

TENNEY - LAPHAM

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER Fall 2010

Welcome New Neighbors

As summer turns to fall the change in seasons feels exciting, vivid and energizing. The chilly morning breeze invigorates and forebodes a warning and a challenge; sweaters and blankets come out of their summer hiding places to help. Instead of barbecues it's a desire for soup that comes to mind.

Block parties and backyard parties are over for awhile. Flowers and birds are saying their good bye. Soon school buses and little children will be all that provides bright color. The last of the garden tomatoes are pulled off the vine and still it all feels good. It's out with the old and on with the new.

Maybe that's why this time of year,

when many new residents arrive, we always want to say, excitedly, welcome to you.

Neighborhood activism is part of the Mad City character. The Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association tries to do its part and invites you to be involved.

- Joe Brogan, editor



*"In Light of Everything" by Loey Blue -
Art Installation this fall at James Madison Park*

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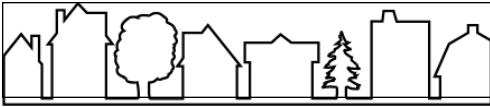
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Spaghetti Dinner

Join Us for the TLNA Annual Meeting and Spaghetti Feed - Thursday, October 28
Adults - \$3.00; Kids under 12 - \$1.00



Mark your calendars and plan to join us for TLNA's annual meeting, October 28 at Christ Presbyterian Church from 6-8pm. We are doing the cooking - so you don't need to bring anything but an appetite. After quite a few years, the Church has graciously invited us to return to use their kitchen to prepare meals (and their cool Hobart to wash the dishes). So we will be cooking up spaghetti with and without meat sauce, and providing a fine salad, delicious garlic bread, something fun for dessert, and beverages. Back in the day - we'd get anywhere from 75-100 people showing up for our annual meeting - mostly because we were doing the cooking. We hope to feed that many folks again. So please - mark your calendars - and plan to join us for a great neighborhood meal.



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Sherman Avenue Neighbors Beware

Recently, a disturbance took place on Sherman Avenue. Police were called using 911. The police never arrived. An investigation by the County of Dane Public Safety Communications provided the following explanation:

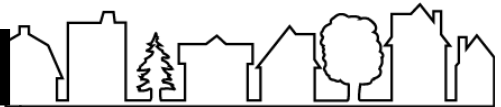
The land line telephone company provides Automatic Number Information (ANI) and Automatic Location Information (ALI). The call-taker, upon answering the land line 9-1-1 call, received correctly: the phone number the originating call came from, the billing name on the account, physical address of the phone calling, and the emergency service providers who are charged with responding

The call taker was immediately faced with a decision as there are 2 possible addresses on Sherman Avenue that have a number address of 1117. One is 1117 Sherman Ave, with a nearby cross street, Ingersoll (zip 53703), and 1117 N. Sherman Ave, with a nearby

cross street of Aberg Avenue (zip 53704). The call taker inadvertently selected the wrong address and therefore police were sent to the N. Sherman location.

The investigation outlined steps taken to avoid a reoccurrence of this incidence. Still, if you have an emergency make sure you give a cross street with your address when calling 911.

Reported by Gigi Holland



President's Report

Dear Neighbors:

We have come to the end of another membership year and are now planning our annual meeting at Christ Presbyterian Church. I hope that many of you will join us for dinner that evening.

Our business meeting will elect a new council. There will also be proposals that if enacted may greatly expand our membership as well as significantly increase funds available for neighborhood projects and initiatives. Please study them carefully. It has also been proposed that the council add a new committee, development, and a new position attached to the newsletter, that of reporter.

The crucial element of course is YOUR participation. We will need more involvement from a number of members to represent the association on the block level but I'm confident that we can rise to the occasion.

See you all, in the Neighborhood.

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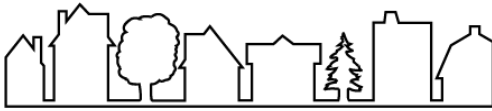
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La Lingerie - Truly a Treat

One very rainy evening I met with the lovely Katherine Bice, owner of La Lingerie, one of the newest businesses to call East Johnson Street home.

The foundation fit house is filled with some of the most beautiful lingerie I've ever seen, and my private appointment meant that Katherine would give me expert tips on the proper fitting of these lovely undergarments.

Katherine's carefully selected products offer the perfect melding of functionality and fashion. Some of the best lingerie lines in the world, including the French label Chantelle, are now available right here in Madison – hurray!

Talking with Katherine, it's immediately clear that her experience and love for her profession translate into a



passion for empowering women. "Why are we trying to manipulate ourselves to fit into a certain size?" says Katherine. "It should be the other way around." La Lingerie is a place where women can go to find beautiful lingerie that fits them.

