

A Volunteer Couple Who Helped Build Our Neighborhood Association

By Carole Kantor, Hornblower Editor

After almost half a century living on Sheldon Street, Al and Aileen Nettleton have moved just two miles east to Capitol Lakes. But they carry strong connections made over years to the people and places of Dudgeon Monroe. They have seen the neighborhood lose its small groceries, butcher shops, pharmacies and gas stations that used to dot Monroe Street in the 1970s and evolve to a street heavy with restaurants and small specialty shops. They have also seen how the neighborhood has worked to retain its desirable qualities in the face of Madison's growth in population, greatly increased Monroe Street traffic and challenges to the natural environment, especially Lake Wingra. Through it all, Al and Aileen have given much to our neighborhood in their years of dedicated service in the Dudgeon Monroe Neighborhood Association.

Al was first to volunteer in DMNA, as chair of the Transportation Committee in the 1970s. Population was increasing and bus fares were rising. A decades-long exchange began between the City of Madison, the Illinois Central Railroad and all the neighborhoods through which what became the Southwest Commuter Path ran. Not until the late 1990s did the Path as we know it today emerge.

Later Al became DMNA Treasurer and then President. In the early 2000s, he established the membership database and then updated the dmna.org website. By 2005, Aileen had retired and begun working with the Hornblower's then-editor Ann Clark. One of the founders of DMNA, Ann

trained Aileen and then passed the editorship on to her.

The membership database became a



valuable resource for the Membership Committee. While Al maintained the database with each annual collection of dues and information Aileen helped the Committee to use it for organizing Block Captains' territories and for generating the content for the membership directories.

On their recent visit back, the Nettletons remarked on the strong sense of neighborly cooperation they experienced as new homeowners in the 1970s. Although some neighbors' concerns have refocused in recent years to preservation of urban quality and environmental health, there is always the underlying desire to be part of our exceptional community. We thank Al and Aileen for their enduring contributions to Dudgeon Monroe and look forward to welcoming them back on their two-mile trips west to revisit.

State of the Lake

By Linell Davis, Hornblower Committee

However you enjoy it, Lake Wingra is a getaway right in the neighborhood. Unique among urban lakes because of its undeveloped shoreline, you can paddle among the water lilies, spot blue herons, listen to the sounds of the Sandhill Cranes, go searching for bubbling springs, and in other ways let the city fall away. You can enjoy its urban side by discovering the Kenneth Jensen Wheeler Council Ring, by gathering the family for a picnic on the grass, and by enrolling your children in educational programs to learn water skills

and a love of nature. We like to think of it as pristine, as an unspoiled wonder of nature, but the reality is that it faces many dangers from its urban environment. You may realize this when your paddle gets clogged with weeds or when the beach is closed to swimming because of *E. coli* bacteria. However natural the lake may appear to be, it is surrounded by an urban watershed, which means that it receives many contaminants such as excessive nutrients, sediments and road salt from

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President's Message

By Diego Saenz

First of all, thank you Rachel Fields and Ann Sydnor for serving as our President and Secretary, respectively. I'm so glad that you will continue to be crucial parts of DMNA. Furthermore, thanks everybody who keeps our neighborhood association going. We have such an incredible group of people who keep DMNA doing so many wonderful things that make our neighborhood what it is.

Secondly, I'll introduce myself for those who don't know me. Connie (my wife), Wally (our dog) and I moved to our home in the neighborhood in 2016. I love to run, help Connie grow beautiful dahlias, play games (board, video, etc.), enjoy nature and to learn.

This last year has been really challenging and we still have many challenges before us. On a national level I was heartened by all the ways that people came together.

Hearing about the unprecedented levels of scientific collaboration and data sharing to accelerate the development of the Covid-19 vaccine, and companies making other companys' vaccines in their facilities really gave me inspiration. As Harry Truman said, "It is amazing what you can accomplish if you do not care who gets the credit." On a local level, I was heartened to see how people stepped up to help each other; even if just by asking "how are you holding up?" as we took out the trash.

Finally, to anybody who isn't involved with DMNA and hasn't been before:

we are a scrappy neighborhood association full of people who wanted to make something better and asked "If not me, who? If not now, when?", and then got to work. Please join us! I very much look forward to working with everybody on the challenges before us and working toward bringing us closer together as a neighborhood.



State of the Lake

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streets, buildings and even our lawns.

