

TENNEY - LAPHAM

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER Fall 2012

Little Free Libraries: A Good Thing

They can be constructed, bought, found, or ordered online and they are everywhere all of a sudden. And they are not birdfeeders, but rather people-feeders, or even more precisely, reader feeders. A year ago in this space, we published an article about the upswing in Little Free Libraries in the neighborhood. At that time, we had a whopping number of two within our boundaries, and while I can't find exact numbers to update that stat, suffice to say there are far more than two now.

Ours, for example, is located at 1011 E. Gorham and, once registered, carried the number 1911, but since there were 3,000 earlier this year, with "more than sixty" in Madison alone and perhaps 3,000 in 45 states, I'm not exactly sure what my number means. I do know that it is sometimes like Christmas morning every day when my husband Ken or I go out to see what has landed in our library overnight.

But let me backtrack a bit. The idea originated with Todd Boll, a "social entrepreneur from Hudson, Wisconsin, [who] got the spirit in a program run by



the UW-Madison's Continuing Studies. He built a model of a one-room schoolhouse full of books as a memorial to his mother. It generated such interest that he couldn't resist building almost a dozen more." (TLNA newsletter article 2011)

I first noticed them at Café Zoma on the bike path that runs behind and thought it such a cute idea that when my husband suddenly found himself between

jobs and needing a focus, I quickly dragged him, an excellent carpenter, into repurposing a huge, two-story-with-walk-up attic dollhouse that had, appropriately, been appropriated by me years before in a curbside shopping spree on N. Sherman. I promptly painted it to resemble our own house—this was about ten years ago, but I was already into mauve, bought and made some doll furniture, and then gave it to my sister in another state. After all, my son Alex showed very little interest in the dollhouse and Ken preferred it not at all, so it became a great aunt imposition on my sister's home. She and her grandchildren gussied it up further and there it sat until the children reached their teens and my sister "offered" it back. Unlike many little library buildings it is very heavy, being made of heavy plywood and roofed with the same. It has four "rooms" and when I hit upon the idea of recycling it, I had the idea that I would put cookbooks in the kitchen, bedroom books in the bedrooms, but then I figured nobody would touch a book put in a bathroom, so abandoned that idea. I did keep the

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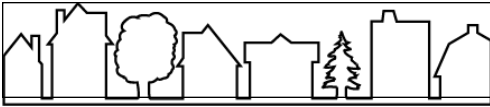


Spaghetti Dinner/Annual Meeting Thursday, October 18 from 6:00-8:30

Join us for TLNA's Annual Meeting and Spaghetti Feed
Thursday, October 18 at Christ Presbyterian Church. Food will be served
from 6:00-7:30 and the annual meeting will be held afterwards.

Adults - \$3.50 and children under 12 - \$1.50

We are doing the cooking - so you don't need to bring anything but an appetite. 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. So please - mark your calendars - and plan to join us for a great neighborhood event.



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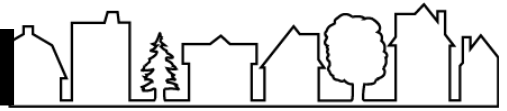
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President's Report



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Dear Neighbors:

The end of the membership year is at hand. We are currently looking for people to serve on the Neighborhood Council and are

planning our Annual Meeting with the Spaghetti Dinner. This will be served up on Thursday Oct. 18th at Christ Presbyterian Church, 944 E. Gorham Street. This has always been a good event so I hope that you attend.

This year has seen the beginning of development on E. Washington Avenue. The Otto Gebhardt project "Constellation" is moving forward on the 700

block. A developer from Atlanta, Eric Edee is looking at the Reynolds property on E. Mifflin. But the real news is the withdrawal of ULI from the 800 block of E. Washington. Last winter a proposal by the Metcalfe brothers for a full block development was well received in the neighborhood and garnered strong support. It is our hope that they will participate in a new RFP process.

Neighborhood resident Dee Grimsrud recently made me aware of a new neighbor communication site called Nextdoor (nextdoor.com). They are launching a newsletter, the Good Neighbor, which you might want to look at. With such a tool it may be possible for us to reach a wider audience than our listserve.

The TLNA hopes YOU will consider becoming active in our organization.

Check the newsletter for the list of our Council member and our committees. Contact us with your ideas and together we can make a difference here, where we live, and make the neighborhood a better place.

Yours for the neighborhood,
- Richard Linster, President TLNA

New to the Neighborhood?

