

TENNEY - LAPHAM

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER Fall 2018

After the Flood

Living in a flood zone for the past few weeks has caused me and many of my neighbors to contemplate how we can better manage our lakes and rivers to reduce the risk of catastrophic flooding. While the City of Madison, and other local units of government, with the assistance of the National Guard, have responded to the current flood admirably, managing a crisis well does not solve the long-term problem. Even prior to the recent flood, since 1971, there have been seven Presidential disaster declarations for Dane County due to flooding. Record high water levels for lakes Mendota and Monona occurred in 2000,



Photo by Caroline Hoffman

and for lakes Waubesa and Kegonsa record high levels occurred in 1996. All those records were broken in the current flood, and lake levels on Lakes Monona, Waubesa and Kegonsa, remain above

flood stage. In addition, smaller scale, localized flooding occurs on an annual basis.

The record levels that each of the lakes in the Yahara Lakes Watershed have reached is another way of saying that these lakes and the Yahara river never flooded as badly as they have in this episode. I have lived in the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood for 32 years, and I have never seen flooding like this.

In fact, the flooding has been so bad, this is the first time I have ever seen the National Guard in my neighborhood.

While our entire neighborhood and indeed, the whole city is grateful for the help from the National Guard, we must

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Where : Christ Presbyterian Church

944 E Gorham

When : Tuesday, October 16th

Doors open 5pm

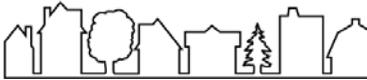
Dinner 6pm

Neighborhood Meeting 7pm

The Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association proudly presents our sixth annual Taste of Tenney. The Taste of Tenney is a part of our annual meeting in which we elect council members for the coming year.

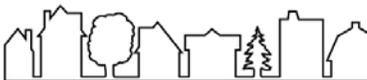
Come join your neighbors at TLNA's 6th annual Taste of Tenney! Our neighborhood restaurants will join us again this year, providing food from their menus for neighborhoods residents to sample. Stick around for the council meeting after great food and conversation. It's a wonderful time to meet new friends from down the street and talk with the local owners and chefs of our fine restaurants, bars, coffee and tea shops.

Tickets for Taste of Tenney will be available at the door, for a recommended \$8 per person and \$4 for children under 12. For a list of participating neighborhood establishments, donors and sponsors see page 15.



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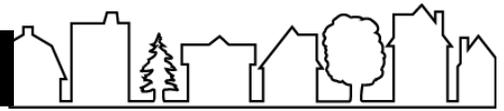
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President's Report



Ideas Needed for a Better Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood



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Frisbee at Reynolds; watching a movie with friends at Breese; biking as a way to commute to work: these are just a few of many pleasures of living in Tenney-Lapham neighborhood. We chose to live here, often before we learned how delightful it can be. And the longer we are here the more we discover. In the last five years, Tenney-Lapham has experienced explosive growth. That has brought greater choice in where to live, more restaurants, businesses, and raised the level of liveliness all around. There are growing pains to be sure. With density, parking is tighter and traffic is busier.

Every year, the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Council spends time thinking about how to improve the neighborhood. We consider the current issues, our strengths, areas that need improvement, and opportunities arising from outside. There are loads of ideas that come out of that exercise. The problem is, as with any volunteer organization, we need to keep focused so that we complete our projects. This year, we worked with the city to put new bicycle parking at the Reynolds playground (still in the works), we worked with Traffic Engineering to add a bicycle diverter at Blair and Mifflin Streets, put out this newsletter, celebrated with Party in the Park, and continue to fulfill a liaison role with several development proposals. We applied for and received a grant to install vintage postcard art in Tenney Park and celebrate the opening with a Centennial Celebration. For those of you who wonder, Tenney Park

and the neighborhood are over 100 years old, so along with the art installation, it seemed like a great reason for a party! Sadly, we were foiled in this effort by the flooding. Stay tuned because we still plan to celebrate after we find out when Tenney Park is above water and cleaned up again.