Originally from Onalaska, Wisconsin, she attended UW-Eau Claire and earned a major in advertising. She spent a semester in France where her love of lingerie began. After school, Katherine moved to Chicago and worked over four years fitting at Victoria's Secret but she says she learned the most after leaving to work at one of the top five fitting houses in the nation.

The hardest part of my job at Victoria's Secret was telling customers 'you don't fit here.'" Katherine would often have to refer customers online to find special sizes. Now those customers can come to La Lingerie to find beautiful lingerie that fits well in their size as the store carries 30-40 A-H with other sizes avail-

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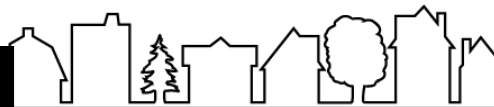
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The exquisiteness does come with a higher price point, but after wearing my new unmentionables (oops... I mentioned them) for a few weeks now, I can definitely say it's absolutely worth it. There is a \$100 minimum purchase with a fitting appointment, but I'm using the same reasoning I did when we bought our new mattress; if you use it daily (or in the case of the mattress, nightly) it is well worth the investment. I mentioned this analogy during my fitting and while I'm sure she wouldn't immediately liken her product to a mattress, Katherine graciously nodded.

Business for La Lingerie has been good and many customers are ecstatic to find such beautiful lingerie that fits well and appreciate the personalized service she offers. Katherine keeps a "wish list" to keep track of customer's favorites and maintains a purchase history, to allow for easier gift giving - guys, as if you need any excuse, I did pass Hallmark yesterday and noted that October 16 is Sweetest Day. And ladies if you're getting married, or know someone who is, La Lingerie has played host to many bridal parties.

I highly recommend making an appointment with Katherine at La Lingerie. It is a wonderfully, educational experience - truly a treat.

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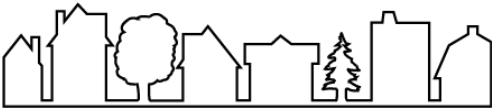
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James Madison Park Houses - Back in the News Again

The properties involved are on E. Gorham Street, 640, 646, 704 (formerly the Collins Bed and Breakfast, and 746 (presently the Lincoln School Apartments). Recently, Alder Bridget Maniaci put some oxygen into the process for deciding what to do with these properties.

In 2009 the James Madison Park Planning Committee made recommendations to the Park Commission setting guidelines for the sale of the buildings without selling the land underneath. No action was taken at the time. Because of opposing viewpoints, and more recently, perhaps, economic conditions, it has been difficult for the city to move forward with a plan. But very likely the Mayor will soon appoint a surplus property committee to work out the details. That's the next step in the process. This time around something is likely to

happen.

Originally known as "Conklin Park", named after the Conklin ice house which stood on the site until 1938, James Madison Park got its present name in 1963. In the 1960's the city purchased the properties on E. Gorham Street. Advocates for expanding park space and advocates for preserving historic buildings got involved. The city planned to demolish them in order to expand park space and lakefront access in the downtown area, something badly neglected by early planners and developers.

Instead, they created a contentious issue for the city, still going after 40 years. The buildings have historic value. The conflict led to an impasse resulting in a compromise proposal to sell the buildings but not the land underneath. This plan was reasserted by the 2009

planning committee. The buyer of the building enters into a lease agreement for the use of the land. The city retains ownership of the land for use as future park space that may be unaffordable in the future or otherwise unavailable, and the buildings, at least for now, are saved from demolition.

Is this a good compromise, or is it passing the buck? "The devil is in the details" as they say. The Lincoln School building, one of the E. Gorham properties in this group, provides a case in point to consider. In March of 1985 the city entered into a ground lease agreement for the "Former Lincoln School Lands" with Urban Land Interests, and in addition sold them the building. That's what's on the table now for the other three buildings. The planning committee recommended a 66 year lease

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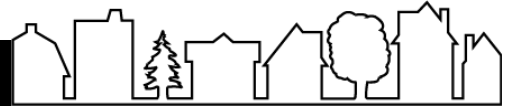
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term for buildings 640, 646, and 704. What happens at the end of the lease term was not considered by them, but that's the question.

Here is the lease language that addressed this question in the case of the Lincoln School Building:

Upon termination of this lease, Lessee's right herein shall cease, and Lessee shall immediately surrender the premises. Further, Lessor shall be entitled to receive building in reasonable condition, ordinary wear and tear, uninsurable damage by the elements, or other uninsurable causes beyond the control of the Lessee excepted. Upon lease termination, any and all improvements shall become a part of the land on which it is located and title shall thereupon vest in Lessor.

building will revert back to the city at the end of the lease term. Similar language will have to be written into any lease agreement for the sale of the other buildings, if sold, without the land.