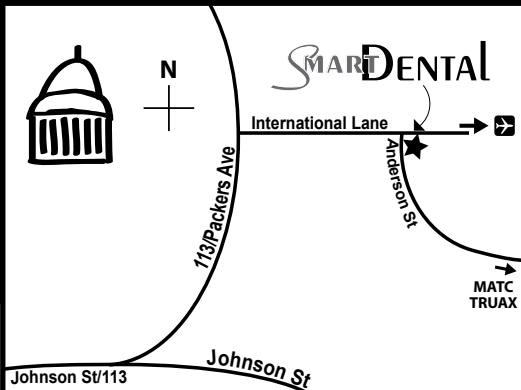
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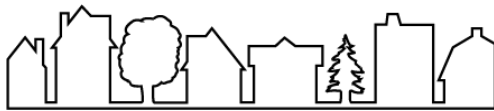
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We're Booked

Our Summer Reading: Moby Dick

What better way to beat the heat of Madison's summer than a trip to the coast of New England and a sailing voyage to the South Seas? Or, as several Tenney-Lapham readers and friends did this summer, find the coolest air they could and read (or listen to on tape) "Moby Dick." Our group of seven-to-eight members started the book with the schools' vacation and met three times in readers' homes before we finished it in mid-August. Most of us are members of a mostly neighborhood group who typically choose a half dozen books that we read and meet to discuss in members' homes on a fall-through-spring schedule. It was a subset of the group that agreed to sign on for the summer with Melville's masterpiece, a decidedly different tack from our usual selections of current or recent novels.

Most of us had read "Moby Dick" at some point in our (usually distant) past; one of our readers did so as a student in the same high school that Melville attended, Albany Academy in the capital of New York. The gatherings gave us an opportunity to share questions and insights into a book that was invariably required reading in our first attempt but probably didn't seem to us then as perhaps the greatest American novel ever written. Other than its length, what was so great about "Moby Dick"?

As one would expect, our reactions varied widely. All of us acknowledged the tedium of trying to wade through the many chapters of descriptions of whales, the brutal technology of killing them, stripping their carcasses of fat, rendering their oil and storing it in ship's holds—what one of our readers referred to as "the blubber chapters" and which she (and likely others) gladly passed over. Melville's language and syntax can be difficult to follow and are certainly more ornate than current style. The book's dialogue seems to have been strongly influenced by the Bible and the

works of Shakespeare and Milton, which Melville was reading about the time he wrote "Moby Dick" in the late 1840s.

The novel began as another of Melville's stories of whaling adventure in the South Pacific; it was only after he met Nathaniel Hawthorne, whom he

came to idolize, that Melville developed the character of a megalomaniacal Ahab and recast the book as a titanic struggle between fate and man's will. In the book's early chapters, after Ishmael shares a bed with Queequeg and signs on with him as a crewman aboard the

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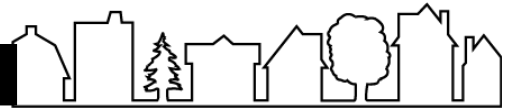
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Pequod; afterward, the tattooed cannibal remains a minor character. Other themes, once introduced to the reader, seem lacking in development. As with Twain and "Huckleberry Finn," the book that Melville set out to write and the book he completed weren't always a seamless match.

Still, everyone of our group remarked on Melville's playful sense of humor and dazzling powers of description. The wind in the ship's rigging, the water as it burbled and churned in the wake of the Pequod, the reek of whale oil as it bubbled in try pots and permeated every aspect of the ship—Melville brings a veracity and depth to these scenes that are often stunning in their beauty and perception. Ishmael will always be the classic adventurer, indifferent to financial gain but at times deliriously joyful in joining his shipmates' attempts to master the world's oceans; Ahab is an

indelible and terrifying standard of the evil that can follow unrestrained authority and power.

The book is massive in ways that go well beyond its physical bulk.

Its subtitle, "or, The Whale," is an apt description of the book itself: the Penguin edition I read with a 300-page commentary ran to more than 1,100 pages. It is clearly the work of a writer who had read widely, deeply and perceptively in the classics of Western literature. Melville's references and allusions are staggering in number and can be humbling (or completely baffling) to all but the most erudite reader. The book is so vast, so dense, that the reader can make a credible case for almost any number of interpretations and meaning. Though his language and style may seem archaic, many of Melville's themes are remarkably relevant to the contemporary reader: racism and slavery, multiculturalism,

religious freedom, sexuality, the depletion of natural resources and American exceptionalism, to name but a few. Between his accounts of ordinary seamen aboard a whaling ship and the tortured soul of its maimed captain, Melville created a book that continuously commends us to share their voyage, and to have read and explored it over good food and beverages with other fellow travellers made the trip even better.