Here's where I'm going with this. TLNA would love to expand our capability to improve the neighborhood. Is there a project that you believe could connect with our neighbors that would add in some way to how we enjoy living here? I often hear ideas that we haven't yet accomplished. Ideas like painting an intersection, adding more dog poop stations to the neighborhood, install a large game built from a discarded tree in one of our parks, add bicycle parking, hold a

children's music event, sponsor historic plaques, put a parklet near a business. At Taste of Tenney, on October 16, there will be an idea board to brainstorm on this very topic. We are looking for folks who want to take up an idea and apply for a grant from TLNA to put one into action. So, come to Taste of Tenney prepared to spark ideas with your neighbors and enjoy the tastes of our fabulous local restaurants. See you there!

- Patty Prime

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DEC 14-15TH
2nd Annual Winter Market

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Plans Change for Stone House Development on E. Washington



Finally we are seeing some beautiful sunny days and some respite from the persistent rain and flooding. However, we need to continue to be watchful until the County

is able to lower the level of the lakes at least to the target levels. And then we need to have a thorough review of those target levels given the fact of harder, longer and more frequent rainfall and the accompanying rapid rise in the level of the lakes.

Below, I'll cover some of the things happening in D2 which may be of interest. Feel free to get in touch with me if

you have questions about any of these or other things happening in the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood, or in the rest of the city.

1000 block E Washington - Development proposal for the east end of the block

Stone House Development will be proposing a development on the 1000 block of E Washington just east of The Lyric. The proposal has changed from the initial concept of offices and instead the proposal will be for a 10 story primarily residential building with a 11th floor Community room plus first floor retail and floors 2-3 commercial. Structured parking for 285 vehicles in 3 stories will be proposed in the middle of the development, similar to the Lyric's parking structure (height of 3 stories of parking equal to two stories

of offices). Access to/from the parking would be from the E. Washington mid-block lane or on Ingersoll. Along Mifflin 4 floors is proposed to house two local youth arts groups. This space is intended to include a 300 seat auditorium for youth performances.

700 E. Johnson – South Side

This project has been approved. For additional information, please see TLNA Development Committee Chair, Patrick Heck's, article about this development in this newsletter on page 6.

The project is planned for completion by mid July 2019. All construction staging and deliveries will be on the E. Dayton parking lot owned by Reynolds. There will not be pile driving. There is a dust ordinance to keep down particulates in the air. The developer notes that

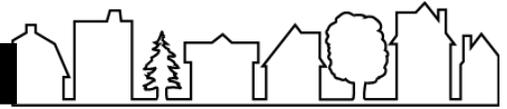
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Stevens Construction is aware of that ordinance and that they will work to stay in compliance. There will be some weekend work.

707 through 711 E. Johnson, 200 block N. Blount -- Renaissance Property Group development

The developer reports that the weather has set them back. However, they still expect to complete the E. Johnson St construction in 2018 and are signing leases to start December 15, 2018. The developer also notes he has hit some other road blocks related to the remainder of the project and that he is exploring options. I will try to keep the neighborhood informed of any proposed changes.

1314, 1318 and 1326

E. Washington - Messner Site

A TLNA steering committee met four times prior to August. With the design presented at the July 31 steering committee meeting, the steering committee felt that a majority of their concerns had been heard and appropriate changes made in the design. That design included five stories of residential and one plate of underground parking. However, since that time, the developer indicates they have re-evaluated their plans due to the flooding experienced on this part of the Isthmus. They report that they believe it is necessary to move the parking to ground level. This means the building would be six rather than five stories. The resulting height would be within the zoning limits. There is a TLNA Council meeting scheduled for Oct 11, 7 pm at Festival Foods, where the Council will hear from Gorman and Co and will consider level of support for the proposal. The City meeting schedule is expected to be: Oct 24: Urban Design Commission; Nov 5: Plan Commission; Nov 20: Common Council.

James Madison Park

The Madison Parks Department is in the midst of a master planning process for James Madison Park. There have been three public meetings to gather input on what people would like to see in a master plan for JMP with the fourth and final public meeting scheduled to be held on September 24 at 6:00 pm at Christ Presbyterian Church, 944 E. Gorham St. For more information go to the city website and enter in the Search bar "[James Madison Park Master Plan](#)". It pops up as the top item of the list of search results.

Comprehensive Plan -- Imagine Madison

The new Comprehensive Plan was passed by the Common Council. It is now a major reference point for the review of land use proposals for the city and for setting direction in the areas of transportation, the city's economy, supporting welcoming and strong neighborhoods and many other areas defining how we grow and how we function to be a successful city.