The following additional language conveys the thought process of the city council at that time, 1985:

When this lease was authorized, it was the concern of the Common Council that the land would be available at the end of the 49 years for park purposes if the council at that time deemed it necessary.

If the building did not need to be removed or the building use converted to park or recreational use, then it was the anticipation of the council that an extension would be entered into by the city at that time.

Lincoln School Building is 2034. Will the Lincoln School Apartments building being ready for demolition then or even in 2084? Not unless a disaster happens. Well made buildings maintained will last a very long time. And over time their historic significance should keep increasing making the buildings even more valuable and more in need of protection.

When the Lincoln School lease is up (22 years from now), demolition will be unthinkable, the city will not want to take over management of the building, and will not be in a good position to renegotiate the land lease. It will feel very futile because city officials will be no closer to knowing when the land under Lincoln School will be available for park space than they were when the original lease was signed 49 years earlier. Is it realistic to think the city could keep the land lease going indefinitely into the future? Eventually, the city will relent and sell the land.

The plan now proposed is to enter into a similar land lease deal for the other three James Madison Park properties. It's worth thinking about; the land lease idea may be just a feel good compromise with no merit. Like the Lincoln School building, these other buildings when well maintained will last a very long time. Future park space becoming available long into the future when their useful life is finished is not at all assured.

The original proposal and more recently as well was to remove buildings 640 and 646 from their present site. That's what should be done. It's the only way to assure having more park space and open lakefront access.

There are many worn out buildings nearby. One of those property owners would jump at the chance to trade up.

-Joe Brogan

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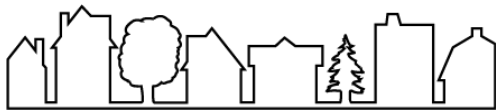
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Environmental Action in our Neighborhood - Networking and Support

A few years ago when the movie *An Inconvenient Truth* hit theatres many of us got up off the couch to work on solutions to slow down global warming and cut our carbon footprint. Then the Great Recession hit and saving the planet dropped off the list of immediate priorities. Climate change went from an urgent issue that helped get Obama elected to become something that many politicians won't even talk about. Most people agree that reducing greenhouse gas emissions is still a very important long-term priority.

This summer marked the end of the hottest 12 month period for global average temperatures since they started keeping records; an "ice island" several times as big as Manhattan broke off of Greenland; floods in Asia; wildfires in Russia; record-setting heat waves on the U.S. East Coast six months after record high snowfall closed down Washington D.C. What we're seeing now looks an awful lot like the beginnings of Worst Case Scenario from many climate models developed by research scientists. And the concentration of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere has been getting higher – i.e., worse.

If you have been meaning to live more sustainably but haven't gotten

around to it, now might be the right time.

I live at 930 E. Dayton St. I am forming an environmental action team in our neighborhood. I invite you to join us as we reduce our adverse environmental impacts, preserve resources, and get to know our neighbors better.

We will be supported by the EnAct program (www.enactwi.org) and together will read the *EnAct: Steps to Greener Living* book, which will provide us with more than 1,000 different actions we can take to live a more sustainable life. (Maybe we'll just choose our top 500 ☺.)

If you're interested in conserving energy and water, reducing your waste and carbon emissions, eating healthy and sustainable foods, driving less, and saving money, then please email me and let me know your interest. I'll be scheduling a kick-off meeting in the next few weeks based on the interests and schedules of those who contact me.

Our team will meet regularly in fun and informal settings to learn from each other this fall. We will also work together to help make our neighborhood and our lives more eco-friendly.

Thanks! Hope to get an email from you

Kind regards,
Seth Nowak

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(If you totally can't email, you can call my cell phone at 608-354-1329, but I very much prefer email.)

Note: I'd *especially* like to hear from you if you're already living an eco-friendly life, are already doing more than you used to, are not afraid to be labeled as "an environmentalist", and don't want to participate in yet another local group or go to any more meetings. My vision here is to create and enhance a strong community of people in Tenney-Lapham who care about our air, water, health, wildlife and living sustainably together. For some joining a new EnAct group might be right, but not everyone. We can at least communicate online and leverage our time and talents to green our neighborhood.

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Marquette School has a New Principal

My name is Pam Wilson, and I am very excited and proud to be the new principal of Marquette Elementary School!