The group's last gathering ended with our watching director John Huston's 1956 film of the novel that he and Ray Bradbury scripted together with memorable performances by Gregory Peck as Ahab and Orson Welles as preacher in the Sailor's Chapel in New Bedford. A highly recommended companion to the novel is "Why Read Moby Dick" by Nathaniel Philbrick, whose book "In the Heart of the Sea: The Tragedy of the Whaleship Essex," describes its sinking by an enraged sperm whale in 1819 in the South Pacific. The incident inspired the conclusion to Melville's novel, though at the time it was reported the incident was better known for the cannibalism among its few surviving crewmen. I especially liked Philbrick's descriptions of the Quaker culture that prevailed in 19th Century Nantucket, then the epicenter of the American whaling industry.

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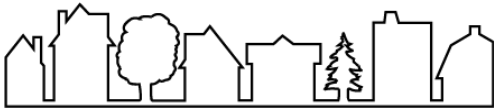
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Metcalfe Grocery Still Interested in Don Miller Site

The dust is settling on the 800 block of East Washington Avenue and the big question remains: what will become of this entire block which is still owned by the city? With Urban Land Interest (ULI) withdrawing from the process after months of planning and meetings, it would appear that the whole process will start again with a new request for proposals. In discussing the issue with my fellow neighbors we are now hoping that we will get what we wanted all along, which is a full service grocery store. It has become common knowledge to those of us living in this neighborhood that we are living in a food desert. We have a very high population density and no real full service grocery store.



*Don Miller site during deconstruction
(photo by Bob Shaw)*

I had a meeting with Mr. Tim Metcalfe recently and he assured me that he was ready to resubmit his proposal in this new

round of proposals. His proposal was a \$70 million dollar shovel ready development which would include a 60,000 square foot full service grocery store, a health club, ground floor retail and restaurant, and a 10,000 square foot roof top urban farm. Hundreds of jobs would be created in our neighborhood within walking distance. No, maybe not the high tech jobs the mayor wants but jobs for the kind of people that live here now, and these would be decent paying jobs with benefits.

If you would like to see a full service grocery store in our neighborhood, I would ask that you contact the Mayor's office and let him know how you feel.

- Richard Freihoefer

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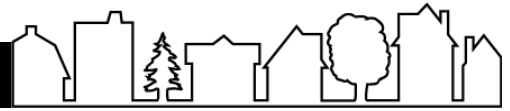
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stone fireplace in the living room and Ken added stained glass (another curbside find from another neighbor years before) and I added my version of some “tole painting”

We were so jazzed with the idea the first week after “opening” that no book was safe in our home. More background: I taught English for thirty years and accumulated a boatload of books. I was also the little girl who was so hungry for books that when the Bookmobile came to my tiny grade school, I staggered away with as many tomes as my arms would hold. I am a bibliophile’s bibliophile. My husband is a lover of books for similar reasons, but also a lover of the outsides, while I restrict my love to content. He collects books as beautiful objects as well as friends. I appreciate a good paper and lovely illustrations, but am not primarily into the covers. He spent years in publishing, so accumulated a bunch of books there too. So, you see, we were prime candidates—if only we could part with our stash. Many was the time when he yanked a book that had little value to him and placed it in the “staging area”—the top of the piano only to have me approach him with a face not unlike Morticia’s to demand that we KEEP THAT BOOK. Sometimes, the book had my handwritten (and frequently wrong) notations from college classes scrawled in the margins. Mine were wood or paper pulp, so would be soon dust anyhow. I did the same thing to some of his books. Sometimes, the book was nearly out the door when one of us felt a pang. Tolkein? Could we really give up “The Hobbit”? How about Carlos Castenada—the writer whose conversations with the holy man Don Juan turned out to be a pack of lies? Once or twice, I had to fetch one back that had been deposited outside already.

And when books came in from the mysterious universe, well, zeut alors! Magic in the night. Some had immediate application. Some convinced me that people knew my secrets and were trying to help. Some were silly and cheap, but

somehow managed to find readers. My poetry collection was rapidly recycled. Still, we considered taping over the part of the sign that says “Leave a Book” because we were trying so hard to lighten up, not feed our reading addiction.

