owner of your own Little Free Library, too! See a permanent one at Monroe Street Dental at 2702 Monroe Street and another at 1901

Madison Street. Find out more at <http://www.littlefreelibrary.org>

## Award to Friends of Lake Wingra

The Friends of Lake Wingra was honored with the 2011 Lake Stewardship Award by the Wisconsin Lakes Partnership. The award was presented in recognition that the Friends of Lake Wingra carries out its mission "to promote a healthy Lake Wingra through an active watershed community" solely with volunteers. Congratulations.



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# Our Neighborhood Library: A History

By Barbara Widder, History Committee Chair

From its humble beginnings in 1944, with a collection of only 500 volumes, the Monroe Street Library has been listed among the top ten reasons people like living in the Dudgeon-Monroe Neighborhood.

The first extension of the Madison city library on the west side, it opened at 2606 Monroe Street in rented headquarters. The branch shared a stairway with a bakery leading to the basement. Librarians could see pies being baked when they went to the basement to use the bathroom! Experimental in both hours and location, it was named "the Guinea Pig," city librarian Helen Farr told *The Capital Times* when it opened. "We have been using this branch experimentally to find out which hours are best for our borrowers, whether a location in a business area is better for adult service than in a school building, whether cooperative buying of books for all branches is practical, and the answers to a number of other questions which can help us give better service throughout the library system." The experiment was quickly shown to be successful, and by 1956 the Monroe Street Library was the fastest growing branch of the city's library system.

In 1962, the Library Board made an exception to its policy of renting branch quarters and built the present library on the site of a Zesto ice cream stand at 1705 Monroe Street. At least three times over the years the library has been threatened with closure, the most recent being in 2009. Each time, neighborhood activists and others have successfully defended it.

In 1979 they formed a friends' group

that reorganized in 1983 as the Monroe Street Library League. The current board, chaired by Orange Schroeder, is made up of several dedicated individuals who continue to look out for our neighborhood's best interests. They are a group of civic-minded volunteers who

work to support the branch with contributions and the proceeds from used book sales held several times a year.

Stop in soon, if you haven't seen the recent remodeling efforts, and enjoy one of the many onsite programs that continue to make this such a successful library.

## A Jewel in Dudgeon's Crown

By Shawn Schey, Park and Pleasure Drive Chair

If you haven't discovered it yet, check out the wooded lane that runs through the southern edge of the Edgewood campus close to the northern shore of Lake Wingra. The Madison Parks and Pleasure Drive Association, incorporated in 1894, was granted an easement from the Dominican Sisterhood of Sinsinawa for a road connecting Vilas Park to Woodrow Street. The road, a slightly-winding tree-shaded lane, was constructed in 1904 to provide a place to enjoy nature by bicycle, horse and carriage, or on foot. However, the advent of the automobile in the early 1900's gradually eroded this peaceful oasis.

In 2007, the Friends of the Park & Pleasure Drive Committee comprised of residents from Dudgeon-Monroe, Vilas, and Greenbush neighborhoods, with the support of Edgewood, Inc. and other prominent statewide organizations, successfully persuaded the City of Madison Parks Commission to close it to drive-through car traffic.

The same year, Edgewood College received a \$30,000 grant from the Madison Community Foundation to build a system of boardwalks in the marsh off the

shore of Lake Wingra. Faculty, staff and students from the Edgewood community as well as volunteers from the neighborhood donated their time and labor, led by Ken Jewell, Tim Andrews, and Denis Collins. As well, trails through the woods between the road and the lake were formalized, the edges lined, and wood chips packed in to prevent erosion.

In 2010, Edgewood College received a \$10,000 grant from the Department of Natural Resources to buy 1,000 trees and shrubs. Hundreds of volunteers from the entire campus, the Pack 8 Cub Scouts, and neighborhood residents planted viburnum shrubs, dogwood, multiple kinds of oak, red maple and ironwood trees.