In this first year at Marquette, my focus is on getting to know the staff, students and families, which has been delightful so far. Much of the familiar instruction and events will continue, as I get to see how things work in my new home. I look forward to the good academic work our students will do in reading, writing and math, and can't wait to be a part of our special events like the Marquette Mile.

It is important for me to get to know every teacher and every student in our school. I spend time in classrooms almost every day, to be a partner and leader in the educational decisions we make. I greet students as they arrive daily, have candlelight lunches with small groups of students each week, and honor the great things kids do with "Nice News" notes home to each child and family.

It is equally important for me to be a part of the surrounding community as the principal of your grade 3-5 school. It is exciting to be at a paired school, knowing that this brings the opportunity to pair with two communities! I look forward to attending some of the Tenney-Lapham Association meetings, and invite anyone interested to contact me about volunteering or otherwise being a partner with Marquette. I know there is a strong history of support for Lapham and Marquette from the two communities, and I am proud to be a part of that tradition.

I started my career in education as a speech/language clinician for fifteen years at Powers Elementary School in the Beloit Turner District, and have been a principal for the last twelve years at Black Earth Elementary School in the Wisconsin Heights District and at Lindbergh and Midvale Elementary Schools here in Madison. Each of these oppor-

tunities has helped to shape my beliefs about the work we do with children:

Every child brings many strengths to school every day, and also needs, and our job is to build on the strengths and support the needs so every child is successful;

We work smarter at building these strengths and supporting these needs when we work together collaboratively as professional learning communities, each bringing our own strengths to the process and supporting one another;

Families are equal partners in the education of their children, and the more

we learn of their culture and values the better we understand our students and help them grow.

I look forward to opportunities to partner with your association and the larger community as we work together, continuing the fine educational tradition that Lapham and Marquette Schools have established.

- Pam Wilson

Neighborhood Authors Celebrate Book Signing

Neighborhood authors Bob Kann and Caroline Hoffman could be seen celebrating and signing copies of their most recent book *Cindy Bentley: Spirit of a Champion* at Barnes and Nobles September 19. They collaborated with Cindy Bentley to tell her story.

Cindy Bentley: Spirit of a Champion celebrates the life of one of Wisconsin's most inspirational leaders and activists. Born with an intellectual disability as the result of fetal alcohol syndrome, Cindy Bentley spent much of her childhood at the Southern Wisconsin Center for the Developmentally Disabled. No one expected her to learn the skills necessary to live on her own. To everyone's surprise - including her own - she did that and much more.

With the encouragement of a teacher at Southern Center, Cindy realized she had a deep passion for sports - and the discipline to train and compete. She began participating in Special Olympics, and gained confidence as she worked with teammates to earn medals in tennis, track and field, and even snowshoeing. Chosen as a Global Messenger for the Special Olympics International in 2000, Cindy has had dinner at the White House

with two different American presidents, traveled around the world, and given speeches in front of thousands of people.

In these pages, young readers will learn what gives Cindy her champion spirit - and why she gave away some of her gold medals. Today, Cindy is still competing in Special Olympics. She also continues to advocate for people with disabilities, and helped to start People First, a statewide organization that encourages those with disabilities to speak up for their rights.

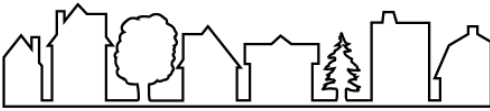
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Other Books by Bob Kann

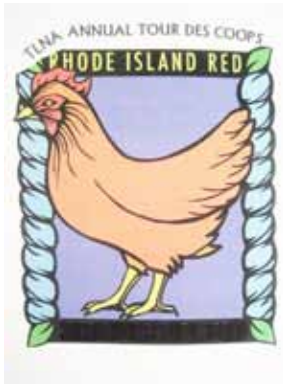
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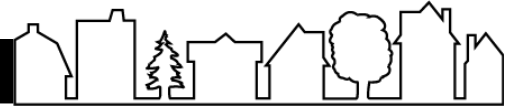
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English Conversation Class at Christ Presbyterian Church in Partnership with TLNA

Christ Presbyterian Church has been reaching out in a new direction by welcoming and helping international students adjust to life in our community. This fall, we are launching an informal English conversation class called “English Conversation Time” that we hope will foster cross-cultural exchanges in our community. We hope to have a strong participation of Tenney-Lapham residents to this project. Tenney-Lapham residents will be exposed to people from other countries, share global perspectives on world events, and learn firsthand about other cultures, while international students will have the opportunity to improve their English conversation skills and learn about life in America. Further, this will help build relationships and reinforce the sense of community in our neighborhood. We hope that Tenney-Lapham residents will respond enthusiastically to this. It will make our neighborhood very unique.



