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TLNA Presents:

## SPAGHETTI DINNER

Thursday, October 6



Dinner 6 pm

TLNA Annual Meeting 6:30 pm

Dessert 6:45 pm

(Bring a dessert to pass)

Adults - \$2.50; Kids - \$1.00

Christ Church, 944 E. Gorham

## TENNEY-LAPHAM WELCOMES FOUR BUSINESSES TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD

### Neon Design Studio

Mary Pulliam, a longtime neighborhood resident, has moved her neon business to 836 E. Johnson St. She makes custom neon signs and artwork for businesses and residential customers.

Her work can be seen in the neighborhood at Whole Earth plus at other spots in the city like Pet-Plus, the carrot at Greenleaf Grocery and the saxophone at Jazzman on State St. She said neon signs are long lasting and particularly affordable for small businesses.

Mary learned the profession about six years ago in a school at Antigo. She has a background in commercial art that she uses in her creative mastery of the glass.

She chose her store's location not only because of its proximity to her house and the appeal of the neighborhood but because of the large window to display her signs. But she has been so swamped with work, she hasn't had time to create her own sign! Tenney-Lapham welcomes Neon Design Studio to the neighborhood.

### Todd's Video

Todd's Video has recently opened at 926 E. Johnson Street, where Atelier used to be. The store rents videotapes at \$2.00/night-regular stock, \$1.00/night-bargain stock, and \$2.25/night for new movies. Videotape and Nintendo machines are also available for rental.

Todd chose the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood to open his first business because there are no other video stores in the immediate area. He plans to move into the neighborhood shortly. Todd's Video has 270 VHS movies in stock; they are mainly popular Hollywood films but he does have some foreign movies and some old classics. He says he is still fine tuning his selection to meet the neighborhood's tastes.

Soda, candy, chips, gum and fresh popcorn are also available at the store. After you rent three movies, you get a free bag of popcorn. Hours for the store are Tuesday and Wednesday 5-9, and Thursday through Monday 12-9.

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## City Council News: Neighborhood Fares Well in Park's Budget

**BUDGET UPDATE**--The Mayor will be releasing the 1989 Operating Budget in mid-October, and the City Council will pass it in final form on Nov. 15. Prior to the release of the original budget, I will be meeting with the Mayor to discuss 2nd District needs and concerns, as well as city-wide items of importance. So now is the time to contact me with your suggestions. Are there specific services that need improvement? Are there places in the budget that the Council could trim spending? Are there specific roads in your neighborhood that need resurfacing? Should the city impose an ambulance user fee to help pay for new police and fire services? Should the city continue plans to build a convention center near Law Park? Should we increase funding for day care, parks maintenance, Women's Transit Authority, or trash pick-up?

If you have ideas about these or other city services, don't hesitate to call or drop me a line prior to Nov. 15.

**POLL-WATCHERS NEEDED**--Area resident Marion Jennings, a Lapham poll watcher for many years, has informed me that there is a crying need around the city for new poll watchers. Although the pay isn't great, the civic duty is vitally important. If you're interested, give the City Clerk's office a call.

**ISTHMUS TRAFFIC REDIRECTION**--In late July funds for land acquisition at the corner of E. Washington/1st St. were dropped from the 1989 streets funding schedule. But thanks to a neighborhood petition drive and the help of Tenney-Lapham board member Rob Latousek. I remain optimistic that the Council will adopt my budget amendment to add funds for that important project. Recent meetings with the Mayor's office and Traffic Engineering staff have led to a consensus about restoring those funds to get the Isthmus Traffic Redirection Plan back on track. Work at the E. Washington/Blair St. intersection, including new landscaping, should be completed this fall.

**PARKS IMPROVEMENTS ON TAP**--The 2nd District's major parks have fared very well in the preliminary 1989 Parks Dept. budget. For next year, Tenney should receive new benches and trash containers, a new softball backstop, landscaping along Marston, new playground equipment, boat storage improvements and raised grading improvements on the island. At James Madison new benches will be installed, and funds are available on a matching basis for new landscaping on a vacant lot along Gorham. A new floating pier will be installed at Giddings Park, and new landscaping and irrigation system improvements will be put in at Breese Stevens. And finally, a new kiosk is on tap for Burr Jones Field. All in all 1989 should be a bonanza year for our parks.



