

Why We Volunteer

By Linell Davis, Hornblower Committee

“We do it for the cookies,” joke some of the workers at the Glenway prairie, because Sandy Stark regularly provides oatmeal chocolate chip cookies from the Hilldale Farmers’ Market at work parties. Those working at the Prospect Gardens are similarly rewarded with treats. As they enjoy their snacks, volunteers gain another benefit. They are getting to know their neighbors.

As neighbors work and chat, they are learning from one another to identify invasives and to appreciate native plants. Digging in the soil they are strengthening their sense of place, their feeling of belonging. They are experiencing seasonal changes and having the satisfaction of seeing plants grow and prosper. With their work, they are creating order out of chaos and seeing improvements over time.

On his blog Jake Blaczyk says that “cultivating and tending a garden is a form of meditation.”



Volunteer Susan Pope planting on the newly stabilized east slope in Glenwood Children’s Park.
Photo by Linell Davis

(<http://gardensprospect.blogspot.com>). Pulling weeds provides a strong focus that drives out distractions and relieves stress. But when you look up it is nice to hear shouts of appreciation from passersby thanking you for your work. Jake Blaczyk takes the appreciation a step further by featuring volunteers on his blog as does the Parks and Gardens Committee on the Facebook page for Glenwood Children’s Park (<http://www.facebook.com/Glenwood-Childrens-Park-Madison-WI>).

Some people work on our neighborhood green spaces because they have downsized from house to condo or apartment. Without a garden of his own John Tortorice has enjoyed working in the Wingra Park orchard garden. Others come because they are part of a group that has volunteered. Glenwood Children’s Park has benefited from work by scout troops, Wingra School, Badger Volunteers, Friends of Lake Wingra and others over the years.

Let’s not forget the harvest. In April residents have collected garlic mustard, nettles and other spring greens and shared their culinary creations at the annual weed feed at Glenwood. The Wingra Park orchard garden offers cherries, tomatoes, kale, garlic, strawberries and cut flowers. At Prospect Garden you will find strawberries and rhubarb.

People tend to work on a green space close to home. Whatever space you choose, make it a New Year’s resolution to volunteer this coming year. You will be rewarded with much more than cookies.

Winter Solstice Celebration

Come to the annual Winter Solstice bonfire in the council ring at Glenwood Children’s Park on

Thursday, December 21 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

DMNA will provide firewood, hot cider, s’mores and pathway candle lighting. Bring your own mug to reduce the need for disposable cups.





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President's Message

By David Hoffert

My primary vehicle is a Nissan Leaf. I love the car and how it enables me to live my environmental values, but I can't deny that its suspension is tuned to make you feel every bump in the road. I'm pleased to report that most of the streets in Madison are surprisingly smooth; but every time I drive on Monroe Street, my teeth literally chatter.

It is with this frame of mind that I approach the upcoming Monroe Street reconstruction, which will likely have begun by the time the next issue of the Hornblower reaches your mailbox. Having our neighborhood's main thoroughfare torn up for eight or so months will be a major headache for all of us, and especially for those of us who live directly on Monroe Street, as I do. But if that's what it takes to keep my body from shaking every time I drive to work, I'm all in.

If you haven't yet educated yourself on

the Monroe Street project and how to get through it personally, now is the time to do so. As you do, spare a thought for the local businesses who will be especially suffering through this process. One of my favorite aspects of our neighborhood is how quickly I can walk from quiet residential streets to fun urban shops, but many of these establishments will absolutely need our help if they are to survive this next year.

If you have the means, plan to eat out one extra time a week or month, and make sure you do so at one of our Monroe Street restaurants. If you need something that you could buy at the mall or online, consider shopping on Monroe Street instead. There is no question that we will get through this next year; if we turn it into an opportunity to further solidify the bonds of our neighborhood, all the better.

Co-chairs for Jazz in the Park

Step up to lead the Jazz in the Park (JIP) committee and be a part of a DMNA tradition going back more than 26 years. JIP is a single day event with three to four local bands playing from 3:00-9:00 p.m. that is attended by hundreds from the neighborhood and beyond. DMNA is looking for neighbors with new ideas and energy to help coordinate and enhance this popular neighborhood event.

The event has been well planned by past committee chairs who will provide check lists, fundraising letter templates, sign templates, contact information and spreadsheets on budgets and band line-ups. If interested, please contact president@dmna.org.

