



Tenney-Lapham newsletter

April, 1986

Tenney-Lapham Gets Chore Service Grant

Snow shovelling, lawn raking, storm window installation and removal, gutter cleaning, window washing — the list of homeowner tasks is endless.

For some older Tenney-Lapham residents, these tasks are just too much to handle. Help for those who wish to maintain their homes and who need some reliable assistance, is finally on the way.

Your neighborhood association, with strong assistance from the Near East Side Coalition of Older Adults and the staff of Christ Presbyterian Church, has obtained funding for a pilot one-year project to coordinate chore services for this area.

A paid staff person, working in cooperation with the Near East Side Coalition office, will match people in need of service with screened and trained workers. The program will begin on May 31 and will continue until June 1 of 1987.

The money and inspiration for this program are provided by the Norman Bassett Compassion Fund, which is administered through Christ Presbyterian Church at the corner of Gorham and Brearily.

Martha Gordon

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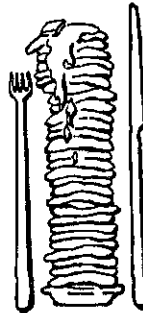
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Clarenbach Outlines 8-Point Economic Democracy Act

Basic economic reform is necessary because the gap between the rich and the poor is increasing. With radical budget reductions by federal and state governments, citizens are being asked to accept cuts in programs and services which will greatly affect their quality of life.

The Economic Democracy Act, which I am sponsoring with 14 other lawmakers, seeks to encourage participation by the public in economic decisions that shape our lives and the future of our state. Our bill incorporates this eight-point program:

Corporate Taxes

Large businesses frequently operate in more than one state and can shift payment of taxes from one state to another, depending on the favorability of tax rates. Corporations would be required to pay taxes on dividends received from all holdings of the same business, regardless of their location within the United States.

Plant Closings

Plant closings and mass layoffs can have a devastating impact on workers, their families and the community. Current law is strengthened so that any large employer that closes a plant or permanently lays off

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Madison Readies for Festival of the Lakes

Surely you've heard of it by now. An extravaganza of arts events, performances, achievements and spectacle. Fireworks over Lake Monona. Street performers on the Capital grounds. The first Madison Festival of the Lakes will take over the town in September, and everyone is invited. An estimated 125,000 people from around the Midwest are expected to attend this four-day celebration of the arts.

The idea of the Festival of the Lakes began several years ago, as the Madison arts community decided to celebrate itself and its city in a grand manner. The idea has evolved into a showcase of the best of the arts in the Madison area, with special guest performances by regional groups such as the Chicago Symphony.

Fireworks by the Grucci family (they're doing the Statue of Liberty celebration this July) and a sunset concert by the Madison Symphony at Olbrich Park will herald the beginning of the Festival on Thursday, September 18. From there, it's non-stop, jampacked, wall-to-wall: the downtown and campus area -- and beyond --

will feature street performers, kids' performances, visual arts exhibits, bluegrass and country music and bellydancers. Art galleries and museums will hold special exhibits. Every theatre in town, from the Civic Center to the Union Theatre, will host performances by theater, musical and dance groups. On Sunday night, September 21, there will be rock 'n' roll and dancing in the streets as the Festival comes to an end.

The Festival is almost entirely volunteer-run. Under the guidance of a Board of Directors and Executive Director, most of the planning and organization is being done by people in the community giving their time and energy to shape the details into an exciting and annual event.

Schedule and ticket information will be prominently featured in the media as Festival time draws near. Festival T-shirts, bags and bumper stickers are now on sale around town. For more information on becoming part of the Festival as a volunteer, please give me a call.

Anne Katz
251-3217

Kids' Swim at YWCA

An open swim for infants and preschoolers will be held 7 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, April 11, in the 88-degree water of the YWCA pool.

The swim is the last of a four-week series, and continuation of the program will depend on overall attendance, according to Paul Daniels of Madison Recreation.

Daniels reported that 115 children took part on the hot wheels rally March 8 at the East High School field house track. The event included an appearance by Ronald McDonald, a t-shirt giveaway, races and individual riding.

"The place was really packed with participants and spectators," said Daniels, who plans to hold a rally in each of the five months of next winter.



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In Spring, a Councilman's Thoughts Turn to...