Budget

This is the time of year when the city budget for the upcoming year is discussed and determined. As in recent years it appears it will be challenging to balance the many competing interests. I will try to keep District 2 informed via my District emails of what is typically a fast-moving process.

Your Voice

I continue to hear from a number of you. I appreciate that. I value your ideas and opinions. Email, phone or in-person all work.

- Alder Ledell Zellers
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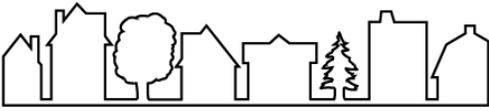
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Housing

New Apartments Coming on E. Johnson

The Houden redevelopment proposal for the south side of the 700 block of E. Johnson Street received final approval in a 13-6 City Council vote on July 10. This vote to rezone the site to Community Mixed-Use overturned an earlier 10-6 City Council vote that did not garner the 11 votes required to approve the rezoning request. The entire proposal was earlier approved by Plan Commission.

A strong majority of the TLNA Steering Committee, TLNA Council, and Alder Zellers opposed the redevelopment proposal. That opposition was based primarily on arguments that the scale of the two 27-unit apartment buildings (with 2 retail/commercial spaces and underground parking) that will be built on the site of six homes will be inappropriate on what is a block of mostly single flat or multi-flat homes. The six homes have already been moved or demolished.

The opposition to the proposal was also critical of the destruction of affordable housing units for market-rate apartments. There were some concerns about the contemporary architecture



being out of character with the already built portions of Tenney-Lapham.

Neighbors who supported the redevelopment referenced Madison's ongoing and future housing crunch, the varying states of disrepair of the homes to be moved/demolished, and the desire for more shops on Johnson.

Now that the project is underway, including the move of two homes to a previously vacant lot at 827 E. Gorham, TLNA will warmly welcome our soon-to-be new neighbors. We hope that the two small commercial spaces will be locally owned retail or service-oriented businesses that appeal to all neighbors and will be accessed primarily by foot, bicycle, and bus.

The new 3-story building that is nearing completion further down the block next to the Caribou/Laundromat is part of different redevelopment by

Renaissance Property Group that was supported by TLNA and Alder Zellers. That building was judged to be of a more appropriate scale and resulted in the loss of only one home with another turned around and moved directly behind on East Dayton. Along with 21 micro-unit apartments, there is a retail/commercial space on the ground floor that TLNA anticipates will also be a locally owned service or retail entity, which was the stated goal of the developer.

TLNA regrets that city entities ignored the input of TLNA and our well-established proposal evaluation protocol when they approved the Houden proposal. That said, the neighborhood will continue to work collaboratively with the city and developers in keeping a particular eye on following the Neighborhood Plan. That city-approved Plan includes visions and goals of developing under-built portions of the neighborhood while simultaneously protecting the historic character of our existing housing and commercial structures.

For information on development in Tenney-Lapham, visit <http://www.tenneylapham.org/development.html>

- Patrick Heck, Development Chair



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Proposed By-Law Changes for 2018

The Nominations Committee reviewed the TLNA By-laws and has these proposed changes:

1. For general membership meetings, those members who are paid up may vote. The exact wording is: "Voting at all meetings shall be limited to those regular members who have paid their dues." This is changed from two days before the meeting. Our membership meetings usually are at events that attract many neighbors, and it's a great opportunity to join or renew their memberships. Our whole purpose is to encourage engagement in the neighborhood and this change supports that goal. Not to mention, it's easier to administer.

2. Voting by proxy was changed from those over 65 years old to physically unable to attend the meeting. The exact wording is: "there shall be no

voting by proxy except by members who are physically unable to attend." This change is a nod to the spirit of the proxy vote. (for the record, I don't know when the last time a proxy vote was used.)

3. The selection of nomination committee members that are not on the council will have a simplified process. The exact wording is, "There shall be a Nominating Committee consisting of six (6) persons; three of whom, including the chairperson, are appointed by and from the Neighborhood Council. For the other three, a request will go to the general membership for volunteers and then three selected from the volunteers." Due to official TLNA events evolving over time, it has been difficult to adhere to the strict wording of the by-laws. We felt the important part is to get three neighbors involved who are willing to help consider the structure of our as-

sociation.