The excessive nutrients are from phosphorous which comes from leaves, lawn clippings, other plant materials and fertilizers that are carried into the lake by stormwater runoff. This causes excessive growth of algae and weeds. Sediments come from soil erosion from construction sites and from sand applied to streets in winter. Algae and sediments determine how clear the water is and Lake Wingra's water clarity is somewhat lower than other lakes in Wisconsin. Salt used in winter on sidewalks and roads has produced much higher chloride levels in the lake in recent years.

With increased population density the water flowing into the lake comes mostly

from stormwater runoff rather than from natural infiltration that feeds the springs surrounding the lake. We contribute to this problem when we add impervious surfaces to our properties in the form of buildings, patios and driveways.

The good news is that many people are working to maintain and improve the health of Lake Wingra. You can support these efforts by becoming familiar with the Lake Wingra Watershed Plan (www.cityof-madison.com/engineering/stormwater/wingraplan.cfm), and by joining citizen groups such as Friends of Lake Wingra (www.lakewingra.org). As an individual you can keep leaves off the streets, reduce your use of salt and build a rain garden.

Affordable Housing in Dudgeon Monroe

By Josh Napravnik, Zoning Committee Chair

The City of Madison's population is outpacing the creation of new homes. Rising rent and home construction prices have led to scarcity. People are spending more and more of their income on housing.

At DMNA's Annual Meeting on Sunday, April 18, a panel discussed Madison's dire need for affordable housing, what it means for neighbors and how we in Dudgeon Monroe can encourage smart and sustainable development. The panel participants were Brandon Rule of Rule Enterprises, a developer who has worked on the Truman Olson site on Park Street; Matt Wachter, the Director of Planning, Community, and Economic Development for the City of Madison; and Justice Castañeda, Executive Director at Common Wealth Development and a doctoral student of Urban Planning at UW Madison.

A few interesting takeaways from the panel are:

- A common strategy for making housing more affordable is to increase housing supply, in the hope that lowering vacancy rates will lead to lower rents. The panel challenged this strategy, as it has not been effective in other cities.
- The panel seemed to agree that low salaries in Madison may be a bigger problem than the amount of housing. Typical jobs do not pay well enough for workers to afford housing, even at reduced rates.
- The panel also poked some holes in common perceptions of what affordable housing looks like. There are many misperceptions that affordable housing

means the large housing "projects" of the 60s and 70s, but in reality, increasing affordable housing can mean building small- or mid-sized buildings, or making existing housing more affordable via home ownership assistance.

Affordable housing development will surely impact Dudgeon Monroe in the

next five to ten years as our city looks to accommodate our growing population. We encourage neighbors to approach affordable housing development with an open mind, and to bring questions and comments to the DMNA Zoning Committee at zoning@dmna.org.

Transportation Updates – Southwest Path & Metro Transit Redesign

By Michael Schneider and the Transportation Committee

The City of Madison continuously analyzes and updates the existing transportation network within Dudgeon Monroe and across the city. Two current projects concern our popular Southwest Commuter Path and the overall Metro route system.

The SW Path from Glenway Street to Commonwealth Avenue is slated to be repaved this year, along with sections west of Odana Road. Timing of construction is likely mid- to late-August. The repaving will provide new asphalt but no widening. Expect the path to be closed for a maximum of five days with detour routes marked as well as posted to the project page (www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/projects/southwest-path-and-paunack-park-path-resurfacing). Look for signs with the construction dates to be

posted along the path late this summer, at least 14 days prior to the construction start.

The Metro Transit Network Redesign has been seeking residents' opinions on the upcoming improvements and changes to the Metro route system. Focus is on access, frequency, travel times, and overall quality to better meet the needs of Madison area residents and businesses. The Transit Choices Survey was released early this year at the project kick-off meeting. Public engagement will continue throughout the project, with anticipated public meetings this summer, potentially in July or August. Visit the project website to watch the kick-off meeting and keep up to date on the progress: www.cityofmadison.com/metro/routes-schedules/bus-rapid-transit/transit-network-redesign

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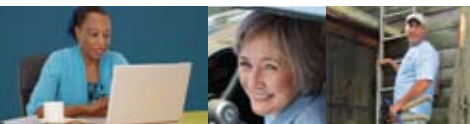


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The House on Commonwealth Avenue in the 1930s

By Sue Janty and Mary Lou McBroom

“John, do you know anyone from Wichita Falls, TX?” was Sue Janty’s reaction after pulling a mysterious letter from her 2436 Commonwealth Avenue mailbox one summer day in 2016. Little did she know that she was beginning a fascinating adventure into the history of the Dudgeon Monroe neighborhood of the 1930s, and starting a priceless friendship that would eventually lead to a north central Texas road trip!