Then, one morning, big disappointment. Seizing on a cane that I had left on what we call the “giving post”—really a telephone relay post, but a place where we have long placed unwanted items that are too good to junk—some dastardly person had smashed the plexiglass attic portion of our little library and stolen all the silly trinkets I had lovingly placed there—very stupid stuff really, but including a Buddha. What kind of karma accrues to a person stealing a Buddha? I felt mightily offended and even assaulted and should probably have called the police—if you have been following the TLNA list-serve lately, you know that we are having a mini-epidemic of petty and not so petty crime). Instead, we repaired it, which is what any reasonable person does. We live on a street that is part of the “drunk walk” home from the bars, I suppose. We have had hanging plants stolen from our porch and lost at least one bike. Taggers frequently mark the telephone relay posts like dogs mark territory. Once, someone placed a large and ragged flagstone on the trunk of my car. Maybe he or she staggered into our driveway to pee—we’ve seen that happen too. Fact is, we have a couple rental properties and we pay the price for let us say “variety and change” in our neighbors while we profit from being in a desirable rental area. So be it.



On balance, the rewards of the Little Library have been so much greater than the drawbacks. I frequently meet my neighbors there, perusing our offerings. I frequent other people’s, though I am usually not organized enough to “leave a book.” I found a delightful Dave Barry pseudo-crime-novel in one on North Sherman and loved it all the way back into my little library. It’s such a cool idea that several photographers have made it a mission to do a series on the subject. As Martha Stewart would say if she were a little more literarily inclined, “It’s a good thing.”

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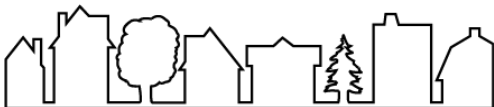
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budget amendments for items in our district. In these tough economic times, citizens strongly advocating for their neighborhoods frequently is the deciding point for alders when making their decisions on budget proposals.

TLNA Captial budget items already included in the Mayor's budget:

Reconstruction of E Dayton Street

from Livingston to Few; and Brearly Street from Dayton to Johnson. (\$1,100,000)

Reconstruction of Thornton Avenue -Tenney Park roadway- from Sherman to East Johnson (\$338,000 Engineering Dept. Funds, \$300,000 Parks Dept. Funds)

Railroad Quiet Zone #5 -South of Johnson Street to Ingersoll

Design and Planning funds for 2014 E Johnson Street reconstruction (\$200,000)

E Washington Ave. median reconstruction at Livingston Street for Constellation project (\$910,000 from Capitol East TIF District (TID #36))

Madison Beaches clean water initiative lists James Madison Park as a location for swimming area filters for a

future year (perhaps 2014?)

Street Tree replacement funds through the Capitol East TIF District (\$4,000 TID #36)

Tenney Park Marston Avenue bridge repairs (\$300,000)

Breese Stevens improvements to include PA system, lighting system design and concrete decking replacement. (\$300,000 GO Debt, \$200,000 Park Dept funds)

2014 will see artificial turf for Breese Stevens as a budget item.

James Madison Park shelter renovations & community garden (\$200,000 from sale of City-owned properties within the park)

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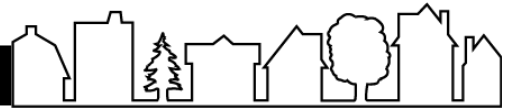


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Alder's Report



hood at the Board of Estimate decision hearing on September 24. If the items are not accepted by BOE members, they will be taken up Tuesday, November 13 at 5:30pm by the full Common Council.

New replacement playground for Reynolds' Park to improve out-of-code equipment and to prepare for new population moving into the more than 200 units from the Constellation project (\$75,000 from Park impact fee funds)

Additional downtown security cameras to include the following TLNA locations:

Johnson/Blair, Gorham/Blair, Johnson/Butler, E. Wash/Blair, Gorham/James Madison Park (Total cost for 32 camera locations \$100,000)

\$12 million for TIF financing of projects within the Capitol East TIF District for development projects (ie, 800 block redevelopment)

Additional items

City wide capital budget item: I'm supporting purchasing 4 hybrid buses for an additional \$800,000. It costs \$200,000 more per bus for hybrid buses. The City has budgeted to purchase 16 total replacement buses.

Operating budget item: I am working with staff to put together cost estimates for establishing a late-night weekend circulator bus that would connect our neighborhood to First Street, Schenk's

Corners, Williamson Street and the Capitol Square (and those neighborhoods with ours).