So, take your pick for how you might like to enjoy this serene space! There's the rustic road, a trail to hike, or boardwalks to carry you out over the water. For anyone wishing to read more about the history of this area (which is loaded with Native American mounds, wildflowers and over 60 kinds of birds migrating through in May), contact Shawn Schey at 238-7937 for a brochure



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# Parman Place Moves Ahead

By Aileen Nettleton

The Parman Place development plans and rezoning request passed the City Council in August, with revisions made in response to input from both nearby neighbors from the Dudgeon neighborhood and from the Urban Design Commission. "The developers responded to the input received at neighborhood meetings in most of the ways that I think concerned neighbors wanted. They reduced the building to 3 floors from the original 4, resulting in 18 rental units instead of 22. I think the project has worked out nicely," according to Ken Golden, DMNA Planning and Zoning Chair, who has followed the project closely by attending one of the neighborhood meetings called by Alderman Solomon and city meetings to monitor the project.

The project at 3502 Monroe Street will be a new mixed-use building with commercial space on the ground floor and 18 one and two-bedroom dwelling units on the two floors above. The second and third floors will be slightly stepped in from

the first level at the rear of the building. A rooftop terrace will be surrounded by a green roof area to slow stormwater runoff from the site. Vehicle access to the building will be via a rear access driveway from Wyota Court with a small 9-stall parking area for customers, largely tucked under the upper stories of the building. Underground parking of 18 stalls and 14 bicycle stalls will be for residents. Additional bicycle stalls will serve visitors. The full report of the City Plan Commission can be found at [www.dmna.org](http://www.dmna.org).

Thanks to all neighbors who participated sharing concerns in the spring meetings at Edgewood, to Alder Brian Solomon for conducting the two meetings, to DMNA Planning and Zoning Chair Ken Golden for monitoring the project and to the Parman Place developers for listening to neighbors and making modifications. Thanks, too, and good wishes to Keith and Junior Parman's son, Gary, for their years of service to the neighborhood.

## Alder Brian Solomon Reports

### Redistricting

Our redistricting plan is set to go into effect later this year. I'd no longer be alder for Dudgeon Monroe, but would still be alder for Nakoma, Summit Woods, Dunns Marsh and Allied. I'd also pick up Orchard Ridge and Midvale Heights. I authored an amendment that would instead make redistricting effective upon the next aldermanic election, which is in April 2013. That amendment failed 18-1. And you thought the state redistricting plan had a monopoly on excitement! Stay tuned...

### Monroe Street Farmer's Market

Start buying organic local produce right in our neighborhood at Edgewood Campus on Wednesday evenings! See <http://www.seedbyseed.com/>.

### Budget and Community Conversations

This will be the most difficult budget year in decades. Revenue is down and the new state budget hammers communities like Madison. Mayor Soglin is being

very aggressive and I believe very reasonable in looking under every stone and trying to zero in on a budget that protects vital services and holds the line on taxes.

### Development Updates.

- **Parmans:** Working through city committee process but development team also continues to hear comments and ideas from neighbors. (Written before City Council approval)
- **HotelRed:** Good progress and new management team is hoping to open sometime this August.
- **Edgewood Visual and Theatre Arts Center:** <http://www.edgewood.edu/aboutEC/pdf/July2011.pdf>.

### Bike Sharing

Monroe Street and our area is a key part of the new b-cycle program. I'm proud to have supported this program and really hope it continues to grow. To learn more (including stations by the stadium, by Trader Joes, and by Vilas), check out: <http://madison.bcycle.com/>.


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# Meet Our School Crossing Guards

by Linell Davis

For a couple of hours on school days, they tame the traffic on Monroe Street. They create, model, teach and even enforce safety. If you take the time to look beyond their yellow vests, you will find that each has a story to tell and a philosophy for the job.

Russell at Edgewood Street is the king of repartee. When he retired three years ago, he moved to Madison to be near his sister. Now he invents nicknames for the children. Three girls are Charlie's Angels and three brothers are The Engine, The Coal Car, and The Caboose. He likes meeting all kinds of people: joggers, cyclists, moms pushing strollers, teachers, and students from Edgewood. He has been known to step onto the street so precisely that joggers do not need to break their stride.

With seven years' service, Pete at Spooner Street has witnessed changes in traffic patterns and driving practices. He says that more children walk to school now than seven years ago, suggesting that more parents feel it is safe. He attributes this to a slowing of traffic since Trader Joe's brought more pedestrians to the street. Pete has his own ways for getting to know the children. He puts out sidewalk chalk because, he says, children usually begin their art work by writing their names.