Mary Lou McBroom was 85 when her letter arrived in Madison. She was also a long-time Texas resident, University of Texas graduate, wife of her “college sweetheart,” mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and former elementary school teacher. And she had fond memories of living in the house that for the past 40 years has been the “Janty home”. Little Mary Lou Kendrick was six and seven when she lived there with her family from 1936 to 1938. She had recently taken a “memory trip” to Madison with her son and stopped to visit her old house only to find no one home. So after visiting other favorite Madison area spots Mary Lou returned to Texas and wrote a letter:

Dear Jantys:

I lived in your home back in 1936–38. Daddy worked for International Milling Company selling Robin Hood flour. At that time it was a rent house, and to me the most beautiful castle in the world. I went to first and second

grades at Dudgeon School, which was a new “Progressive School” at the time. We walked home for lunch and then back for afternoon classes. I remember walking straight down Commonwealth Avenue to the pond. It had a water wheel across from the lake.

I remember a couple next door (2434) as so friendly. He (“Skipper”) always showed me his flowers and I love Lily of the Valley. His wife would also invite me in for cookies on their big, white, enclosed front porch. Your back fence had a stile so I could climb over and play with Virginia Hayes.

We played in the basement a lot in the winter and Mother washed and hung clothes there too. We were fascinated to watch the coal truck bring and shuttle coal through the small basement window.

Fond memories!

The Kendrick family left Madison for Chicago and then Dallas by train on May 1, 1938, with a final destination of Waco, Texas.


The relationship between Mary Lou McBroom and Sue Janty would grow via correspondence and phone calls for the next two years. Then one spring day in 2018 Sue hopped into her car and began the drive south toward Texas. So now, when a letter from Wichita Falls arrives in the Janty mailbox it is removed with anticipatory delight. No questions asked.



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2021-22 WATER Stewardship Grant: The Power of Plants & Community

By Sandy Stark, Southwest Path Committee Co-chair, for the grant management team

Your SW Path Committee co-chairs are excited to announce we received a sub-award that is part of an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Assistance Agreement awarded to the UW-Madison Arboretum. Here's a preview of what to expect.

On-Site rain gardens at Wingra School: toward a healthier Lake Wingra

800 native plants, with help digging from City of Madison Parks and Engineering, will replace two sections of asphalt surfaces. They will filter and absorb rainwater into the soil and root systems rather than add to runoff that flows down steps and sidewalks to the storm sewer, going directly into Lake Wingra. Garden installation and planting is slated for this September. Wingra School has agreed to provide garden care and upkeep from then on.

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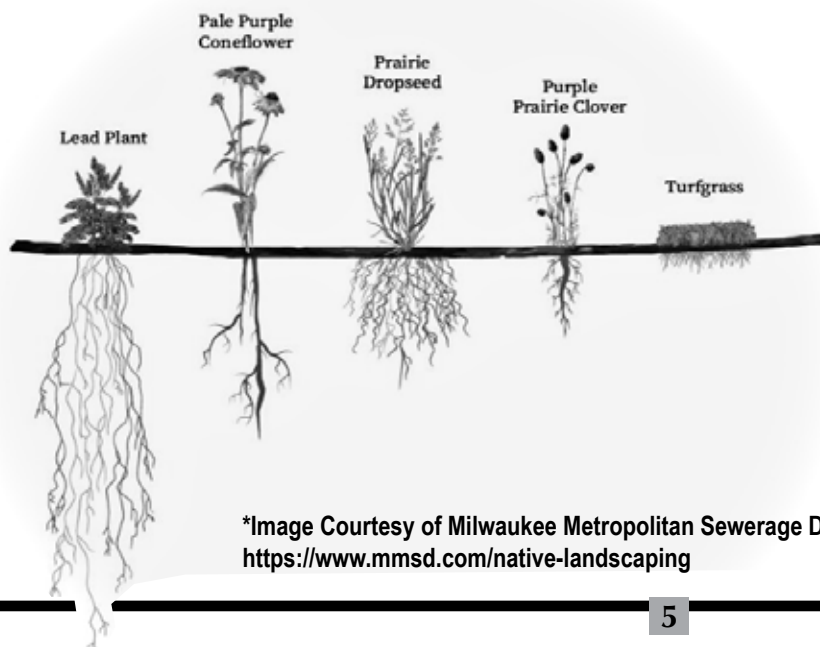
dynamic and restorative. These gardens also bring abundant opportunities to learn about native plants, healthy water cycles, the link between caring for the earth and each other, and the true history of place for students and community.