Other City News

New Don Miller RFP Committee

In light of ending negotiations with Urban Land Interest for a development proposal on the 800 N block of East Washington Avenue, I introduced at our September 18th council meeting a resolution to establish a new RFP committee to approve a new Request for Proposal process and to select a bid on the 800 block starting this November. Working with the Mayor and following the recent Union Corners RFP process, we have established a committee that will have four alders, the neighborhood president or designee from TLNA and Marquette NA and three additional members of the public with professional experience on real estate and development. If you believe you have a matching professional background, I urge you to contact the Mayor's office and apply for the committee. It is scheduled for approval at our October 30 Council meeting, so don't delay! <http://www.cityofmadison.com/CityHall/legislativeInformation/apply.cfm>

Safety Issues

The listserv has been very active lately with reports of property thefts and

damage to property. I urge you to call the police (911!) whenever you see improper or suspicious behavior. If you are the victim of a crime, absolutely follow up and file a police report. Taking these steps gives myself and other City staff the paper trail to follow up on activities going on so that we may work towards comprehensive solutions. <http://www.cityofmadison.com/police/sru/>

I want to thank all of the active neighbors that have been so diligent in contacting me with concerns you have for our neighborhood. Through the budget process and daily with neighbors, let's work together to make Tenney-Lapham the best neighborhood possible.

As always, please contact me with any questions or concerns you have about our neighborhood.

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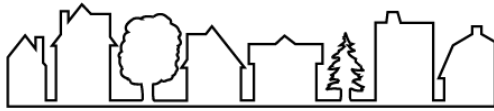
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Q&A with Lapham’s New Principal: Tammy Thompson Kapp

1. Tell us a bit about your personal background, including where you’re from, where you went to school, and how long have you been in education professionally. Married? Single? Cats or Dogs? Weird pets?

I grew up in the Milwaukee area and have been in education for 21 years. I began my career as a classroom teacher for 13 years, transitioned to an administrative position for 4 years, worked as a national educational consultant for 3 years before joining the MMSD team.

My husband, Dave and I, moved to Madison 5 years ago when he became the Athletic Director at East High School. We have 3 dogs: a chocolate lab, yellow lab, and black lab. We have 2 grown children, Amanda who is 25 and Jake who is 23.

2. In a few sentences, describe your first few weeks at Lapham. How about a funny memory too?

My first few weeks have continually reinforced what a great community Lapham is. Families have been very supportive and it’s clear that




Lapham is a special place. The staff is extraordinary and I’m continually reminded of how fortunate I am to be part of the team that supports the learning of our students.

3. Any thoughts on your personal educational philosophy? And a good quote about learning, kids, teaching?

As a leader, John Quincy Adams helps me to remember, “If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, then you are a leader.” My job is to identify and provide the support that teachers need to provide high quality learning experiences for

our children. In order to do this, the classroom is where I need to spend as much time as possible... so I can learn and understand what our needs are.

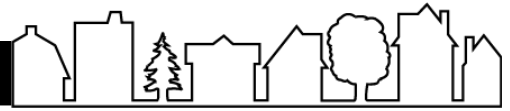
The role of principal has shifted recently which has resulted in principals no longer acting solely as “managers,” but rather, as instructional leaders. My goal is to support teachers and maximize instructional time so that we can accelerate learning and ensure academic growth for all of our Lapham students.

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Schools



4. After you flee school, what are your personal hobbies and interests? Favorite music/groups? Do you play an instrument?

Since our children are grown, we have found more time to enjoy some of our favorite things to do which include attending sporting events, scuba diving and riding our Harley. We are on a mission to visit all of the Major League ballparks and have about 12 left on our list.

We have had the great opportunity to be in Dallas to see the Packers win the Super Bowl as well as attending the Rose Bowl the past 3 years... sadly, without a Badgers win.

I am an avid runner and have completed 5 marathons but have found that I don't have as much time to train as I have in the past, so half marathons have become more of a focus for me.

5. Dream vacations and travel plans?

We have some regular spots we enjoy that include New York and Las Vegas. We love diving trips and are hoping to someday travel to Curaçao and Hawaii. Florida is one of our favorite dive destinations where this past summer we were able to be amongst the first divers to see the USS Mohawk wreck and did some shark tooth diving off the gulf coast.