**PONTOON BOAT SETS SAIL**--As a member of the city's Physical Disabilities Commission, I was on hand for the champagne christening of the city's new pontoon boat for the physically disabled. Thanks to \$6,000 in private donations and city matching funds, the new boat will provide river and lake rides for people who don't have access to our scenic waterways. The boat will be docked along the Yahara in Tenney Park, and reservations for its use can be made by calling the Parks Dept. Long live the Charles I.

**BURGLARS ON THE PROWL**--Thousands of burglaries occur in the city each year, and several took place this summer in the 2nd District. I've contacted the Police Dept. about increased patrols, and have discussed ways to get the police to better inform neighborhoods when a rash of break-ins do occur. The Capital Times has begun to run a current list of break-in attempts, and I'll be contacting the Wis. State Journal about providing the same information. I've also asked the department to improve its methods of contacting local businesses and neighborhood groups. And a new Crime Prevention officer is also available to discuss crime prevention methods. Small things like leaving on a front porch light, or leaving on a light inside when you're away from your home can go a long way to slowing down burglars.

**CURBS AND GUTTERS**--In recent walking and bike tours around the district, I've noticed that many streets have decaying curbs and gutters. Over the next few months I'll be asking the Engineering Dept. to check out problem areas and to set up a curb and gutter repair schedule. Broken curbs and gutters can lead to run-off woes, rutted terraces because of parked cars and can also cause twisted or broken ankles for pedestrians. Curb and gutter repairs are funded on a 50-50 basis by the city and property owners.

**LOANS AWAIT NEW HOME OWNERS**--A new \$18 million home buyers program is being sponsored by the Community Development Authority and local banks. This program is designed to encourage owner-occupied housing in Downtown, Near Eastside, Near Westside and South Madison neighborhoods. As the chair of the city's recent Owner-Occupied Housing Task Force, I foresee this loan program as providing a tremendous boost for our older neighborhoods. With a special 30-year 8.25 fixed rate, these loans could be just the ticket for new home buyers. For further details contact your bank or call the city's Planning Dept. at 266-4635.

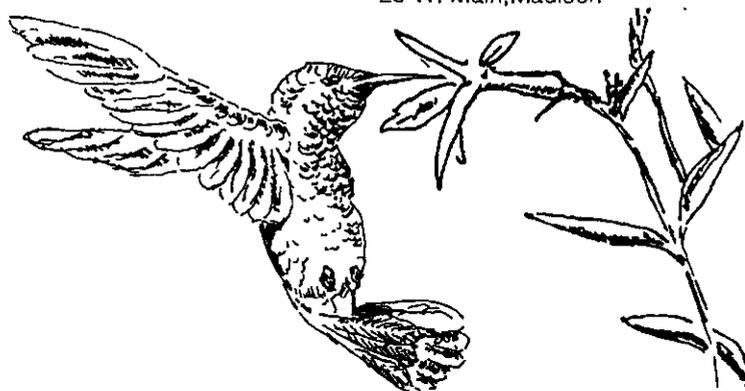
**ONE FINAL NOTE**--The Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association will be selecting new officers and recruiting new members this fall. Do yourself and your neighborhood a big favor: Sign up, and get involved. The work they do benefits all of us.

*-Ald. David Wallner*



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## Transportation Update

**ISTHMUS TRAFFIC PLAN:** In late July, TLNA sent out a press release regarding our petition drive for a faster implementation of the 6-year old plan. The petition drive had gathered almost 400 signatures and was officially accepted by both the Board of Public Works and the Transportation Commission.

In response to the press release, stories were printed in both the Wisconsin State Journal and the Isthmus newspapers on August 25th. Coincidentally, Alder Wallner had requested a special meeting with the Mayor's Office on that same day to discuss the Mayor's decision not to include in his proposed 1989 Capital Budget any funding for the next stage in the Isthmus Traffic Plan--the First & East Washington intersection.