At long last, spring is in the air. It's time to put away the snow shovels and clean up the lawn tools, and while we're at it, let's dump all that sidewalk sand into the newly tilled gardens and flower beds. Amen to winter!

For a City Councilman, spring brings new thoughts, too -- like potholes and unswept streets and the future Green Crud in Tenney Lagoon. And a few other matters, like:

Basement Flooding

With the huge amount of snow this winter and a wet fall, the ground is saturated, and that can only mean wet basements in the Tenney area. Although the county has taken Lake Mendota down two feet since last fall, the potential still exists for basement problems. A few tips from the city's Building Inspection Unit: make sure rain gutter and downspout systems are repaired and working, and that splash blocks are in place and funneling water away from buildings; and make sure drains in basements are open and that drain valves are functioning properly. If you have a major problem with back-up, call the Engineering Department at 266-4430.

Street Repairs

I've called the Streets Department about filling potholes in the area, especially on Johnson and Gorham, but problems will linger til the city crews can get out and begin "hot pack" repairs. The Crews completed temporary "cold pack" work in February.

The Mayor's Office is now giving high priority to street repairs, and we've discussed trying to get Gorham Street higher up on the street reconstruction list for next year. (The city has a long-term master list for major street repairs, and it often takes several years to get a street reconstructed.) In the meantime, we'll keep filling the potholes. And a reminder to motorists from Traffic Engineering: Give street crews plenty of room and maintain a safe speed where work is underway.

Neighborhood Clean-Up

At the March TLNA meeting I urged the association to help sponsor a neighborhood spring clean-up. Many associations around the city organize clean-up campaigns, and our area could use one this year. Accumulated trash and debris line the

terraces and gutters, and Tenney Park could use a sprucing up. City crews will be out in the parks this spring, but because of personnel cutbacks over the years, they could use all the volunteer help they can get.

In addition, I'm encouraging the neighborhood parks committee to get involved this summer in helping keep Tenney Lagoon free from trash and debris. A few rakes and garbage bags would go a long way if we can find volunteers willing to help out. For my part, I'll urge the county to cut in the lagoon as often as possible. Last year's lake weed growth was the worst in memory, thanks in part to a major fertilizer tank spill into Lake Mendota.

Snow Removal

The resolution I sponsored asking the Mayor's Office and the Public Works Department to improve snow removal procedures has passed, and a final report is expected in April. By next winter we should have some new ideas ready, plus a list of volunteer/neighborhood groups that can help the elderly or disabled with snow shoveling.

MATC-Hotel Vote


I voted with the Council majority, on a 19-2 vote, in favor of retaining a strong MATC presence in the Downtown, while encouraging hotel/convention center proponents to seek other sites. I support the concept of finding exhibition center space in the Downtown to encourage major conventions to come to Madison . . . but not at the expense of losing a Downtown MATC site.

Ald. David Wallner

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EMS: The Questions Continue

For 21 months, many people — city and county officials, neighborhood associations, social services staff, charitable groups, and others — have struggled to resolve two fundamental questions about a men's emergency shelter: "What is (and is not) its mission?" and, "Whose neighborhood must house the shelter?" Answering those questions proved to be difficult, to put it mildly. And despite those efforts, the answers found are soon to be revised.

"Enormous changes at the last minute" seemed to rule events and decisions. For example, just as Madison's Common Council steeled itself to decide the shelter's mission, cost, and location, the State Legislature made Dane County, and not Madison, the government unit responsible for any such program. Similarly, just as Dane County prepared to sign Catholic Social Services as the shelter operator, the agency suddenly dropped out over a liability insurance issue, forcing the County to approach Tellurian U.C.A.N., Inc. (the contractor for the County's alcohol detoxification center), who used a frenzied weekend to put together its proposal.

When Dane County and Tellurian opened the shelter on January 6 at 15 South Brearly Street, both the mission and location questions at last appeared to have answers. Dane County contracted at that address for 75-bed, two-floor facility whose 18 staff members would house, feed, and help homeless men find permanent

housing and employment, at an annual cost of \$640,000. Certainty replaced agitated uncertainty as the dominant emotion.