The committee usually consists of one chair (or two co-chairs) and two to six committee members who help with the planning and implementation of the event. Additional volunteers are recruited for the day to help with setup and cleanup. The major committee tasks are

budgeting, selection of and contracting with bands, fundraising for sponsorships, coordinating with Madison city parks, managing technical needs and advertising.

If you are a person who likes music and is ready to get more involved in your community, DMNA needs you on the Jazz in the Park committee.

HEADS UP!

During Monroe Street Reconstruction next spring and summer, Monroe Street will be open to traffic one way only, going toward downtown. For traveling in the other direction, drivers should find the best routes that work for them.

Thank You Volunteers

Many thanks to the volunteers who continue to keep the DMNA a vibrant organization.

Wine and Chocolate Social: Jane and Bill Albert coordinated and hosted the wonderful DMNA October social event and Joanne Berg provided the space at Mystery to Me for the gathering. Joanne Berg and Linda McQuillen helped with set up. Anne Culligan of Infusion Chocolates donated the tasty chocolates.

Fall Membership Drive Volunteers: Nine area representatives and 63 block captains conducted our annual door-to-door membership drive! The Membership Committee coordinated the membership drive: Kathy Engebretsen, Jane Albert, Aileen Nettleton, Derek Marley and Al Nettleton.

Hornblower Newsletter Team: Quarterly DMNA newsletters come to you courtesy of volunteers on the Hornblower Committee: Carole Kantor (editor), Ann Clark, Linell Davis, Peg Davis and

Aileen Nettleton, and advertising coordinator Christine Kantor. Bridget O'Meara is the layout designer and Sprintprint the printer and mailer.

Transportation Committee Chair, Peter Armstrong, who has completed two very busy and productive years working with the city and other neighborhood groups in planning for the Monroe Street Reconstruction. Peter is resigning to have more time for his new family!

Glenwood Children's Park: Volunteers with mountain goat genes were on hand October 21 to plant in the east slope stabilization structure: Peter Nause, Percy Mather, Dorrie Sundquist, Linell Davis, Susan Pope, Russell Pope and Sandy Stark.

Prospect Gardens: Coordinator Jake Blasczyk and volunteers Ann B, Ann N, Loren, Joyce and Laura for putting the garden along the Southwest Path at Prospect "to bed" for the winter. This is a joint project with Regent neighbors.



Wine and Chocolate Social: Linda McQuillen, Social Committee, and Joanne Berg, host and owner of Mystery to Me. Photo by Percy Mather

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A Lifetime of Neighborhood Memories

By Aileen Nettleton, Hornblower Committee

“Back in the olden days, we got to burn the leaves in the fall,” tells life-long neighbor Pat Forbes. “We made piles in Chapman and Baltzell Streets and threw in potatoes and roasted them in the fire.” She remembers that when she was young and lived on Chapman Street, the neighborhood kids played games in the street like kick the can and played hide-and-seek at night. “There were always a lot of kids around.” She remembers taking a sled up “by the woods” at Cross Street and sliding down

through the back yards to the corner. There were still several vacant lots with woods to play in and the back yards were open with no fences.

Pat recalls that when Dudgeon Elementary School was built, the brick house on Monroe Street was moved to the corner of Baltzell and Monroe, where it stands today. Although the Dudgeon janitor was “particular” about the Dudgeon front yard, the neighborhood kids played on the big playground in the back. Pat attended the new Dudgeon School and then West Junior High and High School.

There were five grocery stores and two drug stores in walking range, including Wingra Meat Market, Millins and Merlins, Mallatt’s and Rennebohms. The neighborhood women would get together at the soda fountain at Rennebohms.

Pat and her husband, Ed, raised their

four children in the neighborhood, just around the corner from her childhood home. They played ball games behind Dudgeon School and touch football in the front yard. In the summers they walked to the Wingra Park playground programs. Two of their children completed elementary school at Dudgeon, but when Dudgeon was closed in 1971, the two younger children moved to the new Thoreau Elementary School.

Pat has done her share of volunteering for DMNA. She was a member of the Transportation Committee when the crossing flags were initiated, and as block captain for 10 years, she hand delivered the Hornblower quarterly and did the Membership Drive. Pat has seen many changes in the neighborhood, but as she reflects, “Things have changed all over.” Thank you, Pat for your contributions to our neighborhood.