4. TLNA Council has spent time this year to consider how to manage requests for donations and is increasing the amount that will be considered from \$100 to \$1,000. The by-laws have been updated to reflect the change. In addition, the council is adopting guidelines and process to receive requests for donations.

The Nominations Committee also went through the by-laws and made small changes to update the language, primarily to help make the meaning clear.

The draft by-laws can be reviewed on the TLNA website at: <http://www.tenneylapham.org/web-data/pdfs/2018draftbylaws.pdf>

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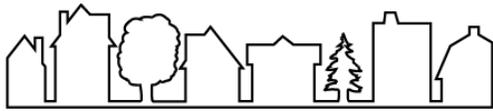
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My guess is that most of us don't remember our school principals, or at least not nearly as well as we remember our teachers. But principals can make a big impression. As a parent, I understand that they set the tone for the school and model leadership.

The naming of a central park in our city seems like a fitting honor for former East High School Principal Milton McPike's exceptional role in this east-side community.

I was impressed when a friend told me she applied for a transfer to East High School while he was in charge. She left her own neighborhood school in order to be part of a school that valued

diversity and inclusion under Principal McPike's leadership. She remembers him well, saying he really took time to build personal relationships with his students.

Tammy Thompson Kapp was the first principal I got to know as a parent. When my daughter started kindergarten at Lapham Elementary School, she welcomed my family. We got to know each other and worked together on several projects. I especially appreciated her ongoing advocacy for a crossing guard at the corner of Ingersoll and Dayton Street. Principal TK worked really hard to make this important safety measure a reality.

On the first day of school this year, Principal TK's legacy was solidified for my family when I greeted the brand new crossing guard.

Principal TK has moved on now and Lapham Elementary School has a new principal. Her name is Cathy Prozanski and I'm excited to share some of her ideas and interests on the next page so we can get to know her and welcome her to the community.

- Jessica Becker

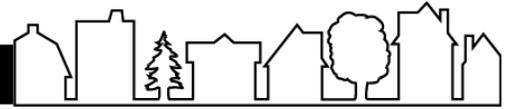


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Jessica: Where are you from and what are you most excited about in Madison?

Cathy: I am originally from Edgar, WI which is a small town west of Wausau. I grew up on a farm there. I am the oldest of four kids, and have three younger brothers. I went to college at UW-Eau Claire where I received my B.S. in Elementary and Special Education. I received my Master's Degree in Ed Leadership from Viterbo University. My husband and I have five children, four boys and one girl. We moved to Madison because we wanted to be in a larger city with more diversity and more fun things to do. We love the Badgers and the excitement of living in a bigger city where there are always things to do.

Jessica: What do you find most interesting or exciting about Lapham School? What excites you about this first school year?

Cathy: I love that Lapham is a 4K-2 building. The learners at this age have unique needs and when the building is only this age group, many things can be tailored to early learners. I am also excited about the growing diversity of the school. First years are always a bit anxious but I am looking forward to getting to know everyone. I love change but I also love the familiarity that grows from change.

Jessica: What is the most interesting and inspiring trend in education you see right now?



Cathy: The focus on the cultural components of education. Trying to meet the needs of our under served populations. I truly believe that all students can learn at high levels and strive that we can meet that goal at Lapham. I also like the trend of partnering with parents on a level that involves learning. Home visits and daily communications that involve exchanges of information that allow parents to support their child through the educational process.

And a few more questions from my kids...

Kids: Where do you hide the donuts and coffee?

Cathy: Sorry I don't drink coffee and try to not eat donuts. lol

Kids: What is your favorite snack?

Cathy: Chips. I love chips.

Kids: When kids hear you making announcements on the loud speakers in the classrooms, where are you talking from and how does it work?

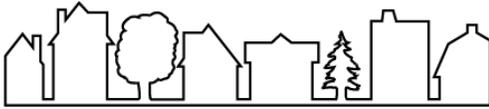
Cathy: I use the phone in my office. I dial a special number and it goes through the speakers.

Kids: What are some of your pet peeves?

Cathy: When people are unkind. Everyone is going through their own growing and learning. Sometimes that journey is more difficult. Everyone deserves empathy.

A huge thanks to Cathy, and welcome to the Lapham family!