As a result of that meeting and a subsequent one, the Mayor's assistant, David Chandler, has given his assent to a budget amendment which would add back into the budget the money required to handle right-of-way acquisition for that project (\$140,000) so that the city may take advantage of \$300,000 in 1990 Federal construction funding which has already been allocated to the project by the County's Regional Planning Commission.

At the same time, Chandler has indicated that the City may want to reconsider the original projections made by the Isthmus Traffic Redirection Plan in 1982 and determine whether they need to be revised before considering funding for the last major piece of the plan, the Fordem-First connection. Construction on the South Beltline may be the cause of a continued increase in Isthmus thru-traffic, and its completion may bring a certain amount of relief.

### COMPUTERIZED LIGHTS ON

**JOHNSON/GORHAM/WASHINGTON:** The city's Department of Transportation has recently developed another option to include toward the cause of Isthmus traffic redirection. Included in the Mayor's proposed budget is also \$200,000 (possibly more) for the upgrading of the traffic lights in the major Isthmus corridors to a modern, flexible system which can be customized for differing conditions during the course of a day and may help to make a smoother flow of traffic for all concerned.

### BREARLY STREET CUL-DE-SAC AT GIDDINGS

**PARK:** After the sudden burst of neighborhood outcry over the size of the cul-de-sac (turnaround) originally planned by the city, a compromise was achieved which will leave the street and turnaround much the same size they are now. Improvements will include new curbs, storm sewer, and "rip-rap" (large chunks of rock/concrete) along the shoreline to prevent erosion. The proposed capital budget also includes a new floating pier for next year.

*-Rob Latousek*

## Happy Birthday Amanda!

Happy Birthday to our neighbor Amanda who celebrated her 95th Birthday on September 11. She is still mowing her lawn, shoveling snow, washing windows, and is as spunky as ever. Wishing you many more!

**Editor's Note:  
New Editor Needed**

After two years as editor I'm stepping down. It was a very enjoyable experience in terms of getting to know the neighborhood and working with a great Board of Directors who truly care about making the neighborhood better and volunteered much time in making that end possible.

As of this writing we haven't been able to find a new editor. So I'm making a plea for some victim (I mean volunteer) to come forth. It requires probably around 20 hours quarterly to pull the whole thing off. I and other Board members will help you out so you would not be working in a vacuum. If anybody would be interested in taking on one aspect of the job such as soliciting ads, that would be one less responsibility for the new editor. I can be reached at 255-3486.

Finally I'd like to end by thanking a few of the many who helped during the past two years: the ubiquitous Richard Linster who was always willing to help out anywhere anytime; Sean Abshere for his computer mastery in getting clean copy; Ken Vogel for his cartoons; David Wallner and Jim Sturm for their regular articles; the advertisers; the collating crews; and Thyse Printers for their fine, prompt and reliable printing. I'd like to give a special thanks to Carrie Estill for being the advertising manager during the past two years and guest editor this summer while I was working in New York City.

- Bob Shaw



**Recycling Report**

Lee Hackeling, who founded and worked hard at the Tenney-Lapham curbside recycling project, has moved to California for a new job. She is missed by many. She gave this community lots of special energy and spirit.

Recycling is continuing in the neighborhood though. This program is important in showing that we will support recycling instead of air and water polluting landfills and incinerators.

The recycling project is an independent program to collect and recycle glass, aluminum, plastic and tin in our neighborhood. You participate by putting a yellow "Tenney-Lapham Recycles" sign in a front window on collection day, which is the first city garbage collection day of each month.

Some friendly reminders: please take the labels off of tin cans; no plastic food containers at this time except milk and soda; please don't use paper bags to put your recyclables in since they completely disintegrate in the rain; cardboard boxes are ok if not raining.

The effort you are making to separate your resources has been really super. I'm proud of this program. However, Lee and I both agree strongly that it needs more support. We are asking, if you can, for a strictly voluntary donation of some time or money. Perhaps an hour or two of your time every one to three months, or \$1 to \$3 a month. No one will be dropped for not donating, but it is needed. Help is needed in collecting, sorting, publicity and hauling.

