



TENNEY - LAPHAM

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Fall 2007

Welcome New Neighbors

This is the season for many new arrivals in our neighborhood. Welcome, especially to those students with a story to tell. The memories of the Night of Living Homelessly have sufficiently faded and the curb-shopped classic plaid couch looks okay next to your roommate's La-Z-Person. It's all very exciting, your classes seem bearable, and your new box of crayons is all still sharp and aromatic. Happily, you've moved into the hippest neighborhood in the city. And by now you have discovered some of the good things we have.

So of all the good things you've already noticed, what's the best of the best? What's the cream on top of the



Photo by Caroline Hoffman

mocha latte? As your neighbor, and on behalf of the TLNA, I offer you my view:

Social Opportunities like porch sitting: Studies have shown that people

who greet their neighbors face to face while porch-sitting in the spring, summer, and fall have more people to help them push their cars out of plowed-in parking spaces in winter. Say hello and see what happens.

Parks and Playgrounds and Schools: we have great schools, including East High with wonderful programs at night, like chorus, drama and athletics for all of us to enjoy.

Though frequently challenged by budgetary concerns, we still have Lapham Elementary as a K-2 school for our kids. *(continued on page 14)*

Finally! - Breese Renovation Begins

The long-awaited renovation of Breese Stevens stadium began in mid-September and is expected to be completed by the end of May, 2008. The first phase of the project will concentrate on structural upgrades and repairs, waterproofing, restrooms, seating, adding accessible ramps, and removing the press box. Phase 2 of the project, which will consist of further enhancements including building a new press box, has no timeline and will be dependent upon fundraising and further appropriations by the city.

According to Park's development manager, Si Widstrand, the grandstand will be unavailable during phase 1 con-

struction so all of the scheduled games have been relocated to soccer fields at Warner Park. Spring games may also have to be moved.

The city budgeted 1.3 million for repairs only in the first phase in 2002. However because of other city projects deemed to have a higher priority, i.e., Goodman pool and the Brittingham boat house, the project was delayed until this year. Parks officials decided to increase the phase 1 budget to a little more than 1.7 million in order to do all of the accessible improvements. To come up with the additional money, parks officials proposed that \$100,000 be taken from general development fees and *(continued on page 17)*

Annual Meeting/ Neighborhood Potluck

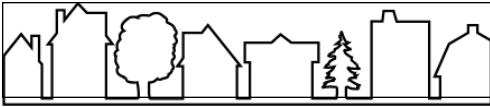
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Featured talk on the
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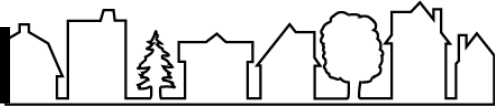
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Under a beautiful blue sky on June 9th Mayor Dave, alders (past and present), dedicated city staff and neighborhood biking and walking enthusiasts cut the ribbon officially opening the Yahara River bike path and E. Washington Avenue bridge underpass.



Mayor Dave and many city staff arrived in fitting style ...on their bikes. So did many neighborhood enthusiasts who worked for years to make this path a reality. About fifty attendees participated and another ten or so accidental attendees drifted by wondering why a crowd was blocking the path.

The ribbon cutting was followed by a cavalcade of bikers/walkers up the path, and even a canoe or two traveling upstream, to Tenney Park. The

celebrants did an about face in Tenney and headed for the shores of Lake Monona and the Marquette Waterfront Festival.

Thanks to the Ice Cream Shoppe, Wil-Mar Community Center, and the Friends of the Yahara River Parkway for cool treats at the festival.

Depending on how you look at

this project it has taken somewhere between 15 to 100 years to complete the path. The shorter version starts with the neighborhood master planning process in the early 1990's, followed by the development of a Yahara Parkway master plan and finally the construction projects bringing the path and underpasses into being.

The long version takes us back to 1906 when the river was straightened, the river banks landscaped and "underpasses" added at the railroad bridges. Trains were far more of a traffic hazard to parkway users back then than cars and trucks are today

Well some of the heavy lifting is over and it's time for all of us to enjoy the parkway.

- Ed Jepsen

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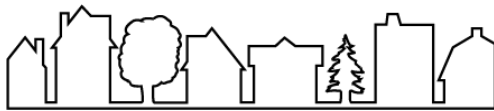


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President's Report

Where Will the Cars Go?

As the new Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Plan wends its way through the city approval process, one issue has captured the most attention, including some media coverage. Our plan proposes that the city seriously study redesigning both Johnson and Gorham from one-way flow to two-way. The media coverage has done a pretty good job at explaining the reasons for our proposal, namely, that we are interested in improv-

ing the quality-of-life and attractiveness of our neighborhood as a place to own a home and raise a family; that we want our schools to thrive and our business district to grow and prosper; and that we want under-developed areas of our neighborhood to be transformed by high quality infill projects.

All of these goals are what city planners call "land use": And planners understand that land use and transportation

planning must go hand-in-hand. Unfortunately, traffic has had the upper hand in our neighborhood for decades. The problems caused by the arterial use of Johnson and Gorham were clearly described in our 1995 Tenney/Lapham Old Market Place Neighborhood Plan and we have restated the problems in our new plan this year.

"Where will the cars go?" is often the first response to our proposal, as if

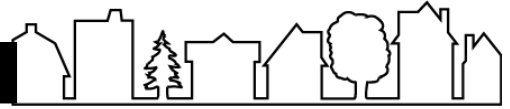


The same 40 people who constitute a crowd in traffic create a new city scene when they get out from behind the wheel.