Community Activities: the watershed that connects us

We need a change in heart, a change in ethics...to a biocentric, life-centered worldview in which an ethic of respect and reciprocity can grow.

— Robin Wall Kimmerer, *Returning the Gift*, <https://www.humansandnature.org/> may-2014

The heart of our grant to is to grow education and outreach in our Lake Wingra watershed neighborhoods. We'll work with environmental, indigenous, and other community organizations and cultural centers to sponsor well-advertised events: gatherings, walks and celebrations. We'll find a range of presenters, materials, sites and social opportunities, with safety protocols in place as needed. We really look forward to welcoming you. JOIN US!



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Neighborhood News Briefs

By Sonia Newmark, Hornblower Committee

As the warmer weather is upon us, with more people getting vaccinated, and Covid-19 restrictions lifting, the Monroe Street businesses are eager to welcome us! Restaurants such as **Pizza Brutta**, **Brasserie V**, **Fairchild** and **Everly** have added even more outdoor seating for diners. **Orange Tree Imports** has resumed Sunday hours, has extended the number of hours they are open, and the number of people allowed into the store at one time, as have other retail businesses. So check on your favorite spots!

“First Friday”, an ongoing retail event, will begin on June 4th, from 4-7 p.m. On the first Friday of every month, come stroll in the relaxed atmosphere of Monroe Street, where retail businesses and restaurants will be featuring new product drops, food specials, collaborations, live music and more.

As part of the international Make Music Day celebration on June 21st, for Make Music Madison, at least two Monroe Street merchants are planning outdoor music events. For more information about these events, the Sidewalk Sale at the end of July and the Monroe Street Festival at the end of September, visit www.monroestreetmadison.com and the social media pages on Facebook and Instagram.

Openings

Kettle Black Kitchen is currently open at 1835 Monroe Street for online ordering of meal pick-up service. The Monroe

Street dining room will be coming soon, and is an extension of their current business that specializes in comfort food through take-out, ready-to-eat and frozen meals, as well as DIY kits.

The Chocolate Shoppe Ice Cream Co. is opening at 2531 Monroe Street (across from **Colectivo Coffee** in the old Michael’s Frozen Custard spot). Owner Andy Lanz says that they “... can’t wait to get scooping on Monroe Street” and are aiming for a mid-May opening.

Berke & Bentham’s sea food shop at 1925 Monroe Street is planning to be open by the end of May.

And for those of you who are missing the yarn shop that used to be on Monroe Street, check out **Sunset Yarn**, at the corner of Speedway and Glenway. The owner Lynette Tucker, opened in November to “... bring the community together with knitting and crocheting by the fireplace.” She carries a range of yarns, including four local brands.

Closings

The Mad Makery at 2528 Monroe Street has closed.

More Briefs

Science Thursday will not be held this summer due to Covid-19 concerns. Deb Leeper writes that they look forward to resuming this DMNA sponsored program in 2022. To help families continue exploring the lake, Wingra Boats will be

offering Science Exploration Kits that can be taken out on the water. Learn to identify water plants, animals and birds while paddling beautiful Lake Wingra. For more information and details go to madisonboats.com.

Loyal DMNA supporter and professional photographer Jen Lucas alerts us to Madison Magazine’s Best of Madison contest. More than 20 of our neighborhood’s brick-and-mortar businesses were in the running for the big award. The Hornblower covers the business landscape of Monroe Street and many of those businesses reciprocate by being our advertisers, including those like Jen Lucas Photography who don’t have a storefront. All DMNA communications reflect the mutual support between Dudgeon Monroe businesses and our neighborhood association.

2021 should provide a respite for the neighborhood from the Edgewood High stadium wars. After the resounding defeat of its efforts to enable up to 70 night games on campus, the high school has announced that it is suing the city, a notoriously slow process, and city rules prevent them from asking again for an exception to the rules for a full year. At ease, folks.

Drivers, the walker you stop for now may be the driver who stops for you another time. For the safety of all, keep to the 25 mph limit, watch ahead for pedestrians, and whenever a driver before you slows, slow down yourself, assuming he is stopping for a pedestrian you cannot see.



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We are looking for a couple of volunteers, especially those living near the new Glenway/Cross intersection, to help keep the crossing supplied with flags (taking turns with a weekly check). Call Ann, 238-5612, for more information.