6. Got any personal heroes/people you most admire? Why those individuals?

My Dad is probably the person I admire most. He is a retired administrator and served as a great role model of integrity, strong work ethic, and commitment to always striving toward high expectations. He also has a great sense of humor and has taught me the importance of maintaining a balance between professional responsibilities and family. I am proud to be the oldest of his 4 children, all of who are educators. I have a sister who is a high school biology teacher, a brother who is a middle school science teacher, and a sister who is a cross categorical special education teacher.

7. We have several neighborhood book clubs. Read any good books in the past year? What are you reading now?

I recently read *The Glass Castle* which was recommended by several

Lapham staff. Since starting in my new role, I haven't had as much time to read as I would like.

8. What's on your Principal's Wish List for Lapham?

My top priority is to build relationships as well as continue to grow the strong sense of community that already exists at Lapham. As far as a wish list, I'm exploring how we can make our main hallway more representative of the diversity that exists within our school. One way I'd like to do that is to have "welcome" stenciled onto the walls in many different languages.

Questions were compiled by David Wallner, Education Chair of the TLNA

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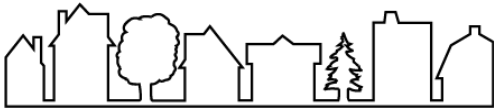
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Supervisor's Report

Homeless Day Center is Proposed



The County Board slows down a bit for summer, but we have returned to full speed as

we enter the budget season. We are also back in the City-County building in newly renovated chambers. The improvements in lighting, sound, seating, and handicapped accessibility will make our meetings more welcoming and accessible to the public.

I have been busy working on resolutions to improve conditions for the homeless. Resolution 84 supports County funding for a homeless day center where people can access showers, laundry, personal storage space, mail, and computers and phones to connect to employment and public benefits opportunities. Resolution 86 would temporarily waive limits on length of stays in county campgrounds and subsidize reservation fees for people. Resolution 87 would increase access to showers, storage lockers and restrooms for homeless people and fund four portable toilets and sanitary stations. Resolutions 84 and 87 should reach the county board floor on September 20. While these resolutions may seem like minimal demands for the significant needs of vulnerable community members,

I believe that there is broad support to meet these basic needs and passing these resolutions will make a real difference for homeless people. Dane County has the opportunity to be a global leader in destigmatization of the homeless and local efforts to realize basic human rights, like access to water and sanitation.

Homeless people face many challenging barriers to stabilizing their lives, including long waitlists for mental health care. Thus, I am very excited to report that The Resource Bridge recently opened. The Resource Bridge is a county funded project to provide critical wrap around mental health services to people most in need. The Resource Bridge is operated by the Journey Mental Health Center in collaboration with SOAR Case Management Services, Recovery Dane, Chrysalis, Employment Resources and Madison Area Urban Ministry.

Collaboration is central to many of the county's efforts lately, including those related to schools and lakes. We recently created a county-wide education task force to facilitate collaboration between Dane County school districts and Dane County's Human Services Department. We continue to push forward on the Clear

Lakes Initiative. Pursuant to Resolution 70, a joint county, UW, and DNR study will investigate carp removal options for Dane County Lakes.

In August, the county broke ground on its new Dane Com emergency management communications network. The network will allow all of Dane County's police, fire, and emergency departments to communicate with each other. At the same time, the county board finalized an agreement with more than 50 cities, villages, and towns in Dane County to share operations and maintenance costs of this new interoperable radio system.

On September 6, the county board approved funding for essential public safety, public infrastructure, and environmental projects to improve the lives of all Dane County residents. Included in this year's annual bonding approval

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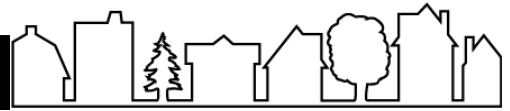
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was emergency siren replacements; updated Sheriff's computers, radios, and cars; landfill, waste transfer station, and compressed natural gas developments; parkland, storm water, streambank, and lock and dam projects; zoo improvements; and more.

Finally, as stated above, we are deliberating the 2013 County Budget. County Executive Parisi asked large county departments to submit budget proposals with a 2% reduction and smaller departments, 1%. Human Services budget information is available

on the Department's website and the individual department requests are on the Department of Administration's website. I can email you more specific human services budget points upon request. I am pleased that the Department responded to demands from the community to more fully fund human services programs with human services money instead of returning human services surpluses to the general fund.

The County Executive is considering the Department requests and will submit his Budget on October 1 and then the County board will work to pass the budget by Thanksgiving. I encourage you to contact me with any questions or input on your budget priorities at heidimayree@gmail.com or 333-3676.