Century Celebration Postponed Due to the Flood

The Century Celebration originally planned to celebrate 100 years of Tenney Park and Tenney-Lapham neighborhood was scheduled for September 9th, but had to be postponed due to flooding. At the time this article is written we don't know how long it will take our beloved Tenney Park to recover from the deluge but we wanted to share what has been accomplished and what is to come.

First, you can look forward to the celebration in the park as early as this Fall or very likely in the Spring of 2019. Stay Tuned. The Vintage Postcard Installation Sculptures are completed and are awaiting better conditions at Tenney Park for installation. Big thanks to ev-



everyone who had worked so hard to plan a most memorable party. We look forward to having you help out again.

Second, as part of honoring the history of the Tenney Lapham Neighborhood (TLN), the neighborhood's webpage has been expanded to include a lot of interesting information on the neighborhood and our historic homes. Go

to <http://tenney-lapham.org/housing.html> to find:

Photos and Stories about Tenney-Lapham Historic Homes. More photos/stories are always welcome. Please consider contributing one

about your residence.

If you want to research more about your home, the website has a listing of TLN homes and the year they were built along with information on how to research your house's history.

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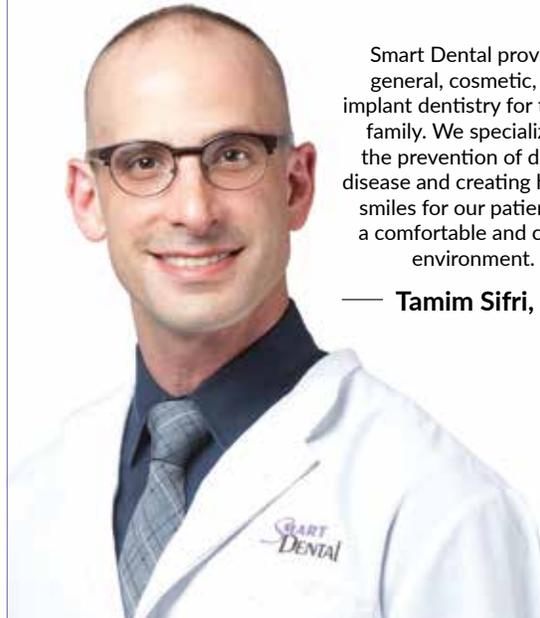
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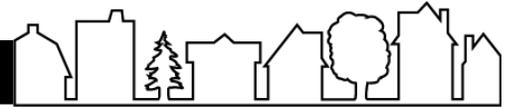
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If you want to know more of the history there is a reference list of books and articles. Most can be read online including all the reports of the Madison Parks and Pleasure Drive Association, the creators of Tenney Park and most other Madison Parks.

Also, over the summer, as you walked in the neighborhood you might have noticed small yellow flags honoring homes built 100 years or more ago. Over 225 flags were distributed to TLN residents upon request.

Funding for the Century Celebration and the Vintage Postcard Installation comes from the City of Madison Neighborhood Grant Program, the Tenney Lapham Neighborhood Associa-



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Looking forward to celebrating with you.

- Century Celebration Planning Team: Caroline Hoffman, Karen Crossley, Marta Staple and Patty Prime.

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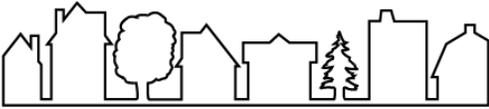
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Parks

James Madison Park Master Plan Presented to Neighbors

The final presentation for the James Madison Park Draft Master Plan was held at Christ Presbyterian Church on September 24 with over 75 attendees. The meeting was the culmination of four public meetings held in 2018 seeking input from neighbors in guiding a new design for the park and the shelter.

Along with the four public meetings, the project team conducted interviews with park users, focus groups, and stakeholders. The plan that was presented is a long-term plan with a possible 25-year implementation period depending on budget decisions by the city. The meetings were the first steps of many before implementation of the recommendations occurs.