Lucas at Odana Road and Crystal

at Glenway Street serve Thoreau and Wingra schools. Lucas recalls that as a boy he envied kids who enjoyed the services of a crossing guard. When he



**Pete at Spooner Street. Photo by Al Nettleton.**

started a home-based business, he realized that it was his opportunity to do the job himself. Crystal is retired and finds that the job creates structure for her day. Both are new to the job and look to their colleagues further up the street and to Patti Knoche, westside supervisor, for guidance. Patti Knoche introduced the practice of spray painting red lines on the sidewalk to show children where to stand when waiting to cross. She visits the guards regularly, spray can in hand, to refresh the lines. To her, "The crossing guards are the

best." And we agree.

-Interviews from May 2011

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Saturday, September 17  
MONROE STREET FESTIVAL  
10:00-5:00

Friday, October 14  
GALLERY WALK NIGHT  
5:00-9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 19  
VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION  
NIGHT  
7:00-9:00 p.m.  
Edgewood's Regina Hall, Wash-  
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DMNA COUNCIL MEETINGS  
Wednesdays October 5, November  
2, December 7  
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# DMNA Volunteer Opportunities

*These committees meet throughout the year and need assistance:*

## **BIKE & PEDESTRIAN PATHS**

Join others who weed and plant along the southwest bike path. The committee works on the third Saturday of spring and summer to reduce the number of invasive plants and establish native alternatives. Solo gardeners are also needed.

## **HISTORY OF DMNA**

This committee attends to the archives of the DMNA and records and shares neighborhood photographs, events, stories, and developments.

## **HORNBLOWER**

This committee produces the newsletter quarterly. Volunteers are needed to plan and write articles.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Serve as Block Captain when vacancies exist or help prepare the materials for the annual membership drive to solicit membership data and collect funds.

## **NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

Participate as an at-large member of the DMNA Council. There are vacancies for those who can commit to monthly meetings and help with at least one DMNA project.

## **PARKS & GARDENS**

Work with management & plan alternatives to preserve and enhance neighborhood park, gardens, and green spaces, including the Glenwood Children's Park.

## **PLANNING & ZONING**

Address current zoning and development issues, plan their best outcomes, and advise the DMNA Council about them. This committee represents the neighborhood at city boards and commissions after consultation with the council.

## **SOCIAL EVENTS**

Help foster neighborhood building with special DMNA social events: winter wine tasting, spring pie and ice cream social, summer children's bike parade, and fall volunteer recognition. Develop new events and help organize regular events.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

Help monitor traffic patterns; anticipate and plan for changes resulting from development; work with residents and city staff on problems and solutions; raise awareness of regulations protecting pedestrians and bicyclists; help calm traffic in the neighborhood.

## **WEBSITE**

Webmasters and website reporters and editors are needed who can help keep the website current with articles about the neighborhood.

*As their popularity and participation grows, larger numbers of volunteers are needed to plan and manage these annual summer events:*

**CHILDREN'S 4<sup>th</sup> OF JULY PARADE**

**JAZZ IN THE PARK June 16**

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Please consider how you can contribute to the activities that help make our neighborhood strong, then sign up on your membership form or email [lmcquillen@gmail.com](mailto:lmcquillen@gmail.com) with your contact information and area of interest.

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## **CAPITAL FUND DESIGNATION 2011-2012**

The Glenwood Children's Park is one of the gems in the Dudgeon-Monroe Neighborhood. Primarily volunteers through the DMNA Parks and Gardens Committee maintain this small but historic park, a designated city landmark. The Southwest Bike and Pedestrian path that forms one border of our neighborhood is also maintained by volunteers. The city of Madison mows much of the green space in both of these areas, but volunteers do all of the rest of the work.

All of this work requires the use of tools and equipment that must be hauled to the park by the volunteers for each work session. There is a need for a storage facility at the park. The capital drive this year will focus on raising money for such a facility.

The DMNA Parks and Gardens and Bike and Pedestrian Path committees will ensure that whatever form this facility takes, it has the full approval of the city and is compliant with all regulations. Many options will be explored, from a simple movable tool storage facility to a fully equipped solar powered building housing storage, compostable toilets and information kiosk.

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