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Engaging with Complex Social Issues

By Bob and Bonnie Block, Social Justice Committee

The DMNA Social Justice Committee has been continuing its efforts in two primary areas—understanding homelessness and reducing consumption and waste. We have focused especially on providing homeless students with nonperishable, healthy snacks to take with them after school and on week-ends. Heather Marley’s porch at 733 Copeland St. is the drop-off location for these snacks, which she then delivers on a rotating basis to the six schools that neighborhood children attend.

Because more is needed to stem Madison’s tide of homelessness, the Committee is working on a Fact Sheet with information on what each of us might do to help the agencies and programs working to prevent homelessness and to serve those who are already homeless. Watch for it on the DMNA website.

In July, we had our second annual

DMNA “R” Sale with the theme of “Reuse, Reduce, Recycle, and Repurpose.” Almost two dozen DMNA households held yard sales and what didn’t sell was contributed to Goodwill.

An upcoming pilot project is “Movies that Matter” followed by discussion of issues raised by the films. Wingra School will generously host the showings on February 16 and March 16 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. The two films will be “A Place at the Table” about the one in five U.S. children who suffer from hunger and “Trashed” about what happens globally to all the trash we produce.

Everyone is welcome to attend regular SJC meetings from 5:00-6:00 p.m. on the last Wednesday of the month at the Edgewood College Cafeteria in Predolin Hall. Minutes are posted on the DMNA website.



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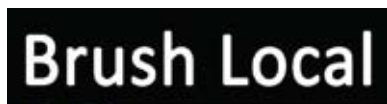
Start your holiday shopping on Monroe Street, Saturday, December 9, from 10:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. Holiday Glow on Monroe will be a day filled with holiday cheer and savings at many of your favorite Monroe Street merchants. Stop by the Monroe Street Library where the Monroe Street Library League will be hosting a book sale from noon-4:00 p.m. as well as providing free gift wrapping and treats. Hear the Monroe Street Carolers (for the 40th year!) in the 1700-1900 blocks from 2:30-5:00 p.m. Details: www.monroestreetmadison.com and Facebook @monroestreetmadison

Zoo Lights

Thousands of sparkling colored lights will turn Henry Vilas Zoo into a holiday wonderland November 24 through December 31. Zoo Lights will be open 5:30-9:00 p.m. Thursdays through Sundays from November 24 through December 23 and every night from December 26 through 31. Meet Santa, ride the carousel and enjoy holiday treats. Stop by participating Monroe Street businesses to receive a token good for \$1 off the admission price. For ticket information: www.vilas zoo.org/zoolights

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ticket), when to shovel (so you don't get a fine), holiday tree pickup, rules for snow emergencies, best sledding hills and more. Find this information and more at <http://www.cityofmadison.com/residents/winter>. Tip: Barrels of free sand are located around the neighborhood. For the health of animals, plants and humans, please try to avoid using salt. Thank you.

Biking and Walking in the Dark

It's the law: City ordinance requires that when the sun is down you must equip the front of your bicycle with a bright white light and a red rear back light or reflector. Pedestrians and runners might also consider wearing lights when the Southwest Commuter Path is in the dark. And don't forget a light for your dog!

Three New Businesses

Check out these three businesses new to the Dudgeon Monroe neighborhood.

- **The Prep Center**, 2702 Monroe: Math tutoring for students ranging from sixth-grade algebra through college-level calculus as well as preparation for the ACT and SAT and other standardized knowledge-and-skills tests. <http://theprepcenter.org>
- **la la sew**, 2702 Monroe: Beginning, after-school and summer camp, home schooler, parent-child and adult sewing lessons for small groups and individuals. www.lalasew.com
- **Hive**, 1904 Monroe: Clothing, outerwear, footwear, gifts and accessories

for men and women with an active, outdoor lifestyle. www.hiveofmadison.com

Lakeview Veterinary to Expand

Holy cats! Lakeview Veterinary, 3518 Monroe, is adding a cats-only clinic next door at 3506 Monroe in the space formerly occupied by Mallatt's Pharmacy. In addition to providing health care for felines the clinic is partnering with the Madison Cat Project to offer cat adoptions. The projected date for the clinic to open is March. <http://lakeviewvetclinic.com>

Good-bye/Hello at 1639 Monroe

Joe Schweitz, president of Walters Swim Supplies, made the "sad" decision to close the door of Walters Sun 'N Swim, 1639 Monroe Street, at the end of September. The shop, which was a mainstay on Monroe Street for 30 years, supplied swimmers, individuals and teams, with swimwear and swim gear. David Dahler at 256-7946 will continue to assist teams and groups with their aquatic needs.