- Are you Native English speaking who would like to help international students improve their English skills?
- Are you someone who traveled abroad and would like to stay connected with internationals?
- Are you someone who would like to be exposed to people from other countries, share global perspectives on world events, and learn firsthand about other cultures?
- Are you an International student who wants to improve your English skills, learn about American culture, and make new American friends?

This is an opportunity for you:

When? Every Friday from 6:30 to 8:30 PM (beginning October 8, 2010)

Where? 944 East Gorham Street, Madison, WI 53703 Fellowship Hall, Christ Presbyterian Church

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For more information, please contact Jean Rene at 608 257 4845

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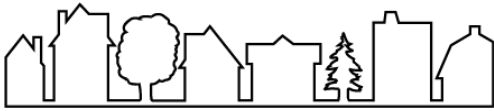
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Membership

Change in Dues Structure and Approach to Member Recruitment/Retention Proposed

Drawing on a review of how other neighborhood associations in Madison, as well as in Portland, Oregon and the Twin Cities recruit and retain members - we are launching some new approaches to building the membership base of the Tenney Lapham Neighborhood Association. Over the next year we will:

Look to identify block captains throughout the neighborhood that will distribute the newsletter on their block, serve as the eyes and ears of the neighborhood, and welcome new neighbors to the hood.

Develop a new membership brochure that will describe the many benefits of living in the neighborhood and the value of joining and supporting TLNA.

Go electronic with our membership database, allowing us to better track members, renew memberships, and hopefully better draw on the talents of neighbors that express an interest in help on committees or with special events.

Over the next 3 years we will:

Update the membership side of our website to include a PayPal or similar option for members to renew on-line.

Focus an annual membership drive to a more concentrated time period to create more momentum and excitement around membership goals. The drive will use a multi-faceted approach to membership renewal that will include face-to-face contacts, mail, e-mail, newsletter, and listserv options for recruiting and retaining members.

Use the new membership database to create a member directory every 2-3 years to be distributed to active members.

Explore options for additional member benefits including discounts at neighborhood events and discounts at neighborhood businesses.

At our annual meeting in October - you will also be asked to vote on a by-laws change that will raise our membership dues. Our dues have been \$2 (or less) for at least the last 24 years that Alan has lived in the neighborhood. We want to be able to continue to host a neighbor-

hood party, support our neighborhood schools (Lapham, Marquette, O'Keefe, and East), help build the shelter, support the Art Walk and Coop Walk, and many other things important to the neighborhood. We think a long-overdue increase in membership dues will help us support the things that are important to the neighborhood. The TLNA Council endorsed our proposal to raise the dues as described below, but it will be up to you, the members, to vote on the proposal at our annual meeting. We are proposing to drop the contributing and sustaining member categories listed below in favor of an option to make an additional charitable gift to the neighborhood at the time of enrollment or renewal.

We hope to see many of you at the annual meeting on October 28. If you have questions about our membership plan, or if you are interested in becoming a block captain, please don't hesitate to contact one of us. Our contact information is always on the inside front cover of the newsletter.

- Alan Crossley, Marina Dupler, and Alyssa Kessler

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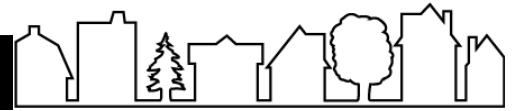
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Sustainable Tenney Fair Recap

For those of you that missed the Sustainable Tenney Fair or went to the fair and want to reconnect with the organizations that exhibited - here's a little recap of the services that each organization offers and how to connect with them.

Community Car is a car-sharing organization that provides cars by the hour for individuals, families and businesses. The easiest and most effective step we can take to improve our environment is to simply drive less. Community Car can help you have greater freedom from your car. <http://www.communitycar.com/>

Dane County TimeBank is a network of individuals and organizations in Dane County working to increase efficiency, opportunity and resource sharing through mutually beneficial exchange. People help each other and receive credits for their service. Anyone who helps another member earns one time dollar per hour, which they can then spend on an hour of service from anyone

else in the network. TimeBanking is a way to value the work we do for others in our community and the work we do in building that community. <http://www.danecountytimebank.org/>

EnAct is a program to help you live a greener, more sustainable life while building community. The Steps to Greener Living program was developed to encourage people to take actions in their daily lives to reduce the environmental impact of their households. Working individually or with a team of friends, coworkers or neighbors you will discover more than 1,000 actions to conserve energy, waste less, save water, drive less, eat well, and save money. <http://www.enactwi.org/>