Your comments, questions and donations are welcome and can be sent to Lynn Kalfsbeck, P.O. Box 3024, Madison, WI 53704 or call 249-3733.

- Lynn Kalfsbeck

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## Linster's Reports:

As of Sept. 16, the membership of the TLNA was 420 with dues of \$1,230 paid through year ending Sept. 30. The regret of the committee is that more of you haven't joined, but we take great pride in the members that we DO have.

Boat Tour tickets are still available for the Spirit of Madison through October 30. TLNA members please call me at 251-1937 for details.

Last winter the TLNA established a corner snow removal program by keying our membership with corners. A cover letter was distributed and the response was good. This winter we'd like to continue this effort. If you could be of help to us please call either me or Sue Fieber (251-3909) before the snow begins to fly.

The 20th Orton Park Festival this year saw three Isthmus neighborhoods and their association participating for the purposes of enjoying the end of our children's vacation with fundraising. Great weather with games, music, an auction and fire engine rides made a big hit. A sincere thanks is offered to all who worked, donated items and attended. We look forward to future events and the opportunity to continue to work together for our common good.

-Richard Linster



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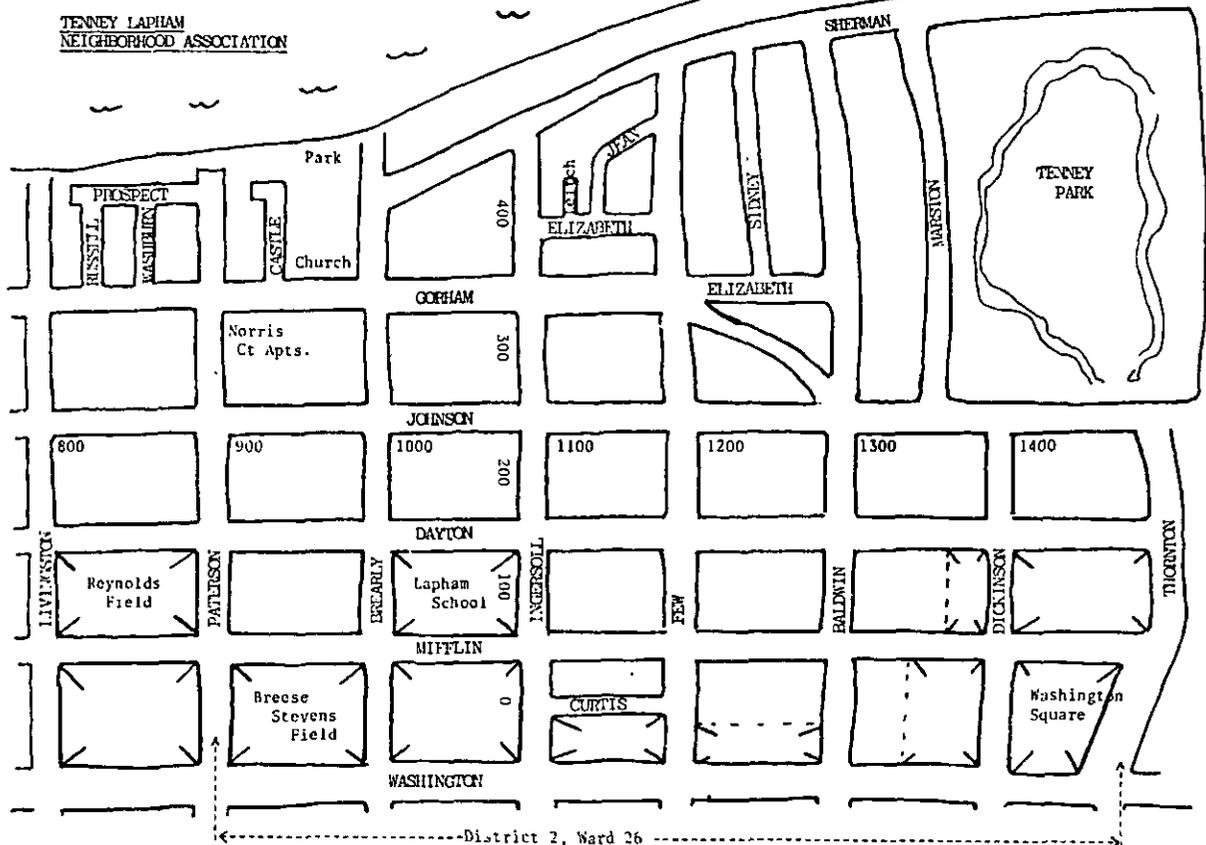
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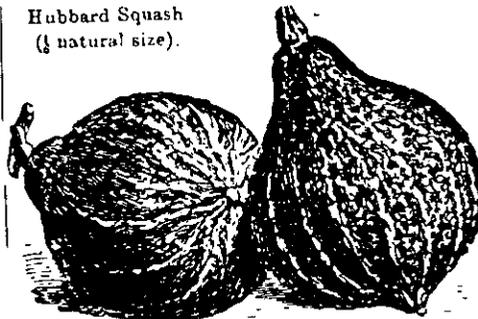
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## Assembly Report: Protection from Escrow Rip-off Now State Law