Refind Style Vintage & Modern Consignment Boutique opened November 1 in the space vacated by Walter's. The shop offers vintage and modern consigned clothing and accessories. Facebook: @refindstylemadison

Double S BBQ Closes

Double S BBQ, 1835 Monroe, closed October 20. Owners Shon and Sarah Jones will continue to operate their food

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Two Spring Elections

Get ready to head to the polls twice this spring. The primary (nomination) election is Tuesday, February 20. The election to determine winning candidates is Tuesday, April 3. The spring elections include races for state Supreme Court justice, Dane Circuit Court judges and Appeals Court judge. Voters are required to show photo identification and must be registered to vote. To learn how to register, a list of acceptable IDs, and to request an absentee ballot: <https://myvote.wi.gov>.

Rigid Plastic Recycling Suspended

The Madison Streets Division can no longer accept lawn furniture, 5-gallon buckets, children's toys and other items made of rigid plastic for recycling, either in green recycling bins or at city drop-off sites. This change is due to China's recent ban on the import of certain types of scrap plastic. Visit www.cityofmadison.com/streets to learn how you can keep items made of this material out of the landfill.

Wanted: New Owners

- **Wild Child**, retailer of organic, natural fiber and fair-trade kids' and baby clothing, toys and books, is in the market for a new owner. Owner Bill West is planning to retire in February and if a new owner cannot be found the 37-year-old shop at 1813 Monroe will close.

www.wildchildclothes.com

- Historic and eco-friendly **Arbor House Inn and B&B**, 3402 Monroe, is for sale. As owners Cathie and John Imes transition out of the business, the inn continues to serve groups, but is no longer accepting individual room reservations. Check www.redfin.com for information.

News Briefs are compiled by Peg Davis, Hornblower Committee member.

Favorite Spots on Monroe!

What are your favorite spots along Monroe Street for errands, shopping, treats, food, odds and ends, classes, health needs, gifts or other business? Send us your favorites, along with a very brief reason for your choices. We will be looking for both less-known and well-known spots!

We plan to feature some of the favorites as we promote Monroe Street businesses this spring and summer during Monroe Street Reconstruction.

Send your favorites to: Hornblower@dmna.org by February 1.

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Alder Sara Eskrich Reports

By the time you are reading this update, the Council and Mayor will have passed our 2018 Capital and Operating budgets. As proposed and amended by the Finance Committee, the budgets prioritize continued high-quality city service provision, investments in infrastructure (like the reconstruction of Monroe Street), and public safety (like the Midtown Police Station with increased staffing levels and continued focus on violence prevention programs). There is much more in the budget. If you are interested in particular items, please review the webpage with more information: <http://www.cityofmadison.com/budget>.

We also continue to see private investments in our neighborhood, with a redevelopment being proposed at the Associated Bank site (1720 Monroe Street). Urban Land Interests is proposing a five-story, mixed-use building with underground residential and commercial surface parking in the rear, approximately 16,000 square feet of ground-floor commercial space and 66 residential rental units. DMNA held a preliminary meeting with the development team in September, where the primary concerns were regarding general density and height step-back from adjacent homes, exhaust venting noise, articulation of the architectural façade and traffic flows. In November

we held a neighborhood meeting to view updated plans. The development is now further stepped back from the homes on Spooner, there will be a right-turn-only out of the underground parking on Stockton, and the exterior façade has been further designed to articulate street-level storefronts on Monroe and provide brick design on all sides of the building. The development team also committed to venting away from adjoining properties. I will continue to post presentations and

links to plans on my District 13 development website (<http://www.cityofmadison.com/council/district13/development/>). This project is scheduled to be reviewed by the Plan Commission on January 22 and Common Council on February 6.

Please contact me directly with questions or comments at District13@cityofmadison.com. Or sign up for my email updates: <http://www.cityofmadison.com/council/district13/updates/>

Dane County Supervisor Erickson Reports

The 2018 Dane County Budget addresses many significant issues, such as supporting adults with disabilities in transitioning to Family Care, cleaning up our lakes, and funding our local transportation infrastructure. However, the biggest debate is around a \$75 million proposal to consolidate the three current jail sites into a reconstructed downtown location. Some groups support this approach, while others oppose it until more significant reduction in racial disparities occurs. While alternatives to incarceration are moving forward and temporary safety measures were instituted in the jail, much more must be done on both fronts.