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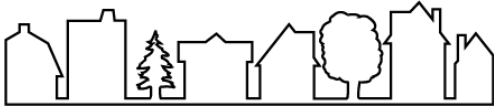
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Income Disparity is Growing in Wisconsin



Hello Neighbors,

I hope everyone has found a way to stay cool this summer. My family and I spent a lot of time at the Goodman Community

Pool, which is such a great resource for our community.

Although the Legislature is not in session until January 2013, there is still legislative business being conducted at the Capitol. Currently, there are ten Legislative Council Study Committees delving into issues such as improving educational opportunities in high school, reporting of child abuse and neglect, permanency for young children in the


child welfare system, income taxes and other interesting and important issues. I have recently been appointed to the Symposia Series on State Income Tax Reform. Income tax fairness has been one of the issues I have championed in the state legislature and previously authored a Fair Share tax bill to make sure that big corporations and millionaires are indeed paying their fair share.

Although the committee is just beginning its work, it appears from the questions being asked by my Republican colleagues, we have different ideas about the changes needed in our income tax system. They are very interested in moving toward a flat income tax while I am pushing for increasing taxes on millionaires while reducing taxes for the middle and low income working families.

Income disparity is growing in

Wisconsin. According to the Wisconsin Council on Children and Families, incomes of the poorest wage earners in Wisconsin stagnated for the last 3 decades, with middle income individuals increasing by only \$6,000. During this same period, income for the top 20% of wage earners increased by \$31,600. And an analysis of Wisconsin's 2010 tax returns reveals that 1.9% of Wisconsin tax payers had 20% of all personal income in the state.

Meanwhile, the lowest and middle income wage earners pay a higher percentage of their incomes in state and local taxes, with millionaires paying the lowest percentage of their income in taxes. According to a comprehensive 2007 analysis by the Institute for Taxation and Economic Policy, individuals who earn \$28,000 to \$46,000 pay over 10% of their income in state and lo-

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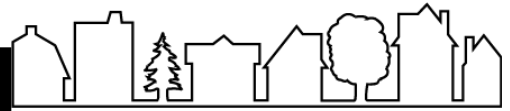


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cal taxes, with individuals who make \$225,000 paying under 8% and millionaires making over \$1.1 million paying just over 6%. And this analysis was done before Governor Walker passed additional tax breaks for the wealthy by reducing capital gains tax.

A long string of tax cuts is one of the contributing factors to Wisconsin's deficit, as reductions in income tax alone reduced state revenue by over \$13 billion between 1998 and 2009.

What is happening in Wisconsin is mirroring what is happening nationally. Currently, the top one percent of wage earners in the United States take home almost 24% of all the personal income. These are levels not seen since the Great Depression. And the median family income has actually declined over the last decade, a key factor in contributing to a prolonged recession as the pur-

chasing power of the middle class has deteriorated.

I will continue to be a strong advocate for making our income tax system more progressive and for putting more money back into the pocket of low-and middle-income working families.

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State Representative

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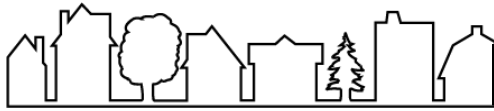
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Our current Read-o-Matic meter registers (located on the outside wall of your home) were first introduced to the market in 1958, are now obsolete and no longer being supported by the manufacturer, so this technology implementation is

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For more information about this project:

Project H20 Factsheet: <http://www.cityofmadison.com/water/programs/projectH2O/documents/FactSheet.pdf>

Meter Installation Schedule: <http://www.cityofmadison.com/water/programs/projectH2O/> to find out when meter installations will be occurring in their area.

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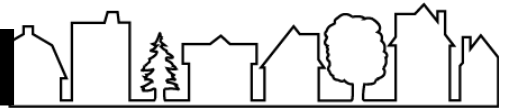
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County Executive's Report



County Innovation & Partnerships Protect Public Safety

The main function of county government is to provide core services that residents depend on in their everyday lives. I'm proud to report that substantial public safety improvements that I included in my last budget are underway this year, helping protect the lives of our residents and first responders.

This year the county will complete nearly \$1 million in upgrades to our emergency warning system. The bulk of these improvements focus on synchronizing our 125 outdoor sirens directly with weather warnings and storm tracking from the National Weather Service.

This revolutionary change will ensure that outdoor sirens sound only in communities that are in harm's way, instead of all the sirens in the county sounding at once, even in communities where the sun may be shining.