1. In the demonstration above, first they fill four lanes of downtown Tampa's Marion Street in their automobiles.
2. Then each trades the driver's seat for a chair.
3. Next they assume the pose of transit riders, clustering their seats in one bus-sized space.
4. Finally, they take their places in the urban landscape as pedestrians and cyclists.

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President's Report



traffic were a force of nature, like wind or rain, outside of human control. In fact, traffic can be managed, like an irrigation system, if the community plans its transportation policy and practices comprehensively, making use of all transportation modes (auto, bus, bike, rail and pedestrian) to the fullest extent possible.

The better question is “how will people come and go for all their daily needs and wants in the future?” The single occupant vehicle will certainly not go away, but it must not be the overwhelming choice. If we develop a plan to make other modes of transportation, including commuter rail and bus transit, more convenient and accessible for commuters and local residents alike, then enough travel demand can be shifted from Johnson and Gorham

to enable them to operate as two-way streets, to move steadily and at a reasonable pace that will support and enhance the residential and business uses of the adjoining neighborhood.

The photos and description on the opposite page, taken from an article by Jim Beamguard of the Tampa Tribune, illustrate how diversifying and enhancing other transportation modes can help a city benefit from smarter choices about the use of its streets. Tenney-Lapham is not asking for Johnson and Gorham to be changed overnight. But we are asking the city to undertake a comprehensive, multi-modal transportation and parking strategy for central Madison that will balance the needs of commuters and the needs of local residents. The planning must drive to two outcomes: (1) improved quality of life and livability

for Madison’s central neighborhoods and (2) improved mobility/access for all Madison area residents and visitors to the businesses, employment, culture and vitality of the isthmus and downtown.

You can find the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Plan at: <http://danenet.wictp.org/tlna/web-data/issues/plan2005.html>.

- Patrick McDonnell
TLNA President



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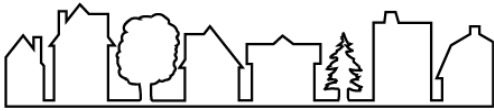




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Who is your favorite author and why?

What book do you read over and over and over again?

How many books do you read in the average month?

What is your favorite bookstore in Madison, in Wisconsin, anywhere?

Pick a question; pick several questions; or make up a new question. We'd love to hear from you and then share your reading experiences and preferences with other neighbors in the coming issues of the newsletter. Please e-mail your response to: rulseh@aol.com or jadunn@uwalumni.com. You may also drop a hand-written response in the mailbox at 1217 Elizabeth Street. Thanks.

- Jean Dunn and Ann Rulseh

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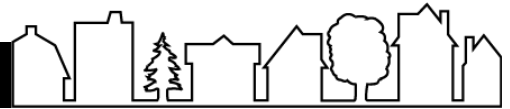
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Grieving Brings Thoughts of Friendship and Community

As some of you may know, my dad, Frank Reichelderfer, died during the wee hours of August 18th. His obituary appeared that next Sunday and the notes of condolences began to come to our home. As one of you said, "Ah, this loss is never easy." Another said, "No matter the age, losing a parent is so very sad and difficult." How true those statements are.

My time of grief after hearing the news, however, has been rather strange. There have been some tears, but my dad had had a major stroke two years previous which left him garbled and dependant. For those two years, at the end of each visit, I said my goodbyes to him. Uncertain of the exact timing of his death, I was certain that his death was soon in the cards. I was prepared but the reality of death still comes as an unwelcome punch to the gut. As one of you wrote, "Though we try to prepare, we are never prepared enough..."

Most often, I have found myself kind of drifting off, feeling disoriented and distant. One of my friends said that, after the death of his mother, his world shifted about 1/4" and it took him a while to get used to this new point of reference.

I have also found that to be true. Oh, I have been able to continue my duties here at Christ Presbyterian Church, but there is this low-level, nagging feeling that something is not quite right. Slowly, I have come to understand that something is me. And that "not feeling quite right" is okay for the moment.

What has meant the most to me during this time of grieving has been the support and understanding of my wife, children, extended family and close friends as well as the comforting notes that we have received from people in this neighborhood. Those notes, however brief, have affirmed that I grieve not in isolation but in community. Thank you for that reminder. It's been the simple, heartfelt words like "Our hearts go out to you." and "Blessing and peace and comfort only deep faith can give" that have meant so much.

There have been elegant words as well. "I send my prayers to you at this moment of the opening of a new chapter. There are no dress rehearsals which prepare us for the loss of a parent. As each of us, in our generation, becomes 'the older generation', we stand with each other, with God and with the stars

over our heads". There were many notes which I will treasure in my heart for a good, long time. Thank you.

I will leave you with these wise and challenging words from Reverend Karl Rahner, S.J. I hope you can read them with the loving intent that I give them. "The great and sad mistake of many people is to imagine that those, whom death has taken, leave us. They don't leave us. They remain! Where are they? In darkness? Oh, no! It is we who are in darkness. We do not see them, but they see us. Their eyes radiant with glory are fixed upon our eyes full of tears.... Death has not destroyed them, nor carried them away. They are transfigured... They have grown a hundredfold in depth, and in fervor of devotion. For them, death is a translation into light, into power, into love."