Homeowners will now have more control over mortgage escrow funds set aside for property taxes and insurance under a recently passed state law (Wisconsin Act 360).

Our proposal was enacted following a growing number of mortgage related complaints received by the Justice Department. Until recently, homeowners who have faithfully escrows money for property taxes each month, had no say in when those funds were released for payment of their taxes.

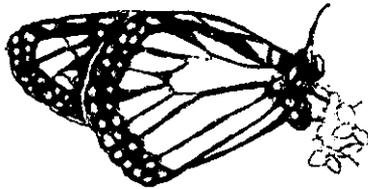
While most mortgage lenders are conscientious and fair in the handling of escrow funds, there were some (mainly out-of-state companies) that were ripping-off homeowners by failing to pay property tax or insurance bills in a timely fashion.

This new law puts the control back in the hands of the homeowners by allowing them to choose when they want their property taxes paid. If a borrower is up-to-date on his/her loan payments, he/she may require that the holder of the escrow account do one of the following:

Deliver a check (made payable to the borrower and the treasurer authorized to collect the tax) for payment of property taxes by December 18th in the amount of the funds held in escrow. This allows state homeowners to reduce their federal tax liability.

Pay the property taxes by December 31st if the escrow holder receives a tax statement by December 20th.

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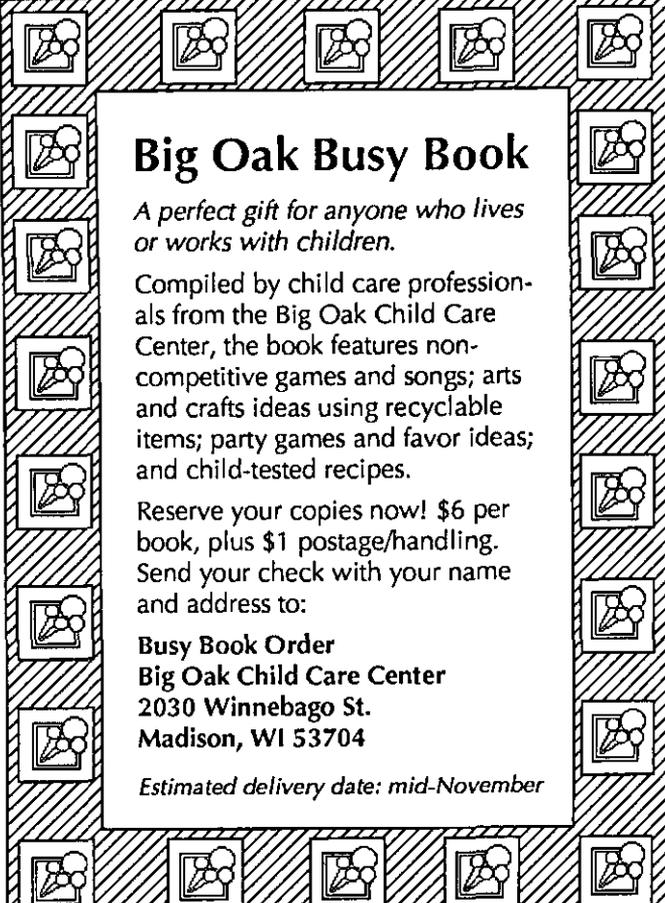
Reform of the state laws regulating escrow accounts was long overdue. The old law afforded no legal back-up for borrowers who wanted control over their escrows monies. The purpose of escrow funds is to assure that property taxes and insurance bills are paid. These funds do not belong to the mortgage lender and are not intended to be interest-generating for those companies. Under Wisconsin Act 360, we have assured homeowners that their property taxes will be paid by January 1st in a method that is acceptable to them.