Dane County leaders and community groups have agreed that addressing mental health, reducing racial disparities, and expanding alternatives to incarceration

are top priorities. The 2018 Dane County Budget increases funding for community and school mental health teams, expands alternatives to incarceration, and includes initial planning around a crisis/restoration center to divert people with addictions or mental health issues from jail.

Additionally, there are parts of the jail which are dangerous, outdated and inhumane. The proposed consolidated facility would be smaller, safer and improve health care services. Key highlights include: reduces to 91 fewer beds than the current facility; eliminates solitary confinement; separates impressionable youth from the general population; reduces suicide risk with improved sight lines and modern layouts; increases recreational and programming space; and allows us to maintain existing programs.

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A New Mixed-use Development

By Joel Bodilly, Zoning Committee Chair

Urban Land Interests has proposed a development for the Associated Bank property at 1720 Monroe Street. The existing 1970s structure would be demolished and replaced with a new five-story mixed-use building. The bank plans to move into a new location down the street. This project follows a trend of other infill sites in Madison where mixed-use projects are being built with higher density than the existing structures.

For the past few months, the DMNA Zoning Committee and Council members have worked with our Alder to facilitate communications between neighbors and the building's developer. ULI has given two neighborhood presentations and has made revisions based on feedback received from neighbors. These include scaling back a portion of the building

closest to Spooner Street, incorporating a "green roof" over a portion of the building and promising to install exhaust/mechanical systems on the roof, not behind the building, so that smells and noises are not a nuisance to nearby residents. Furthermore, the entire building will be designated as smoke free.

Prior to the bank being built at this location in 1977, the site used to have a service station and a mix of other local retailers. ULI aims to restore some of that variety by attracting local businesses to the four to six ground-floor retail spaces. If their plans are approved by the city, ULI would like to start construction in May 2018 with an estimated completion date of July 2019.

For pictures and additional information please go to Alder Eskrich's website at

<http://www.cityofmadison.com/council/district13/development/>. In addition, neighbors can contact the DMNA Zoning Committee directly at zoning@dmna.org with feedback on this new development.

New Directory Coming!

By Aileen Nettleton and Kathy Engebretsen, Membership Committee

DMNA members will be receiving a new neighborhood directory next spring, thanks to your membership dues and to Karen Ling and Janet Niewold for volunteering to be editor and ad coordinator for the new DMNA Directory. If we missed getting your membership form updated and your membership dues in the fall membership drive, it's not too late. Print the Membership Form from the DMNA website (below), fill out the form, and send it with a check for \$12 membership dues to Kathy Engebretsen, 610 Baltzell St., Madison, WI 53711, by December 31.

Membership Form: http://www.dmna.org/sites/default/files/DMNA_Current_Membership_Form.pdf

We anticipate that directories will be delivered by block captains sometime in the spring. Volunteers will be working on entering revised data from the membership drive, then compiling the data into directory format and procuring business advertising to help fund the project.


Report *from page 8*

I strongly agree we need more alternatives to incarceration and to use the diversions currently available. However, I have also seen the dangers and inhumanities of our 1950s Alcatraz-style jail, which cannot continue.




For questions about Dane County government, please contact me at Erickson. chuck@countyofdane.com or 212-8753.

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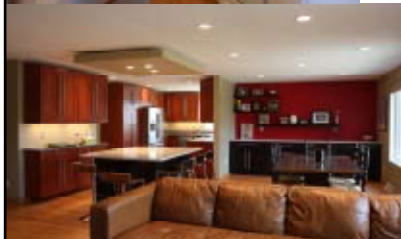
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Wingra School Library
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December 6
January 3
February 7

HOLIDAY GLOW ON MONROE

Saturday, December 9
10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

MONROE STREET LIBRARY

BOOK SALE

Saturday, December 9
Noon-4:00 p.m.

WINTER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION

Thursday, December 21
6:00-9:00 p.m.
Council Ring at Glenwood Children's
Park

ZOO LIGHTS

Thursday-Sunday, November 24-
December 23
All nights, December 26-31
5:30-9:00 p.m.
Henry Vilas Zoo

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February 16 and March 16
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