- Glen Reichelderfer

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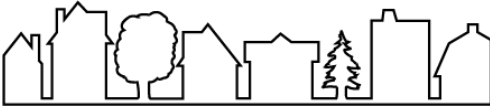
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Showdown at James Madison Park

The Mayor last year proposed a James Madison Park improvement plan. He has now appointed members to the James Madison Park Property Planning Committee. Their assignment is to report back to the Board of Park Commissioners on a proposal for the properties at 640, 646, and 704 East Gorham and the land under Lincoln School Apartments.

The battleground will feel familiar. The Mayor wants to expand James Madison Park by demolishing or moving houses at 640 and 646 E Gorham. Activists for preservation defeated such a plan in the early 1990's. Both buildings have deep roots into Madison's architectural history. The buildings were designed by Madison architects Claude and Starck, distinguished students of Frank Lloyd Wright, famous for their use of the prairie style form. Madison's architecture has historically a Frank Lloyd Wright motif. Presently, more than ever, we are readopting the motif. The Monona Terrace Convention Center, the new airport buildings, and the new East Washington Street bridge are recent examples. Many will ask if it makes sense to destroy early examples of the architecture that defines our city.

In the proposal also is the sale to private interests of the house at 704 E. Gorham, formerly the Collins House Bed & Breakfast. This house is well known and recognized as a beautiful and elaborate example of early Madison

architecture in the prairie style form. The building could be a precious and valuable neighborhood asset. Rather than a sale for private use, could a creative public use for this neighborhood treasure be found?

The last part of the proposal involves the Lincoln School apartments. This building is also designed by architects Claude & Starck in the prairie style form, and is on the site of our first neighborhood school (1866). Urban Land Interests, Inc. bought the building from the city, with a lease for the land, and remodeled the old school building into twenty-three apartments. They now want to buy the land from the city and convert the apartments into condominiums. The original James Madison Park Plan includes the use of this land for future park space. The Parks Commission is hesitant to sell any land that has been designated for park space.

To promote the plan the Mayor promised to use the money from the sale of these properties for improvements at James Madison Park. Normally the money would go into the Land Acquisition Fund. This has persuaded some people, but does it satisfy the Park Commissions' obligation and our obligation to preserve and protect park space and green space for future generations?

You can weigh in on these issues. Call the Mayor's office, your Alder, or one of the committee members listed below. Or go to one of the public hearings

that will be scheduled. After years of stalling the showdown about what to do with these properties may be near.

Committee appointments so far: David Wallner from our neighborhood, Phil Hees, Sheridan Glen, Michael Schumacher and Alders Verveer, Judge, and Konkel.

- Joe Brogan

Home Buyer Counseling

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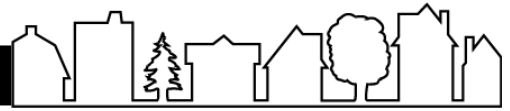
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Aaron's House Opens

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Mountain bike icon Gary Fisher was on hand to dedicate the house and welcome the young men and house-mentor who call Aaron's House home. With an eye on opening a second house for young women, the Aaron J. Meyer Foundation, Inc. designed the first house for young men who attend post high school education and are ages 18-25. The Foundation employs a professional



counselor as Clinical Director and a live-in house-mentor who collaborate on providing guidance to the residents.

Life at Aaron's House is designed to be simple. Each student-resident has a Life-Style plan created around four action values: education, recovery, employment, and personal growth. Tom Meyer, Aaron's Dad, said the evidence based program will work for those student-residents who do the work. "Aaron knew and other young people in recovery confirm the biggest challenge to building on early sobriety while try-

ing to go to school is their living situation. A stable alcohol and other drug free environment shared by peers on the same road is a healthy place to live. That's what Aaron's House provides. The program we offer is the work the student-resident has to do to make the most of the opportunity."

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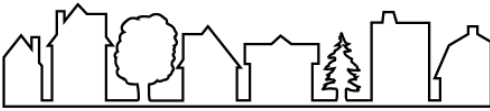


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“Milagro Beanfield War” Inaugurates Book Club

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On Tuesday November 13th, from 6:45pm to 8:15pm, the book discussion will turn to The Milagro Beanfield War by John Nichols. The synopsis of this book: Joe Mondragon never expects that by illegally tapping into his community’s main irrigation ditch he will inspire an uprising. As a motley assortment of locals gradually sees their interests and pride tied to Mondragon’s act of civil disobedience, the Anglo powerbrokers in the capital worry that this rural Latino community might revolt against a major development scheme. The resource “war” that follows is a comedy of errors and tactical maneuvers that sometimes brings people together, sometimes deepens divides. A contemporary classic, the novel’s portrayal of disputes between locals and outsiders will resonate with Wisconsin communities where competing visions of land use are pressing issues. *When do you take the law into your own hands?*

On Tuesday, January 15th we will discuss The Tortilla Curtain by T.C. Boyle. The synopsis of this book? This timely story revolves around two couples leading parallel (but very different) lives in the hills of southern California. Delaney, a nature writer, and his wife Kyra, a real estate agent, are wealthy, politically correct suburbanites who face—with growing unease—the Mexican workers who seem to be threatening their comfortable lives. As their community organizes to build a gated wall, immigrants Candido and America Rincon are illegally camping in a nearby valley. A car accident brings Candido and Delaney together, leaving Candido too injured to work and Delaney angry, guilty, and ultimately vengeful. This fast-paced story raises is-

ues of security, personal responsibility, and inequality, while offering a critical view of the real and imagined walls that divide us. *How do we balance personal freedom with collective security?*

