

The uses, values and enjoyment of my residence and actually all the residences in Madison will be substantially impaired and diminished by the bright lights, loud noise and traffic that would accompany Edgewood's proposed competitive night games. Edgewood has already begun to play unlimited day games.

Unlimited night games would be disruptive to the entire community and destructive to the environment. This is the stadium that the neighborhood and the whole Madison community has opposed all along. And for good reason.

I currently live in the Regent Neighborhood and have lived in the area surrounding Edgewood, first on Terry Place, then on West Lawn and now on Virginia Terrace, over the past 40 years. I write to oppose this for all the reasons so many others have brought forward, including so clearly Alder Tag's responses. But I would also add that this particular area is very important to Madison as a whole.

This bit of Edgewood land extends the natural setting of the Vilas, Wingra and Arboretum circumference of Lake Wingra. In fact, I have walked with friends "around Lake Wingra" pretty much every Saturday for the last 25 years. This environmental pathway extends almost completely around the lake and has come down to us as an irreplaceable resource. The Ho-Chunk people knew this and community leaders over generations have also recognized this resource. Wingra was designated a no wake lake in the 1970s to prevent noise and destruction of habitat. The Arboretum has no regular through traffic, again to preserve it. Adjacent to Edgewood the Park and Pleasure Drive, which is actually a linear park was established early in the 20th century. There are native mounds found in many places behind and on Edgewood property as well as in the loop encompassing the Arboretum.

Some of the trees along this route have stood overlooking Lake Wingra since before the Revolutionary War. At this moment, the Wingra Park Plan is looking to extend it's road closure to cars. All of this is to say that yes, this is an important neighborhood issue. And of course any reasonable soul recognizes that introducing a lighted, late night amplified stadium will degrade the neighborhood. But this particular bit of Madison is not just a neighborhood. This is an environmental gem. To have it degraded by adding 80 foot lights and amplified day and night sound would be an irretrievable loss. The lake and Arboretum and surrounds are fragile and require our protection. Our predecessors including Leopold and Vilas and Marshall recognized this place as a piece of the whole of Madison's birthright. It has been preserved for the enjoyment of the natural world for all of us. Let's keep it that way.

Please uphold the Plan Commission's decision and vote NO on item 5, Edgewood's current push for lights and amplified sound. To the Common Council and Mayor,

Please upload my letter to Legistar #60646

Sincerely,  
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Dear Mayor,

My name is Patricia Friday and I have lived at 1050 Woodrow Street (about 300 yards from Edgewood) since 1978. I am writing to ask you to oppose Edgewood's appeal of the Plan Commission's unanimous decision to reject their application to install lights on their playing field.

I am outraged by this appeal and its timing! There are more important matters going on in our society today than Edgewood wanting lights! We are in the middle of a pandemic with many in our community sick and dying. We are in a significant recession with many people out of work, business closing and Madison residents needing food and housing assistance. The homeless population is increasing. There is systemic racism in our community. Our democracy is being threatened. Yet - Edgewood's priority is to force stadium lights on a residential neighborhood! How entitled! It is appalling that they chose this time with all the major problems the city and country are facing, to ask you - the Common Council - to overturn the Plan Commission's decision!

Why I ask, isn't Edgewood using their substantial influence, their time and their significant financial resources to help the homeless, feed the hungry and work against racial injustice in our city? The answer is that Edgewood feels entitled to get what they want - when they want it. And they want lights!

Edgewood wants to install 80' lights to play 30 to 40 plus games a year - and eventually rent out the facility. No plan has been offered to mitigate sound. This proposal would increase noise and light pollution far beyond reasonable levels, as well as adding too preexisting traffic and parking issues. **THIS IS NOT ACCEPTABLE IN A RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD!** Would the city allow me to erect 80' lights on my property and use them indiscriminately? I think not - so why should Edgewood be granted that privilege?

Over 75% of Edgewood Families live outside the Dudgeon-Monroe and Vilas neighborhoods. Therefore, these families will not suffer the consequences of the appeal - the light and sound pollution will not affect their daily lives. I wonder how they would feel if 80' tall lights were erected near their homes. Increased traffic and parking on their streets as well as excess noise in the evenings will not be forced on their lives.

The Plan Commission rightly found that Edgewood's request for lights did not meet the conditional use standards, specifically the requirement that:

"The uses values and enjoyment of other property in the neighborhood for purposes already established will not be substantially impaired or diminished in any foreseeable manner".

If this appeal is approved, the livability, the property values and the health and welfare of Edgewood's neighbors will be adversely affected and substantially impaired.

To close, I would like to comment of the peace and quiet of the Lake Wingra community. This lake has always offered residents of the city and beyond quiet solace during both peaceful and turbulent times. From pre-dawn to well beyond dark fishermen, kayakers, swimmers, paddlers and sailors have found respite on Lake Wingra. That will disappear with 80' lights and amplified sound. The city and community would lose the pristine jewel that is now Lake Wingra.

**I URGE YOU TO REJECT EDGEWOOD'S APPEAL OF THE PLAN COMMISSION'S DECISION DENYING THEIR APPLICATION TO INSTALL LIGHTS ON THE PLAYING FIELD ON MONROE STREET.**

Thank you for your consideration,  
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Please upload this later to Legistar #60646. Thank you.