Focus On Energy works with eligible Wisconsin residents and businesses to install cost effective energy efficiency and renewable energy projects. Focus information, resources and financial incentives help to implement

control the state's growing demand for electricity and natural gas. <http://www.focusonenergy.com/>

MACSAC supports and connects CSA farmers and eaters. They envision a future where Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) is the backbone of a strong local food system; where all families have access to locally produced, organic food and have strong connections to their farms, food and community. <http://www.macsac.org/>

MG&E has a variety of incentives and programs to help neighbors conserve energy. From brochures and publications, energy saving tips, money-saving offers, to portable energy meters, Green Power Tomorrow, and Solar Power projects, MGE is a valuable resource for learning what you can do to improve your energy efficiency. <http://www.mge.com/environment/>

- Alan Crossley

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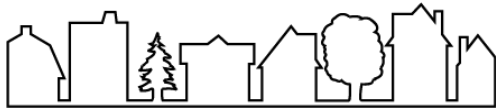
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Writer's Corner

Something There Is that Does not Love a Tree

If trees are the lungs of the planet, our neighborhood has a three-pack a day habit. I was out this morning perusing trees just on my block (1000 E. Gorham) and discussing the maiming habits of the City and the Hooper Corp and the power companies with my neighbor, a retired landscape architect who knows more than I do about trees. Yes, I know all the arguments, and could not be writing this if I didn't enjoy the benefits of dependable electricity since I haven't figured out steam-powered computing yet.

Still, the disfigurement that goes on each year—twice!—is hard to endure for a born tree-hugger like me. My neighbor and I, ironically, were discussing a large elm which sits at the intersection of his yard, my yard, and a third neighbor's yard and how it has mysteriously died and has to be cut. It wasn't one of my favorite trees—those

would be the Purple Mountain Ash in front of what will always be the Patton house to me. But I still mourn it when these gentle giants have to be reduced to pulp. So, to the core (sorry) of my proposal: First, many municipalities have now passed ordinances requiring a permit to cut down large trees (and it comes with other designations) even on one's own property. After all, the shade of a large tree benefits everyone. Second, I have heard the figure that heat is increased by 30% for every large, canopied tree cut. We just cannot afford to keep trapping all the reflected heat from our paved byways. Also, while I am now able to get some flowers to bloom on my terrace that never did before, I don't accept the tradeoff in reducing the amount of carbon sucked up by all that now-missing greenery.

Third (and I lay out all my argu-

ments first here) it is readily apparent to me that now that there is no perception of any canopy or obstruction hanging over East Gorham raceway, traffic has sped up. It's a psychological thing—the less subconscious perception of risk, the faster and more dangerously people drive. Finally, it also looks depressing and horrible. No, there's no money to put all lines underground, though we might have included that in our dealings when all the streets were ripped up three years ago.

A few weeks ago, I happened to be outside working in the yard when I saw a guy with a clipboard studying the trees on my block and making notations. I knew instantly what he must be doing—checking on the state of the Ash trees in our neighborhood—a species of which all but two on our block belong.

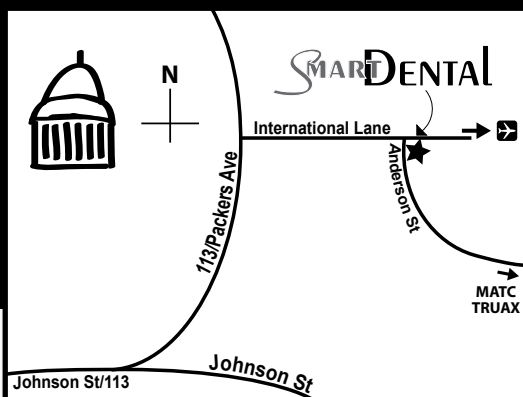
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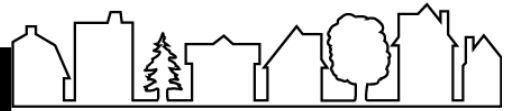
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columns on his list and I peered over to see where my big ash (careful how you pronounce that) fell on his list. I pleaded its case, but he said it was damaged and therefore endangered. If the little beetle doesn't come, it may last several years, but if it does, mine will be one that will have to be proactively cut. Now, no one person is responsible for the encroachment of this bug, so I'm not laying blame here. But I do wonder about the wisdom of damaging the canopies on each of our already-suffering buddies each year so that they will all be weakened and condemned. The species the City is now planting—some lilac, some pear, and a third I can't recall—are all small trees that spread laterally, so as not to get in the way of the lines. But, being small, they cannot answer any of my other complaints—no shade, really; no comforting "clutter" to calm traffic, and no legislation to make it necessary to consider individual trees as citizens with rights before cutting. So there it is, and I realize a real radical with a cause would look up endless stats to support her argument, but, folks, I am a gentle poet first and foremost. I lead with the heart.