On Tuesday February 12th we will discuss The Devil’s Highway by Luis Alberto Urrea. Synopsis? This work of nonfiction tells the story of twenty-six Mexican men who attempt to enter the U.S. through an area in the Arizona desert known as the Devil’s Highway. Vivid descriptions bring to life the men who left Veracruz to follow the promises of smugglers, known as “coyotes,” and seek work in the north. Led astray and lost in the desert, only twelve survived. Those who didn’t are known as the “Yuma 14,” named for the Border Patrol sector where they died. Urrea’s mix of first-person testimony, geographic details, cultural history, economic analysis,

and insightful commentary raises questions about U.S. border policies and the nature of the many walls separating us from Mexico. *What do national boundaries keep out? What do they keep in?*

Everyone who reads this newsletter is invited to join in discussing these books and the important issues they tackle. Bring along a friend. Refreshments provided. The neighborhood organizers of this book discussion series are seeking to create a forum that stimulates civil discourse on these important issues. If you wish to borrow any book, please contact Glen at 257-4845 or glenr@tds.net. Your presence is most welcome.

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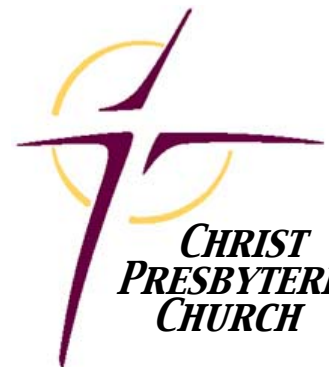
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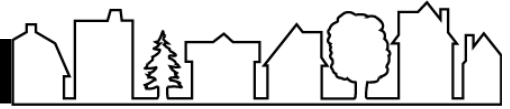


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Trash Bin Blues Away

With trepidation, I watched the large flatbed truck swing through our neighborhood dispensing enormous tan trash cans to every house.

Thinking of my previous difficulty hauling the green recycling can to the curb after chopping a path in the ice last winter, I cringed. The original narrow sidewalk from my back door to the curb was not made for such a monstrosity. My driveway, inconveniently placed on the opposite side of the house from the back door, is two narrow strips more aptly sized for a model T than an SUV. These trash cans are large, suited for the detritus from our age of excess, as well as suburbs and two car garages. I thought perhaps someone else might be puzzled as to how to make this work with our older houses and less than standard driveways and storage space, so did a little research.

The city claims the new bins offer substantial savings on labor, trucks and workers comp. I figure there should be a way to make the new system work for my household as well. The friendly voice at the East side streets division office (246-4532) said I eventually could exchange my standard large bin for one of the two smaller sizes for no charge. Originally, a choice of sizes was offered to all households by mail. Those of us who responded could

have requested a small (analogous to a regular trash can), or a medium size bin (recycling cart size). There are no small or medium carts available now, but in January the city will receive an additional supply. They will happily exchange the large cart for one of the smaller carts, even if used. All households are given one free cart.

We also will be able to purchase an additional cart in January when their supply comes in. In my downsized household, a smaller cart will be sufficient for most of the year, and certainly I'll hope to make do with that when snow is deep on the ground. It is sized to my modest path to the street, and modest spending habits. I'll purchase one in January. But I think I'll keep the large one in reserve for those times when my college students return home and the house overflows with visitors.

While perusing the city streets website, I learned a good deal more about city recycling and trash. Did you know recycling bins and trash bins are now to be placed on opposite sides of the driveway? Have you heard of the Reuse A Shoe program that recycles athletic shoes? These and other details can be found at <http://www.ci.madison.wi.us/streets/collectionRefuse.cfm>

It's a good start, a necessary prelude to that lovely day when we stop generating trash altogether.

- Sheila Thomson

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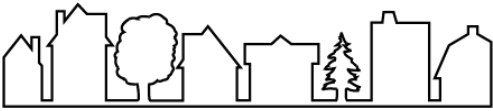
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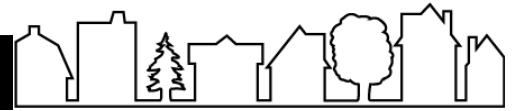
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Supervisor's Report



County Budget Hits Human Services Hard

That crucial time for the county has arrived once again. Discussions on the 2008 budget have begun and the news we've received isn't very bright. County Executive Kathleen Falk has requested that all departments provide a budget request that includes a 3.7% reduction from that of 2007. Already last year's budget was very difficult to establish and this one is proving to have even greater challenges.

I have concerns with the overall budget but most importantly about how any reductions will affect funding for our Department of Human Services. I am concerned about the Mayor's proposal to add 30 new police officers and the County Sheriff's Department's request for a higher budget while Human Services and departments dealing with our lakes, watershed systems and other environmental programs are providing the requested reductions. To make things even more challenging, the state hasn't yet put together their budget which was supposed to be finalized by July 1. Thus, many key financial numbers are unknown in which to evaluate the county's computation.

Once again this year, Human Services staff formulated this budget proposal in an extremely challenging federal and state fiscal environment. These challenges included: virtually no increases in many of our major forms of revenue, increased rates that the county must pay for alternate care including a huge increase in state juvenile corrections, a substantial decrease in W-2 funding, loss of the grant that supports our Allied Early Childhood Initiative and no increase in our Children Come First managed care rate. The 2008 budget request for the Department of Human Services is \$219,805,862 of which \$159,058,869 is outside revenue (Federal/State) and \$60,746,993 is county General Purpose Revenue (GPR). Their budget includes the overall 3.7% reduction that involves

a GPR reduction of \$2.255 million, staff reduction of 8.55 and funding the living wage for purchase of service agencies to \$9.93/hour (0.31 per hour increase).