By early February, however, the men's shelter was once again a public controversy: there were too many beds, too few homeless men eligible to use them. Despite the efforts of staff to draw homeless men to the shelter, such as briefing the Madison Police Department and working with their counterparts at the Grace Episcopal Church drop-in shelter, the excess space remained. During February, the average census was 15 residents per night; during March, 20 residents per night. The excess space and shelter staff (and their big fixed cost) were made more controversial by the coincident reduction in state and federal aids to support the County's social services budget.

One response has been to reopen the question, "What is (and is not) the shelter's mission?" Four out of six alternative proposals recently circulated among County supervisors by the County's Social Services administrators include a component of filling the excess beds by changing the eligibility requirements that residents must now meet. Another proposal would use the excess staff time by involving them in the money management problems faced by other Social Services clients when they try to find and keep housing.

Other alternative proposals consider

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reallocating one floor of the shelter to another related or unrelated use. A related use might include relocating the alcohol detoxification unit to the shelter facility. An unrelated use might include licensing the facility to house mentally ill and/or chemical dependent adults. Another unrelated use might relocate one or more community service contractors from their current leased office space.

In effect, these latter proposals reopen the question of "Whose neighborhood must house the shelter?" When the County Board approved the shelter's site, the resolution included wording that mandates extensive public consultation with the adjacent neighborhoods before any significant change can be made in the facility's use. That process began with a public meeting sponsored by Supervisors Kathleen Nichols and Richard Wagner at the shelter on March 18. More hearings and public discussion will follow.

Although Nichols and Wagner are on record opposing the relocation of the detox unit, as is Supervisor Lyn Haanen (who chairs the County's Board of Public Welfare), they faced re-election on April 1 and Haanen is leaving public office. A new County Board will have to resolve these issues.

At this writing, no one proposal clearly emerges as the most likely choice and won't emerge until after the April general election. When the smoke clears and the real choices are known, then I think our newly-elected Supervisor as well as County Executive Jonathan Barry must hear from us, both as individual citizens and as a neighborhood association. Please contact me or the other association officers as you make up your mind on this important question so that we can communicate what we want for the shelter and our neighborhood.

Shaun Abshere
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The store, which replaced Wild Child at 926 E. Johnson, is an outlet for the work of its three owners and other local artisans.

Atelier (pronounced "ah-tell-ee-ay") is a partnership of Connie Davis and Sue Otterson, former and continuing workers at Material World Co-op, respectively, and Gerri Ager, who for several years operated the Bon Ton shop of vintage apparel on State Street. Connie also sews for the Silver Thread Collective on State Street.

Each of the women has knitting and sewing machines at home. The store is also a distributor of Studio knitting machines, which Connie describes as "something like a loom but a lot faster than hand knitting," and patrons of Atelier may have the chance to see the store's model in operation.

All of the shops' items can be considered hand made and include sweaters, jackets, dresses, tops, gloves, fashion stockings and silk scarves, all of them designed and made by local artists. Also for sale is the jewelry of nationally distributed Madison artists Wayne Farra and Cherie.

Atelier sells many of its items on consignment and is seeking more works from weavers and other fiber artists.

The store's hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Its phone number is 256-5058.

TLNA Council Minutes

The TLNA Council voted in its Feb. 10 meeting to donate \$75 to the Artist-in-Residence Program at Marquette School.

The council also voted to join the Capitol, Old Market and Williamson-Marquette neighborhood associations in a coalition to promote the reopening of Lapham School.

The council agreed in its meeting March 10 to change the newsletter's publication schedule from a bi-monthly to a quarterly. The decision on direct mailing of the newsletter is scheduled at the group's April 14th meeting.

Tenney Apts. Residents Vote to Join NESCOA

Residents of the Tenney Apartments at Baldwin and Gorham streets have chosen a new slate of officers and agreed to become group members of the Near East Side Coalition of Older Adults.

Meeting in the day room of the four-building complex on March 11, the group gave unanimous support for Dorothy Wilson's continuing term as secretary-treasurer. Edwina Hunt and Blanche Fitzsimmons will serve as co-presidents.

Other persons at the meeting included Larry Hamlin, Tenant Services worker for Madison Housing, and Martha Gordon, representing TLNA and NESCOA.