Key elements of the plan that were presented are:



- More direct access to the park from E. Gilman
- Keep Gates of Heaven in its current location
- Create an emerged wetland with a boardwalk on the west side
- Move the basketball courts
- Increase green space
- Move the parking currently behind Gates of Heaven to a parking area parallel to E. Gorham
- Centralize the play spaces

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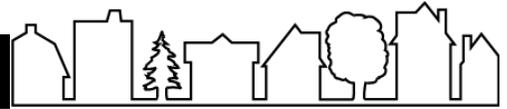
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- Create a new shelter in its current location and have the shelter incorporate a café, boat rental, patio, and ornamental community gardens
- Create a better beach with zero entry conditions
- Build a boat dock
- Keep the east end of the park as a passive space
- Create a fishing pier on the east end
- Make the bicycle path through the park ADA accessible

After the presentation by the project team the attendees broke up into groups to debate the pros and cons of what was presented. Then each group spoke about what they liked and did not like about the proposal. The project team will be making more changes based on the feedback they received on September 24.

For more information about the plan, go to <https://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/projects/james-madison-park-master-plan>

- Bob Shaw



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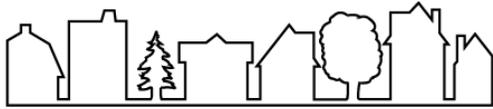
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Online voter registration: If you have a valid Wisconsin driver license or WI DMV ID card, and your current name and address are in the Division of Motor Vehicles data base, you can register online. If you need to update your address at the DMV you can do that at tinyurl.com/DMVchanges. Then complete your registration at MyVote.WI.gov. The address on your physical DL or ID does not matter and does not need to be changed.

Don't have a current WI DL or ID card? You can register at the clerk's office, by mail, or at any Madison Public Library. You will need to provide proof of residence (POR). You can use a paper registration form or complete one online at MyVote.WI.gov and print it.

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For further information go to the League of Women Voters of Dane County web site at lwvdanecounty.org/voting or the City of Madison clerk at cityofmadison.com/elections.

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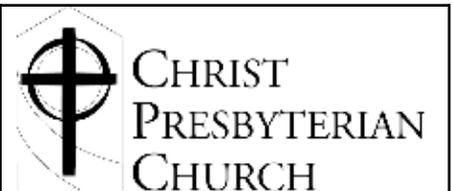
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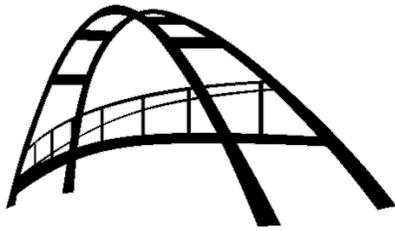
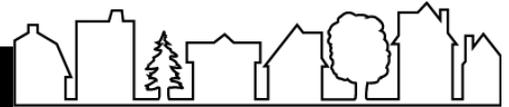
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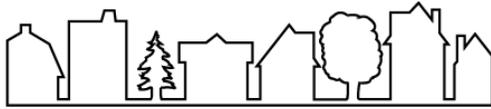
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House concerts are a growing phenomenon all over the U.S. and many other countries. House concert websites have popped up and the scene is no longer "underground." Finding people to perform in your home is really easy. If you want some names of super performers or advice on how to get started, just give us a call.

Why do it? Well, you meet some great traveling artists, get to hear them in your own home, meet new people from all over Madison and other cities, and help build a community of like-minded music lovers. Like many



Mark Croft and Jon Vriesaker in concert

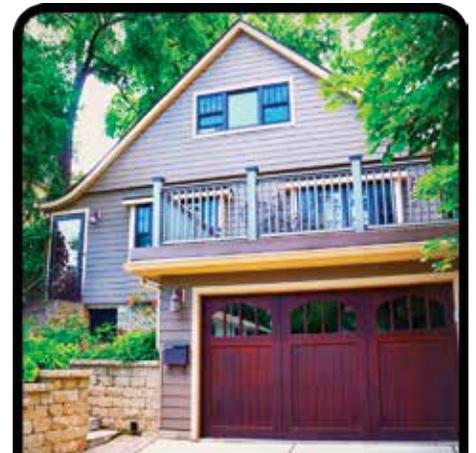
other house concert hosts, we give all the money to our musicians. We end the night knowing that we have paid them a fair price for their artistic talents and their wide-ranging travels. Many of our performers, like our recent guest Lipbone Redding from North Carolina, do 150+ shows per year. They are true troubadours, bringing beautiful tunes, great stories, and lively banter to a listening room where people pay serious attention to their music.