In the Children, Youth and Families division, \$809,321 was reduced (\$197,957 needed to be increased in Alternate Care Costs) resulting in \$401,930 in internal reductions. In the Adult Community Services division, a reduction in senior care management (3.7%) and volunteer services is reflected. For the developmentally disabled (DD) population, the non-mandated practice funding and service costs of individuals graduating from high school continues in June 2008 as well as an estimated four new court ordered and/or crisis consumers entering the system.

In the mental health arena, there is an increase in overall spending by a little over \$1.4 million including \$316,000 in GPR: increases in psychiatric hospitalization funding, the creation of a new mental health psychiatric hospitalization diversion initiative, a reduction in mental health related services at three worksites, increases in HUD Shelter+Care rent subsidy to reflect the current award and RFP Case Management and Medication Services increases.

In terms of jail diversion, there are no AODA program changes. Spending has been increased for programs for people with physical disabilities while Employment Resources Inc.'s benefits counseling and planning services for the

same population is eliminated, there's a 20% reduction in AIDS Network Inc. sexually transmitted disease prevention program, revenues are increased for individuals relocated from nursing homes and MA Personal Care has increased to reflect caseload growth.

Finally, in the Economic Assistance and Work Services division Interim Assistance caseloads and the hotel voucher program for homeless individuals are reduced. For the Badger Prairie Health Care Center, there's been an elimination of 4 FTE Recreation Therapy Aides, one FTE Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant, a 0.5 FTE Laundry Worker and a 0.5 FTE Senior Social Worker. At the same time, two FTE and four 0.5 FTE Activity Assistants were added. Also, the private pay rate is increased by \$16,000 and the Medicaid and Medicare reimbursement rates are increased.

At the time of this writing, a schedule for public input and budget meetings hasn't been put together but should be soon. Please don't hesitate to contact me. It's a very important budget and I welcome your input.

- Supervisor Barbara Vedder

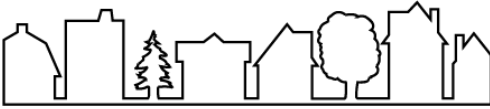
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Welcome (from page 1)

Lapham is a jewel, and, as its school song states “even has a pool,” which makes it the only elementary school in the district with this distinction. And even if you don’t have kids, ride by and check out the cool school-community garden plots. And explore Tenney Park and all its attributes, including the lagoon and Yahara River. While technically a part of the Marquette Neighborhood, one other nearby park offers festivals and Farmer’s Markets—notably the all new Fete de Marquette, held each summer on the grounds of the future central park at Wilson and Ingersoll, and the Tuesday afternoon market in the same location, a less-crowded version of the too-popular Farmer’s Market on the Square, offering many good organics (4-6:00 PM—seasonal).

Diversity: we have young and old, students and seniors, rich and poor, executives, teachers, surgeons, managers, day workers, night workers, painters, roofers, masseuses, and the rest of us. We have houses that have been home to the same extended family for more than thirty years, houses that have been rejuvenated and now house residents whose babies are less than one year old, and lots of apartments that are home to people since way last...August 15. We are a vital neighborhood, always in flux but always keeping a central core of long-time residents. This is a blessing and a challenge, since it sometimes seems to older residents that their new neighbors have little personal investment in keep-

ing up their dwellings.

Unfortunately, the sad fact is that some owners see their rental houses as cash machines, running them from afar through property management companies that can be well or badly run, but who cannot take a personal interest in the people who actually sleep and study within. (I once rented a basement apartment in Minneapolis for over a year and never once met the woman to whom I wrote my monthly checks. I thought then and think now that I did not care for this kind of faceless connection.) When things do go badly, there is legal recourse to the worst of the offenses. We have a very active Tenant Resource Center (www.tenantresourcecenter.org), but the best defense against renter to landowner disputes is usually knowledge.


Owners need to stay up on rental law—and for them there are a couple of professional associations, such as the Apartment Association of South Central Wisconsin (www.aascw.org)-- but so do tenants. Owners can be unfairly charged for matters beyond their control—for example, for appliances put out without the city stickers (available at libraries and at City Hall). Make sure to get your hands on the Recyclopedia, also free at all libraries, for the fine points. For example, you need to know that garbage bins left out more than 24 hours before and after collection days subject the owners to fines. Renters need to check their leases to see what their rights and responsibilities are concerning yard upkeep, snow removal, and timing of recycling and

garbage removal. We are all holding our breath to see how the new Land of the Giants Garbage cans will fare, but they are certainly more pleasant to look at than the rag-tag collection of dented and no-lid cans they replace.

Some Problems: we live together peacefully, and for the most part tend to be tolerant. Still, conflict is inevitable when cultures come together or should I say people. As our frequent area patrol officers’ reports reflect, we get in each others’ faces over noise, property damage, theft, and public acts that should be kept private, if you catch my drift. I am delighted when people graze on the mulberries that arch over the sidewalk in front of my house—less so when somebody decides to lift my Buddha from his cemented and staked position underneath the tree. While I figure karma has a way of working itself out for these folks, it’s aggravating.