The borrower must send written notice to the escrow holder by December 1st, specifying which of the above three payment choices he/she prefers. This choice will be followed annually unless the escrow holder is notified of a change. If the borrower takes a check from the escrow, he/she must send a receipt by March 31st to the escrow holder proving that the property taxes were paid. If the escrow holder fails to comply to this new law, the borrower has the option of establishing an account elsewhere for property taxes and insurance. If an escrow holder fails to notify the borrower of his/her rights, that escrow holder is subject to pay \$500 to the borrower, plus any reasonable attorney fees, costs and actual damages.

- Rep. David Clarenbach

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## Cripe's Quality Cuts

A new butcher shop has opened at 857 E. Johnson St. where Liddicoat's Butcher Shop used to be. The shop is run by the brothers Pat and Paul Cripe who collectively have 22 years in the trade.

They make all of their own smoked products included smoked brats, sausage, turkey and ring bologna. They carry all other kinds of meat along with salads and the basic grocery items. During deer season they will specialize in boneless venison.

Their hours are Monday through Thursday from 9-7, Friday and Saturday 9-8, and Sunday noon-6. Their phone number is 251-1488. Please welcome them to our neighborhood.

## Jiffy Lube

The newest addition to the East Washington Strip is Jiffy Lube at 1102 E. Washington Avenue. As their name indicates they do preventive maintenance on cars, with their specialty being changing oil and lubricating the chassis.

Recently I talked with one of their friendly employees, John Gibson, a lubrication technician. He was particularly proud of their 14-Point Full Service Complete specialty, which consists of changing the oil (up to 5 quarts), installing a new oil filter, lubricating the chassis, checking the various fluids in the car, inflating the tires, vacuuming the interior, and washing the windows in ten minutes for \$22.95 plus tax.

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## Volunteers Needed For Social Committee

As social representative for the TLNA I want to thank all of you who attend our social events. To those who haven't taken the opportunity to attend, please do so.

Social events are a great way to meet new people and get to know your neighbors. At our social events we are fortunate to have a wide variety of attendants: elderly, young students, families, single parents, and many children. Also these events give us the opportunity to thank the many people who work very hard and give many hours of their time in helping make this unique neighborhood a better place to live.

Let me take this opportunity to introduce myself. I am Pam Polenz (Duffy) and my responsibility as social representative is to coordinate and promote various social functions. This involves finding many volunteers to do tasks. Fortunately people have volunteered their time to take over many of the responsibilities and we are very grateful to them. However, more help is always needed and it's always nice to see a new face.

Lastly, the social events have been quite successful; however there are many people who haven't had the pleasure of meeting yet! We are encouraging all of you to come and join us.

Please contact me if you can give a little time. Mark your calendars: Oct. 6-Spaghetti Dinner, Dec. 11-Christmas Party (caroling), April 16-Pancake Supper, July 16-Ice Cream Social. Keep your eyes open for times, place and entertainment.

*-Pam Polenz (Duffy)*

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## Proposed Addition to the TLNA Bylaws

### ARTICLE XI BUDGET

The Neighborhood Council shall appoint a budget committee in October that shall prepare the annual budget.