- Gay Davidson-Zielske

Mayor's Column: Investing in Our Neighborhoods



It's fall in Madison and that means it's time for the city budget. In September, I introduced my capital budget to the Common Council. The capital budget includes

long-term, infrastructure investments that the city borrows for. The operating budget includes the day-to-day operations and services the city provides.

My capital budget includes funding for a study of need for neighborhood centers. There are at least three proposals on Madison's south and southwest side, and probably more in the works. This study will develop a comprehensive plan for how we meet the need for new or improved centers. My budget also includes \$3.5 million in 2012 for the construction of a center or centers.

Why is this investment in neighborhoods important?

For the first time in recent history, there is no single seriously troubled neighborhood in Madison. We continue to work through issues on the southwest side, but most would agree that things are improving, in part thanks to invest-

ments we've made in youth programming and at the Meadowood Center.

We've learned from programs like these that a relatively small investment in the short term can prevent larger investments in the long term.

That is what I hope the investments in my capital budget will continue to do. And, it's why I hope to continue this theme in my operating budget.

Given the challenging economic climate, we know this will be an incredibly difficult operating budget. I will work to maintain basic services and wherever possible, to make smart investments in our neighborhoods.

I will introduce my operating budget to the Council on October 5. Both the capital and operating budget will be considered by the Council and voted on the week of November 15. You can see my budget proposals, as well as a calendar of public hearings and votes on the budget by visiting the city's website at www.cityofmadison.com/comptroller/. And you can contact me with your input at mayor@cityofmadison.com.

- Mayor Dave Cieslewicz

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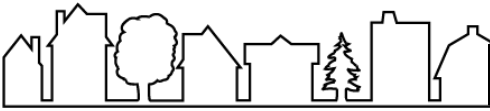
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We're Booked

The Summer of "War and Peace"

Last spring, I gathered together three reliable reading friends, and we set off on a journey to read *War and Peace* over the summer. Below we share our experience.

From Jean Dunn

How I spent my summer vacation—well one way was toting around this extraordinary book. It's a journey everyone should consider taking. Gather together a few eager or simply willing reading friends. You will find the book's literary status endures. It is wonderfully readable as it transcends genres and provides clarity and insight into the human condition. The experience and discussion may influence how you view the novel and even the world.

From Alice Kasper

I really enjoyed my summer Tolstoy read, although when I first picked it up, it seemed it was going to be a daunting task; so many pages; so many characters with too many nicknames. A couple chapters into the book I decided to trust that they would all sort out as my reading progressed, and they actually did!

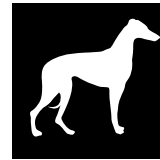
I come away from this book respecting Tolstoy's writing style and am actually going to tackle more of his writing. In fact, all I can get my hands on. I loved the way he describes his characters feelings, intents, and personality traits so well that they became like close acquaintances of mine.

It seems Tolstoy believes that the events of history are not shaped by specific powerful and persuasive men,

although usually attributed to them by historians, but rather that these events are inevitable. For more of Tolstoy's philosophies, one has only to read the second epilogue of *War and Peace*, which has nothing to do with the characters and happenings in the book.

From Mary Paulauskis

I never would have made it through *War and Peace* were it not for long bike rides to work. On some days the heat didn't matter nor the close calls with huge side mirrors on buses. I didn't see the deer grazing or how high the corn was because I was living in another time. Another era. I was feeling the cold of the Russian winter or I was at a dinner in the middle of the war with Napoleon! Finally, I was clarifying my own spiritual beliefs via the inter musings of Prince



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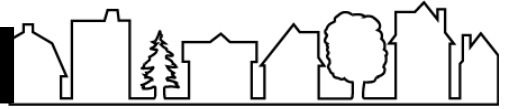
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Andrey or Pierre. I spent long hours remembering back to the discussions I had in women's studies courses in the 80's as I witnessed Natasha's move from being young, spirited and engaged into a nervous mother and needy wife. I began to study the principle players' every gesture as a simple curtsy or kiss of the hand became laden with meanings about a character's place in society. Reading *War and Peace* led me to read Gandhi's autobiography and a wonderful biography by Martin Green entitled *Tolstoy and Gandhi, Men of Peace*. It made me want to see *The Last Station* again, to re-read *Anna Karenina* (as it now clear to me that I didn't appreciate all of the subtleties of this beautiful work), to join the Tolstoy Farm CSA in the State of Washington or to visit Tolstoy, South Dakota (population 59). If you've got miles to ride or time to spend pondering

life's deepest questions in a hammock, I would highly recommend reading *War and Peace*.