I have seen two drunken folk try to move a very sharp-faceted boulder from beside a neighbor’s driveway—cursing comically and loudly when they got the cut-up hands they deserved. Hanging flower baskets tend to vanish unless wired to hangers, porch furniture is at risk, and any bike left unlocked is public property to some folks. (Lest you think I think I live on Sunnybrook Farm, there are, of course, a serious number of dangerous crimes reported in our neighborhood too.)

Robberies and break-ins do happen. Use common sense. As a woman, I do not walk long distances by myself at



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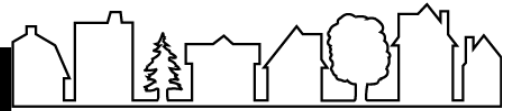
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night and always keep my cell phone cued up. I pay attention to my surroundings and try to keep an eye out for dangerous or threatening-looking behavior in others. I keep my valuables, especially easily-resold computer and electronic equipment, out of view. Clearly, trust is a good trait that must be tempered by healthy skepticism. Don't let anyone into your home who does not identify himself or herself. If you have a party, be aware that you will be held responsible for the behavior of those attending, that noise ordinances are enforced, and that your neighbors want to sprinkle their daisies the old-school way, thanks very much. (The fine is \$174 for public urination, hint, hint.)

Critter Friendliness: speaking of sprinkling, we are a very pet-heavy neighborhood. Dog-walkers (and once in awhile, cat-walkers) are as numerous and pervasive as joggers. And, as with most populations of humans, most are considerate and reasonable about their companion animals. However, while it's no Paris in terms of nasty messes left for others, occasionally somebody has a misconception about duties regarding doodo. You must, by law, not only keep your pet on a leash, but also carry a scooper or bag for waste.

The yard outside your house is not exempt from this rule—after all, a gentle breeze can waft Snoopy's delicate scent next door—and, despite what one highly irritated offending dog-owner told me—coming back "later" is not a good excuse. The terrace between the street and the sidewalk is public property, not

a private privy. Similarly, cat owners are not allowed to let Fluffy roam, even, as another misguided cat fancier told me, "It seems unnatural to keep her in." Being squished under a bus is not what you want and does happen. Many of us feed birds and love cats too—don't let your cat menace other people's pleasure. It isn't just the old and infirm birds that die at the hands of claws, contrary to popular folklore. I myself, along with a few other neighbors, also welcomed the recent Madison ordinance allowing up to four hens (with proper inspection and licensing of the coop). Listen carefully and you may hear the music of gentle cackling some morning. Be friendly and you may be the recipient of nice, warm eggs. A few good layers can produce a lot of eggs. For those who don't want the responsibility of being an urban farmer, but are curious, once a summer there is a Tour de Coop. Along with our Art Walk and Neighborhood Potlucks, it is a pleasant way to make some new friends.

Your Neighborhood Association: we have a very active and effective neighborhood association. But let's say you only intend to live here for a year. What can you gain from getting involved? Well, a voice in how things are done for one thing. All kinds of problems and issues come before the board. If you are very vexed or have an idea to share, come to a meeting, (first Wednesdays in the Garden Apartments at the corner of E. Gorham and N. Baldwin Streets in the community room at 7:00 PM), and tell us about it. Also, we

are always looking for volunteers for various committees, including people to help Area Reps like me deliver the newsletters. It's good exercise. That reminds me, multi-unit buildings are now locked making delivery more difficult. If you see extra copies outside bring them into the common area. We are going to try using plastic bags as a way to avoid having newsletters blowing in the wind. A copy of this newsletter and a cup of coffee at one of our numerous great little coffeehouses (see ads scattered throughout this publication) are a great way to get things moving in the right direction.

Speaking of directions, I'm out of here.

- Gay Davidson-Zielske, Area Rep



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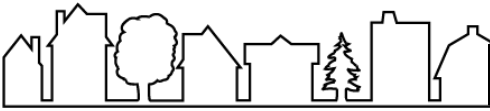


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TLNA's Website gets a New Look

TLNA's website (<http://danenet.wicip.org/tlna>) got a new look in May thanks to three graduate students in UW's School of Library and Information Studies. Elissa Purvis, Debbi Griffith, and Jarrod Bogucki took a class in Information Architecture under instructor Stephen Paling and as part of a class project selected TLNA's web page for a makeover.

They surveyed neighborhood residents about the content, interviewed the site's webmaster, Bob Shaw, and finally gave a presentation to TLNA's neighborhood council in late spring.

The new site keeps the familiar bird's eye drawing of the neighborhood but incorporates a new design in presenting neighborhood information.

On the web site you will find a ten-year archive of the neighborhood newsletter, a six year archive of TLNA's neighborhood council meetings, an events calendar, a list of TLNA's officers and elected officials, the neighborhood plan and much more.

If you have any suggestions for added content, contact me at robert.e.shaw@gmail.com.

- Bob Shaw



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A wide range of housing options are found in different areas of the neighborhood, including single-family homes with lake frontage, smaller, moderately priced homes, co-op living, and two/three flats and larger apartment buildings.

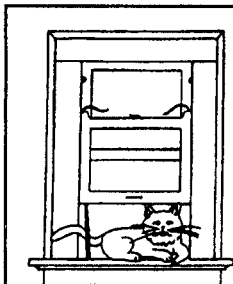
Accessibility to Lake Mendota and the Yahara River for water activities and the linkage to the bike system provides a wide range of recreational and transportation opportunities. Three city parks, James Madison, Reynolds and Tenney, along with the Yahara River Parkway, provide a variety of resources, such as beaches, sailboard and boat rentals, an ice skating rink, volleyball and tennis courts.