The new structure will enable residents to make fuller use of the services provided to organized elderly tenant organizations by such groups as NESCOA and Independent Living. The Tenney Apartments provide attractive, affordable housing for about 40 older and disabled neighbors. The housing units have long been known to Tenney-Lapham residents for their outdoor plantings and shared garden, supported in part by funds from TLNA.

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President's Notes

I recently received a request from the Parks Commission soliciting requests for Capital Projects in the parks. Our board has generated a couple of ideas relating to Tenney Park. The one item not considered a maintenance activity dealt with our earlier efforts to have at least one volleyball court constructed at the park. While I had been told by Daniel Stapay of the Parks Department that our neighborhood would be getting two courts (one at the beach, the other on the park's inner island), I felt that it was important enough to remind them by submitting a formal request to the Commission.

Speaking of projects, if any of you has ideas of project that you feel would benefit our neighborhood, give me a call.

I have a special request for everyone. With winter leaving us now, I think it would be great if each of us took a little time to do some neighborhood clean-up. Would you please check the areas around your house or apartment to see what litter and other unsightly winter relics need to be collected and removed? I know you'll agree with me that the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood would look a whole lot better minus all the junk. Thanks.

Don't forget the pancake supper on April 18 and the annual rummage sale on April 26, both at Christ Presbyterian Church, 944 E. Gorham Street. It's going to be fun, and it will help us make some money so we can undertake a few of those projects people will call me about. If you haven't purchased your Tenney-Lapham t-shirt for summer yet, no sweat. I'll be peddling them at both the pancake supper and the rummage sale. David Mandehr
455 N. Few Street
256-5882

Brush Pick-Up Schedule

Tenney-Lapham residents can have their brush collected during the following periods: April 28 through May 2, June 9-13, July 21-25, August 25-29 and Oct. 6-10.

Residents must have their brush placed at the curb in an orderly fashion by 7 a.m. on the Monday of any collection period. About a week is required for collection crews to complete each of the city's district's, and once an area has been completed, they will not be able to go back for "late set outs."

Drop offs may be made at 4602 Sycamore Ave., 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. weekdays.

Crime Watch Bulletin

The Tenney-Lapham neighborhood in February had one burglary and no reported cases of sexual assault or child enticement, according to statistics from the Neighborhood Crime Watch Bulletin.

Madison Police Officer Gary Smith reported that residential burglaries for the entire city are down nine per cent from 1984, and last year's total for home burglaries is the lowest in 10 years.

"Easy access burglaries are still the major problem," Smith stated, "and I can't stress enough the importance of locking your doors and windows whenever you're away and at night when you retire."

Smith reminds T-L residents that free home security surveys are available from the Police Department by calling 266-4145.

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Tax Breaks for Jobs

To enhance business opportunities, tax breaks can be granted to new and expanding businesses, yet there is no requirement that these incentives translate into job guarantees. Any time the state or municipalities issue Industrial Revenue Bonds, we now insist that it first be determined to have a positive impact on jobs.

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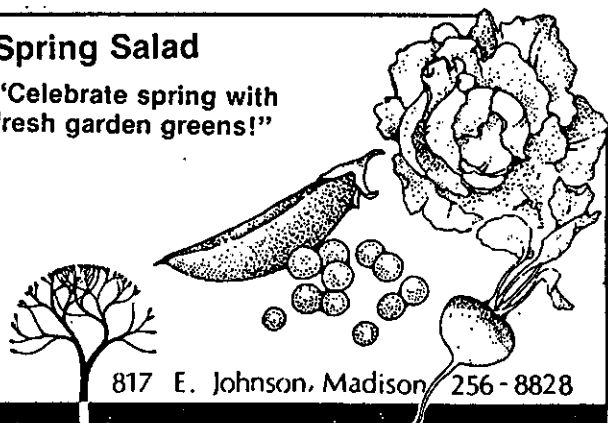
Foreclosure and bankruptcy have become a way of life for family farmers and threaten to destroy the family farm in Wisconsin. This program would create a revolving fund to provide loans, equity financing and assistance in negotiating new terms on existing credit for small family-owned farms.

Revenue Sharing

Gramm-Rudman and state cutbacks will have a damaging effect on social programs and local governments that provide the most vital services for citizens. Shared revenues are one way to compensate municipalities for the cost of the services they provide and to lessen the need to rely on property taxes.

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