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Harpeth Rising, the incomparable Joe Crookston, Kim and Reggie Harris, Ellis Paul, Ann Reed, and a host of others have lit up the night with musical magic of all kinds. And no, we don't forget local performers like Harmonious Wail, Mark Croft, Mary Gaines and Chris Waggoner., Chris Plata and many others.

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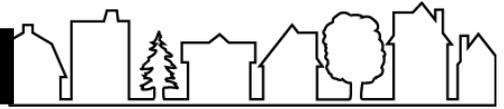


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Jean was also a member of our

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We have talked with Jim Dunn, her

husband, about raising funds to have a tree and plaque put in somewhere in the neighborhood in Jean's memory. If you are interested in making a contribution, contact us at annedave@chorus.net or by calling us at 256-2958.

- Dave Wallner and Anne Katz



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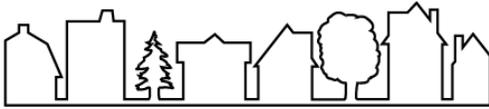
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Community

After the Flood (from page 1)

rethink how we manage the watershed to avoid these catastrophic events.

The easiest thing that can be done to help avert future catastrophic flooding is to lower Lake Mendota's level to its natural level, which is 5-8 feet lower than the Tenney Dam normally, keeps it. The primary reason it is kept so high is to accommodate large pleasure boats and their owners. Since these lakes do not carry freight, there is simply no justification to put our entire region at risk of flood just so large boats can operate on these lakes. Even prior to the flood the natural shoreline of Lake Mendota is 5 feet lower than where the lake has been kept.

My experience for the past six years as Chair of the Goose Lake Watershed District in Adams County is that Wisconsin's law provides many tools for appropriate lake and watershed management. Wisconsin law provides for the creation of public inland lake protection and rehabilitation districts. While the powers of these districts do not specifically include flood mitigation measures, they do include the authority to engage in conservation of natural resources within the district.

In 1989, the Wisconsin legislature authorized the creation of the Dane County Lakes and Watershed Commission, which has been in existence since 1990. The problem, however, is that this Commission is merely advisory to the County Board and has no governing authority. Indeed, an examination of the Commission's Flooding page on its website reveals that there are no measures being taken by the Commission to prevent flooding. Moreover, since the Commission includes every lake, river, and watershed in Dane County, it is not solely focused on the unique needs of the Yahara Lakes Watershed.

Therefore, while the Dane County Board can and should do many things to more appropriately manage the Ya-

hara Lakes Watershed, history has demonstrated that competing interests of all those who use the lakes has shown that the County Board is simply not doing all that needs to be done to accomplish the healthy management of this critical watershed. Of course, local, state and our federal government all need to do more to address climate change which has made catastrophic flooding a regular occurrence in many places around the country. However, since we are already living with the impact of climate change, we must learn to manage our lakes better and provide ourselves with the governmental tools to do so. Creation of a Yahara Lakes Watershed District should be a first order of business in the aftermath of the current floods.

On September 5th, I attended a community meeting organized by the Marquette Neighborhood Association where about 50 neighbors and elected officials discussed steps that need to be taken to deal with this flooding problem. My takeaways from that meeting are that:

1. The lake levels are both set too high and managed too high. They were set too high by the DNR in 1979, but since then Dane County has been keeping Lake Mendota above the summer maximum level set by the DNR. I made the point that while in the long run, the County should petition the DNR to lower the summer maximum level, there is no point (or credibility) in doing that until Dane County maintains Lake Mendota at the lowest level permitted by the DNR.

2. County Supervisors Yogesh Chawla and Heidi Wegleitner made clear that they



will push for a lower lake level but that citizens need to turn out when there is an opportunity for public input.

3. State Rep. Chris Taylor made the point that the state legislature gave developers more flexibility with storm water discharge, but Raj Shukla made the point that as developers are sand-bagging their new developments they may be willing to advocate for lower lake levels.

4. Apparently, there is a private dam on Lake Kegonsa that is a problem. I did not hear anyone that had any good solutions about that issue, but it will need to be addressed to allow adequate draining of the watershed during and after heavy rains.