The economic heart of the neighborhood is the East Johnson Business District, where people can shop for groceries, do their laundry, get a haircut, buy flowers, antiques, framing, wines and spirits, and more.

Welcome to our neighborhood. Enjoy.

- Patrick McDonnell, TLNA President

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Breese (from page 1)

\$340,692 be taken from funds previously allocated to downtown parks (the area from Broom to Commercial Avenue). That would have left just over \$100,000 in the downtown parks budget.

Alder Konkel and some TLNA residents objected to this reallocation of money. In a post to her blog (<http://brendakonkel.blogspot.com/>) entitled "Robbing Peter (Downtown Area Parks) to Pay Paul (Breese Stevens), Alder Konkel did not object to the additional money for the Breese Stevens renovation but argued that the money should be borrowed rather than depriving



ing downtown parks money for capital improvements. The argument was that Breese is more of a city park geared to the soccer community with limited usage by area residents. In the end the Board of Estimates and City Council

approved the reallocation of money toward Breese Stevens.

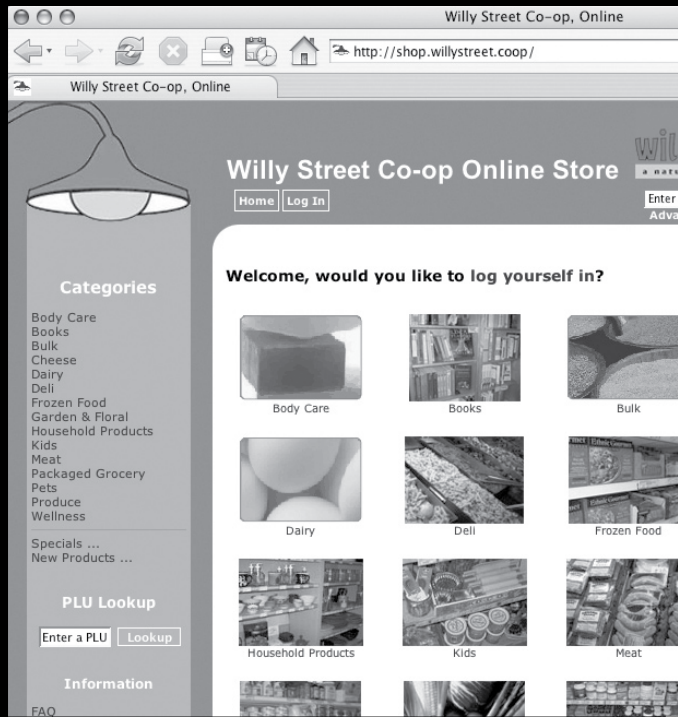
However, Si Widstrand wrote in a recent email: "The bids came in under budget, which is good, because it should allow us to put back some of the repairs that we had deleted. Also the park development fund that people had wanted us to save for neighborhood use has received some additional payments, so there should still be at least \$200,000 available for neighborhood park improvements".

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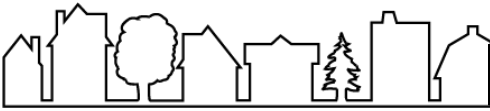


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Crime Report for the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood - May, June, July 2007

The following represents an overview of crime in the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood. It does not represent all cases.

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Address</u> | <u>Crime</u> | <u>Targeted/Stolen</u> |
|-------------|-------------------------|----------------|--|
| May 1 | 1000 block E. Mifflin | Disturbance | Victim approaches what appears to be someone breaking into a car, someone else lunges at him, receives 2" cut to right forearm; suspect flees (male Hispanic, 5'5", 100 pounds, thin build, black hooded sweatshirt, blue jeans). |
| May 3 | 1200 block E. Mifflin | Robbery | Victim allows acquaintances and friend into residence. The male holds the victim's arms while the female goes through his pockets and takes cash. |
| May 12 | 1400 block E. Johnson | Sexual Assault | Suspect approached victim who was fishing, engaged her in conversation, then began touching her, then left the area. |
| May 22 | 700 block E. Johnson | Burglary | Residential, door forced open, DVDs, electronic gaming equipment. |
| May 27 | 200 block N. Blount | Battery | Numerous officers dispatched to disturbance with guns and/or knives involved. Upon arrival, found disturbance involving several residents and visitors but no weapons found. Justyn L. Licht, male white, was arrested and charged with battery and disorderly conduct. |
| May 31 | 900 block E. Gorham | Disturbance | Victim received threatening voicemails from suspect, in which female threatened to shoot victim with his own gun. |
| June 1 | 100 block N. Blair | Disturbance | Victim reported the suspect had threatened to kill him and attempted to open his door with a large kitchen knife. Suspect arrested. |
| June 1 | 800 block E. Dayton | Burglary | Non-residential glass door shattered. Nothing taken. |
| June 9 | 600 block E. Mifflin | Battery | Altercation between couple over belongings results in suspect striking victim with an iron. Suspect arrested. |
| June 13 | 1000 block E. Dayton | Burglary | Residential, unknown access, stereo, blow torch, grinder, tools. |
| June 22 | 200 block N. Blair | Robbery | Female returning home parked vehicle in back lot of residence. As she walked in the alley toward front of the building, confronted by suspect who displayed handgun. Female gave suspect money and he fled. Suspect: M/B, 5'9" to 6', black hoodie with black scarf, baggie pants. |
| June 26 | 1100 block E. Gorham | Sexual Assault | Victim met suspect at Peace park around 2 a.m. Victim accompanied suspect back to a residence where they entered an unlocked basement and she was sexually assaulted. Suspect arrested. |
| July 5 | 1100 block E. Johnson | Burglary | Non-residential, door broken into, clothing. |
| July 8 | 1300 block Sherman | Disturbance | Suspect charged with lewd and lascivious disorderly conduct, open intoxicant in park and possession of glass container in glass-free zone after exposing himself to sunbathers in Tenney Park. |
| July 16 | 800 block E. Washington | Burglary | Non-residential, locks tampered, officer searched, nothing missing. |
| July 30 | 1000 block E. Dayton | Sexual Assault | Male, 45, acting suspicious with 9-year old girl, called in by witness. Registered sex offender held on parole violation. |