An Invitation: Southwest Prairie Volunteer Gardener

By Jake Blasczyk, Southwest Path Committee Co-chair

When you walk, run or bike the SW Commuter Path through our neighborhood you pass three prairie gardens. These sites add beauty to our neighborhood while sheltering animals, birds and insects. Endangered monarch butterflies visit when migrating. The deep roots of prairie plants absorb rain water, inhibiting pollutants from entering Lake Wingra.

- Prospect Prairie Gardens covers 6,800 square feet around the Prospect Avenue and Fox Avenue ramps to the Path. To learn more about Prospect Gardens see <https://gardensprospect.blogspot.com>
- Dudgeon Monroe Neighborhood Glenway Prairie & Wildflower Area is at the intersection of the Path and Glenway Street. Its two sections cover 12,000 square feet. One borders the Glenway Golf Course and the other is on the south side of the Path.

• Dudgeon Monroe Prairie is at the Odana intersection. This was the first official Dudgeon Monroe neighborhood prairie planted in 2001, on the former equipment staging area during the Path's construction. Now an array of flowering prairie plants and grasses cover 6,490 square feet.

You are invited to be a volunteer gardener at one of the sites.

Caring for a prairie, along with your neighbors, will lift up your spirits while ensuring that the prairies remain healthy. Contact me, jacob84@charter.net, for Prospect Prairie Gardens and Sandy Stark, sestark@wisc.edu, for the Glenway site or Odana sites. We will provide details, including scheduled workdays.

If unsure about a site, contact Jake or Sandy for help.

Here's hoping you accept this invitation. Without you and other volunteers the prairies are at risk of returning to weeds and invasive plants.



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From Our Alder, Tag Evers

The Vilas Park Master Plan was approved by the Parks Commission in March. Nearby residents objected to the recommendation that the park entrance be moved from Drake and Randall to Drake and Campbell. Concern was also expressed about reducing the number of playgrounds from three to two.

There were no objections to the key recommendation to close off Vilas Park Drive to commuter traffic. It will take some years for this recommendation to be operationalized, so I am working with nearby residents on an interim solution that would close the Drive to through traffic but still allow access to the park shelter.

Alder Furman and I have set up a **Digital Inclusion Task Force** to address the challenges low-income families have with respect to internet access, access to devices, and digital literacy.

Dudgeon Monroe's History Committee -Thanks, Going Forward

The History Committee thanks its former Chair, Peter Gascoyne, for revitalizing the committee, organizing the long neglected DMNA archive, and leading the effort creating the Neighborhood History App (find it on dmna.org for an online walking tour of our rich neighborhood history). Peter, a man of many parts, recently completed another project, walking every street in the city.

Our interim chair, Lisa Grueneberg, is hoping to restart the committee now that the pandemic is waning, and is reaching out to anyone interested in our neighborhood history. Contact her at history@dmna.org.

Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway has appointed me to the **Madison Guaranteed Income Program Advisory Task Force**, a project whereby 100 or so low-income families will receive \$500 per month, no strings attached for a period of 12-18 months. Funded by outside sources, the results of the pilot will be measured to determine the social impacts.

I'm working with the **Friends of Lake Wingra** to address several issues. First on the agenda is a review of the City of Madison's dark sky ordinance as a means of protecting Wingra's viewshed. Illuminated signs and buildings lit-up at night interrupt the dark sky. Lake Wingra is mostly free from such encroachments, but

as our city grows, it's imperative we protect the natural gem that is Lake Wingra.

I'm working with the Mayor on her recently-announced **Housing Forward** and **Climate Forward** initiatives – housing and climate being top priorities demanding our full attention. These two challenges intersect. The climate solution must be equity-centered, so that underserved and overburdened communities may benefit from outcomes that are both sustainable and affordable.

Feel free to contact me at district13@cityofmadison.com or 608 424-2580. Take care and stay safe.

Glenway Golf Park, a Major New Neighborhood Amenity

By Ann Clark, Hornblower Co-editor

This smallest of the city-owned courses with nine holes and small greens will take a great leap to a pioneering approach to golf. Extensive redesign and reconstruction will keep the course closed all season, reopening in 2022.

The new Glenway Golf Park will make the park more open to neighbors with new public trails and other outdoor recreation possibilities. The course/park will be more environmentally sustainable, with native plants in wood edges and prairie wherever turf is not needed for golf, while the new design is planned to improve the experi-

ence of golfers of all skill levels and bring more diversity to the game. For a map and details see <https://cityofmadison.com/parks/projects/glenway-golf-park>.