Recently, I was joined by public safety officials to break ground on our new \$18 million dollar emergency communications network, DaneCom. Once complete next year, DaneCom will seamlessly link emergency responders and public works officials – from sheriff's deputies to snow plow drivers – on one ultra-modern radio network.

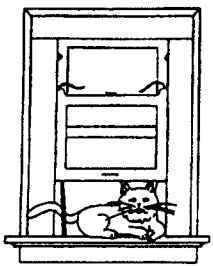
With DaneCom, whether it's a car crash or fire, tornado, flood, or blizzard, our first responders will be able to communicate with one another, helping ensure a speedy, well-coordinated response. This new radio system will expand emergency communications coverage in rural areas of the county, and includes a tactical system found nowhere else in country designed to make fire scenes safer for firefighters.

Work also continues on a new

high-tech system to ensure the closest responders are dispatched to emergencies first. This new "Computer Aided Dispatch" (CAD) system will help better link 911 dispatchers with fire, police, and emergency medical teams in the field.

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- Joe Parisi, Dane County Executive



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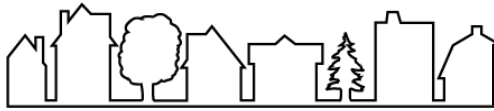
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- TLNA provides financial support to the activities of the neighborhood association that enrich our lives such as our schools, our parks and our East Johnson Street business district.
- TLNA helps build a sense of community through distribution of the newsletter, hosting a listserv, sponsoring social events, and creating opportunities to meet and greet neighbors.

WHAT ARE THE MEMBERSHIP LEVELS? The cost of a single adult membership (ages 18-64) is \$10/year. If you are senior (age 65 or older) or a student the cost is \$5/yr. And if you are a neighborhood business, the cost of membership is \$20/yr. Membership dues support the diverse activities of the TLNA.

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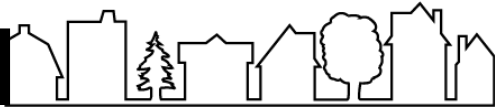
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37 Sherman Ter #5	46	\$109,900	\$97,000
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23 N Ingersoll	41	\$179,900	\$165,000
1339 E Dayton	33	\$182,000	\$178,000
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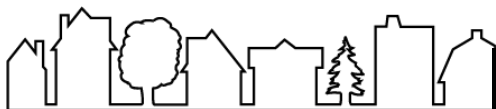
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First TLNA Haiku Poetry Contest

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Haiku, or “Hokku” in the original Japanese, is a brief verse that epitomizes a single moment. It uses the juxtaposition of two concrete images, often a universal condition of nature and a particular aspect of human experience, in a way that prompts the reader to make an insightful connection between the two. The best haiku allude to the appropriate season of the year. Good haiku avoid subjectivity; intrusions of the poet’s ego, views, or values; and displays of intellect, wit, and facility with words. It is not necessarily “serious” in tone, but is not joke poetry either.

Traditional haiku have a three line count with 5 syllables in the first line, 7 in the second, and 5 in the third line. For this contest we suggest to just keep it small. Syllable and line count are not vital in contemporary English-language haiku. In fact few poets are able to write effective haiku in the “traditional” 5–7–5–syllable format.

Rules:

Entries can have up to five haiku per submission. (Maximum of 5 per entry; linked verse or themes are encouraged but poems may be on widely different subjects)

One email entry per contestant

Include name and home address (and age if under 17 for the youth contest)

Contestants must live within the bounds of Tenney Lapham (youth contestants can be attending Lapham School)

Submit poems via email to WIPOET@aol.com and include “Poetry Contest” or “Youth Poetry Contest” in the subject line.

Submit poems prior to the TLNA Newsletter winter edition deadline which is December 15th.

No previously published work—all work must be original and author must verify by including the following originality statement : “I confirm that all poetry submitted is my own original unpublished work.” Simply include the statement with your poetry submission and date it. Thanks.

Winners will be published in the Winter Edition of the newsletter. Prizes, aside from being published, are yet to be determined. We have two contests-- one for youths and one for adults. (If you don't know which you are, you are in trouble.) Here are some examples:



drawing by Jessi Mulhall

walking the snow crust
not sinking
sinking
- Anita Virgil

snowflakes-
dust on the toes
of my boots
- Penny Harter

Jeep tracks
over deer tracks
in new snow
- William R. Mosolino

a really lovely
kite has risen above:
a beggar’s hut
- Issa