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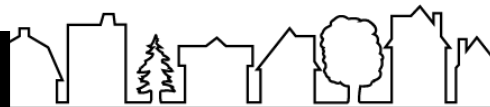
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| 210 N. Livingston, #2 | 680 | \$184,900 |
| 211 N. Ingersoll | 950 | \$190,000 |
| 938 E. Dayton | Multi-Unit | \$192,900 |
| 115 N. Ingersoll | 788 | \$194,900 |
| 108 N. Brearly | 1138 | \$199,900 |
| 1150 Williamson | 1001 | \$199,900 |
| 208 N. Brearly | 1308 | \$219,900 |
| 311 N. Few | 1672 | \$234,900 |
| 938 E. Johnson | 1720 | \$246,000 |
| 1111 E. Gorham | 2595 | \$249,900 |
| 1027 E. Johnson | 2337 | \$289,900 |
| 1012 E. Dayton | 1952 | \$309,900 |
| 422 Sidney | 1393 | \$319,000 |
| 1107 E. Gorham | 2559 | \$319,900 |
| 940 E. Johnson | 2000 | \$329,900 |
| 323 N. Baldwin | 2137 | \$334,900 |
| 854 E. Gorham | 2233 | \$335,000 |
| 1223 E. Dayton | 1794 | \$349,900 |
| 421 Washburn Place | | \$374,900 |
| 1114 E. Johnson | 1960 | \$395,000 |
| 1004 E. Dayton | | \$399,900 |
| 201 N. Brearly | | \$419,900 |
| 410 N. Livingston | 2507 | \$550,000 |
| 752 E. Gorham | 5320 | \$1,050,000 |
| 807 E. Johnson | | \$1,500,000 |
| 428 N. Livingston | | \$1,600,000 |

SOLD

| Address | Days on Market | List Price | Sold Price |
|------------------------|----------------|------------|------------|
| 8 Sherman Terrace, #1 | 19 | \$75,000 | \$65,000 |
| 25 Sherman Terrace, #2 | | \$93,000 | \$91,000 |
| 8 Sherman Terrace | 1 | \$108,000 | \$108,000 |
| 414 N. Livingston, #3 | 496 | \$149,900 | \$133,000 |
| 936 E. Dayton | 300 | \$219,000 | \$195,000 |
| 1209 E. Mifflin | | \$209,900 | \$209,900 |
| 1016 E. Dayton | 42 | \$224,900 | \$224,900 |
| 739 E. Johnson | 145 | \$239,900 | \$230,000 |

The above statistics were compiled by Shelly Sprinkman of Restaino, Bunbury & Associates and the editor. To find the assessed value of a house, go to Madison's Assessor's home page at <http://www.ci.madison.wi.us/assessor>.

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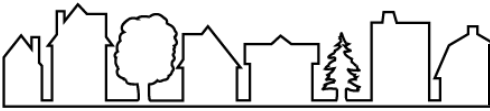
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Neighborhood Council Seeks Input on Implementing Historical Preservation Plan Goals

One goal set forth in the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Plan is to “preserve and accentuate the historic character” of the neighborhood. The plan seeks to preserve the historical character and availability of diverse, quality-constructed, period housing that contributes to the identity of the neighborhood by obtaining local landmark designations for the Fourth Lake Ridge Historic District and the Sherman Avenue Historic District.

The Fourth Lake Ridge district covers properties on East Gorham, from Franklin Street to Brearly and, between those end points, from Gorham to Lake Mendota. The Sherman Avenue district covers properties on Sherman from Brearly to Tenney Park.

These historic districts presently enjoy national historic designations,

but they have not been adopted as local historic districts. As a result, property owners may obtain tax credits for improvements that are in keeping with the historical character of their homes, but there are no standards in place that prevent the owners of properties from altering their buildings in ways that detract from the historical character of the districts or devalue their neighbors’ efforts to maintain their historic homes.

Madison has several local historic districts, and each one has its own set of standards for new construction. For example, Mansion Hill has different standards than the Marquette Bungalow District, as it should. The TNLA Council has created a subcommittee that is interested in looking at standards that may help preserve characteristics people value in our two historic districts. If you

are interested in helping develop guidelines and criteria for major alterations and new construction in our historic districts, please write or email Diane Milligan, at 1142 E. Gorham St. (diane.milligan@gmail.com). As we go through the process of proposing standards and seeking city approval, there will be many opportunities to get involved. If you are interested in the topic but not interested in volunteering to help steer it, please know that the Council will keep the neighborhood and all affected property owners informed throughout the process of obtaining city landmark status.

- Diane Milligan
TLNA’s Housing Chair

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