Madison resident Michael Keiser, a prominent golf course designer, is generously donating his time and the considerable cost of the reconstruction project. His vision aligns well with that of the city task force that recommended this change. Keiser says that despite all the glamorous golf courses, the future of the sport depends on shorter, more accessible courses like this one that will welcome us into the game.



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Building Black Wealth - Growing Assets to Close the Gap

By Darin Harris, Anti-Racism Committee (ARC)

When my wife and I found our first house, her grandmother co-signed for our mortgage, enabling us to qualify for the bank loan. When she was a young home buyer, a friend of mine got money for a down payment from her parents. My cousin and his parents spent hours around the family dinner table talking about real estate and how to invest in it. My uncle managed his own business and took me on his daily rounds to introduce me to his customers. These stories are common, but often private and taken for granted, among middle and upper class white families. For generations many Black and brown people have not benefited from these powerful familial connections and have been systematically blocked from informal professional net-

works and institutional support. It shows up clearly in financial inequalities.

The typical Black household holds \$24,100 in wealth compared to \$188,200 for white households (Survey of Consumer Finances 1989-2019). This is a staggering wealth gap. For over a century, Black families and other minorities were systematically denied access to wealth through government enforced mechanisms. As recently as the 1960s, racial covenants barred Black people and other racial/ethnic minorities from owning or buying houses in certain “desirable” neighborhoods across the U.S., including parts of Dudgeon Monroe. These limitations on home ownership are a major cause of multi-generational

poverty. Other contributing factors include poorly funded schools, discriminatory wage and hiring practices and lack of access to institutional loans. These problems continue today. For instance, according to 2020 data from the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act, lenders deny mortgages for Black applicants at a rate 80% higher than that of whites.

There is no simple fix, but in an effort to reduce the wealth gap, Madisonians have launched several new initiatives with the aim of building Black wealth. As concerned residents, we have the opportunity to treat everyone as members of our family. To learn more, including ways you can get involved, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/MadisonWealthGap>.

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What Can Our Neighborhood Do to Help Immigrants?

DMNA Social Justice Committee

The Social Justice Committee Co-chair Lissa Koop moderated a Zoom presentation by Erin Barbato, Director of the UW Law School Immigration Justice Clinic to learn how DMNA neighbors can be involved.

The Clinic works on a pro bono basis for clients who are detained at the Dodge Correctional Facility while they wait for immigration processing. These people are not being held because of any criminal charge, and they can be released into the community once processed. They leave with only the belongings they brought across the border.

The Clinic also helps families at the border. Of the large backlog of asylum seekers waiting to enter the U.S. from Mexico 80% come from El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras, and are fleeing violence. Also many children have entered the U.S. as unaccompanied

minors. Approximately 20,000 children are in government custody, waiting for their cases to be heard; 90% of them have a relative in the U.S., but vetting those guardians takes time.

Erin highlighted several organizations that provide support to immigrants seeking asylum in the U.S., including the Dane County Immigration Affairs Services, Lutheran Social Services, Vecina, Annunciation House, the Interfaith Community for Detained Immigrants, Al Otro Lado and Together Rising. The Social Justice Committee is continuing to discuss concrete ways our neighbors can help, whether that be a donation of essentials for a recently-released person who was detained, airline miles to connect people at the border with family in the U.S. or the use of a vacant apartment or in-law suite. Please watch for future information in the DMNA News.



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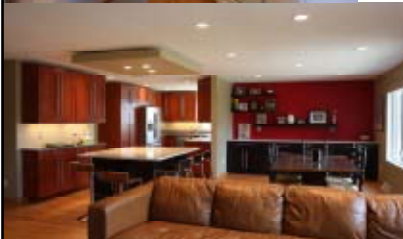
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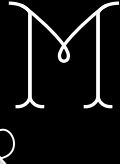


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2. Make and maintain eye contact with the first driver who has time to make a gradual stop (that's about 5 car lengths @ 25 mph).
3. Step out into that driver's lane ONLY when you are sure he is going to stop. The flag and the lights are helpful tools but no shield; use normal caution.
4. Cross the lane in front of the stopped car while looking for the first car that has time to stop in the next lane. Maintaining eye contact with that next driver, step in front of the stopping car. Repeat lane by lane until you have crossed all traffic lanes.
5. Whenever you safely can, give yielding drivers a smile, a wave, or "Thanks".