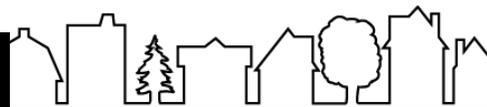
5. I made the point that we need a Yahara Lakes Watershed District because there is no single governmental entity that has authority over the whole watershed.

I encourage my neighbors to stay involved in this issue and make your voices heard by our elected officials so we do not have regular repetitions of this summer's flooding.

- Jeff Spitzer-Resnick

(originally published on his blog on Aug. 27, 2018 at <https://systemschangeconsulting.wordpress.com/2018/08/27/after-the-flood> and updated for this newsletter on Sept. 14, 2018)

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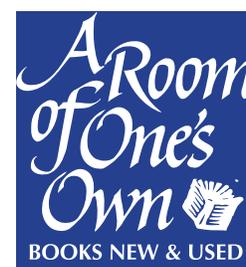


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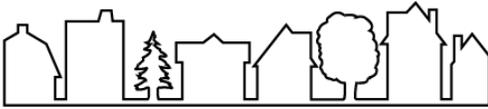
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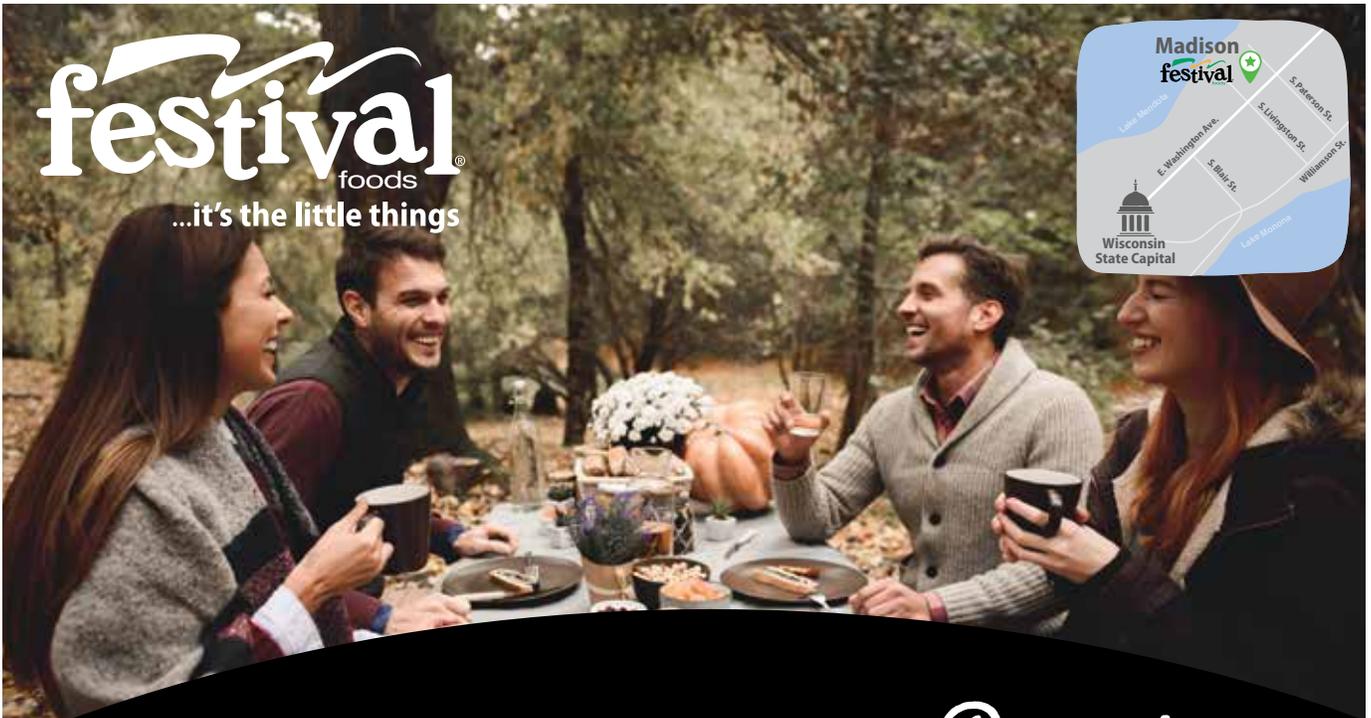
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