From Ann Rulseh

Some of the group members began reading the book in May (before our official start date of June 1). But not me! I had been waiting for this opportunity for years; yet, I didn't want to rush it. I knew that the sooner I started reading the sooner I'd be finished, and I never wanted it to end. In the days before June 1, I had the book prominently displayed in the living room. I could see it from almost any vantage point on the main floor. I often picked it up, feeling its heft in my hands. I'd lay it open on my lap, and feel the crepe paper thinness of its pages. We set page benchmarks over

the summer, but I never read ahead. I purposely stayed about 100 pages behind. I wanted to savor each page, each paragraph, each word.

When I closed the cover after reading the last page, I was consoled to realize that one never finishes reading *War and Peace*. Just think about the number of words, phrases, characters and ideas that get passed into one's brain upon finishing a 1346 page book. Even allowing for the dead spots in my 55 year old brain, that's still a tremendous number of morsels that break through the membrane and lodge there for future reference.

So mission accomplished. What a fantastic journey!

In last Spring's newsletter, we also solicited reactions from the neighborhood at large.

Here's From Sadie Munson:

When people head off to the Peace Corps, many of them say "I will have so much free time as a volunteer that I will finally be able to get around to reading the classics." But they never do. I did have the time though while sitting in my ger in the middle of the Mongolian Gobi Desert, and I did make it all the way through *War and Peace*. My review? The War parts were boring and the Peace parts were entertaining. Hope you enjoy both parts though.

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So our *War and Peace* adventure is over. But what were we thinking? It is not so easy to disband a group of four such ardent and courageous readers. We all reupped to take on William Faulkner in January. We'll keep you posted.

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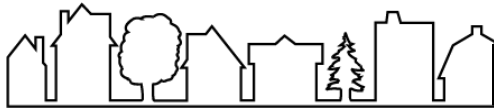
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Bike Polo Hits Madison HARD!

One, two, three, POLO! They're off to the races, ball in sight, mallets swinging. However, there are no equines on this polo field and the grass pitch has been replaced by a worn, concrete tennis court at Reynolds Park here in the Tenney Lapham Neighborhood.

What is this blasphemy that dares to call itself polo you may ask? It's hardcourt bike polo, a long lost alternative cycle sport that is making a comeback across the country and in many other parts of the world as well. Madison plays home to the Mad Bike Polo club, a welcoming group of students and professionals who live primarily on the near east side of town and get together a couple times a week to play this fast paced game.

Bicycle Polo has a lengthy history despite the recent explosion of popularity that it has experienced in the last decade or so. After being invented in the late 1800s, bike polo saw its first major recognition in the world spotlight

when it was selected as a demonstration sport at the 1908 Olympic Games in London. In recent years cycle polo has moved from the grass courts of the past to hard surfaces such as tennis courts.

Bike polo is played with two teams of three players battling for a hard plastic ball with homemade mallets crafted from aluminum ski poles and 6 inch pieces of industrial tubing. The first team to score 5 goals (scored *only* with the head of the mallet) is the winner. Players must navigate the court without ever placing either of their feet on the ground. In the case of a "foot down" or "dab" the player at fault must remove themselves from play and "tap" at a predetermined location on the court before returning to the action. As for rules, that's about it.

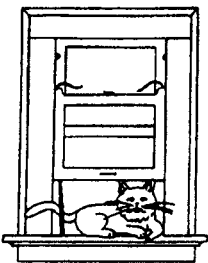
While Madison polo players have been playing at Reynolds for six or seven years, they recently received an official nod of support from the TLNA. Come check out this quickly growing

sport right here in your own Tenney Lapham Neighborhood on Wednesday evenings and Sunday afternoons at Reynolds Park. For more information email sundaysundaysunday@madbikepolo.org.

- Sam Crossley

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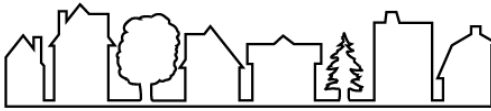
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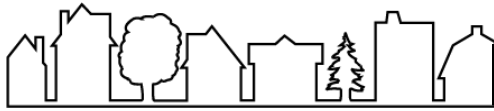
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in the inaugural Sustainable Tenney Fair shared good ideas for reducing our environmental footprint (see article on page 13). Does it get any better than that!

You gotta love our neighborhood!!
- Alan Crossley

Safer Neighborhood Watch Group Forming


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