Section 1. Prior to the first meeting of the budget committee all officers and chairs shall submit a statement of their estimated needs.

Section 2. The budget committee shall distribute to the council a budget draft to solicit further input.

Section 3. A policy on donations shall be set as follows:

1. Donations allocated in the budget under \$100 shall be given as requested; over \$100 contingent upon funds available.
2. Donations not allocated in the budget under \$100 shall be approved by a majority of the council and given contingent upon funds available; over \$100 shall be subject to 2/3 vote of council and matching funds stated given contingent upon funds available and matching funds collected.

Section 4. Budget shall be approved by a majority vote of council.

## Treasurer's Farewell

Since October 1983 I have been keeping "the books" for TLNA. During that time, I have kept track of money coming in and going out. Other council members have been prompt in both turning over money collected and bills received. The treasurer's job has not been stressful, since each year we have managed to collect a little more than we spent. TLNA now has a reserve to meet unanticipated expenses. Good luck to my replacement!

*-Judy Jones, outgoing Treasurer*

## Swan Award

This month's housing award goes to Dave Anderson for his superb job in completely renovating the houses at 107 and 113 North Paterson. The house at 107, in particular, was long an eyesore and his neighbors very much appreciate the effort he has made. Thanks Dave and your crew.

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## President's Report: See you at the Senior Center

Saitchel Paige moved and Bob Dylan seconded the admonition to "Don't look back." However neither was expected to write a final President's report for the newsletter. Since this is my last report, I will disregard the wisdom of the cultural icons and glance over my shoulder to see if anything has been gaining on me.

As always, committed and hardworking people are gaining on me. Because of the involvement and perseverance of these folks, Mifflin Street is more of a residential street and less of a thoroughfare; Tenney Park is cleaner and the lagoon is less congested; and the budget for parks improvement is substantial and impressive for the coming year. Reynolds Park got its soccer field designation and goal posts and should now be visible enough to generate additional amenities. Any ideas? So it's also a good time to ask for a round of applause for the Parks Department for being responsive to our pleas.

TLNA is working frequently and comfortably with our neighboring neighborhood associations and we expect promising future relationships with our Isthmus brethren. The future looks so bright that we've got to grow shade trees. That's Dave Wallner's turf and I would be remiss if I failed to acknowledge his commitment and efforts to represent our causes and concerns. He attends most of our meetings and ensures that those who come forth with proposals and projects affecting our territory reckon with us. One of these days I'll buy him that beer I promised him three years ago.

There is a lot more potential with TLNA than I realized in my role. Time and energy constraints are convenient excuses, but now it's someone else's turn. Join or form a committee or sponsor a project. Adopt a bus shelter or shovel a street corner. Want a speed bump on Baldwin? the death penalty for litterbugs? immediate appropriation of the property of building code violators? a community composter? festivals? Trachte Park? Start with our Annual Meeting and Spaghetti dinner on October 6th. Meet your neighbors, City, County and State representatives and maybe our beat cops. It will be informal and casual and non-confrontative. Be there or be square.

One final observation. We've lamented for years that we haven't been very successful in recruiting a broader age base in TLNA. Few elderly people have stayed involved in the association. However, in looking around I see a graying of TLNA. Damn it! We're becoming elderly! We still have an influx of youth but several of us have quietly slipped over the hill. That says a lot about commitment and a lot about the neighborhood and its stability. I'll be seeing you at the Senior Center.

-Jim Sturm



## Pet Advice from Dr. Mike

The familiar sounds of autumn include the all too common sneeze. Additionally watering eyes, runny noses, and itching are included as visual reminders of our susceptibility to allergies. And, yes, pets experience these same signs.

Simply stated allergies are the body's defensive response to a foreign material. Fortunately most animals are unaffected by pollens, dusts, flea saliva, etc. However some pets respond quite violently to an assortment of agents. Probably the most commonly noticed sign is intense chewing and scratching. Cats and dogs can actually mutilate themselves during their frenzy.

The number one allergen (allergic agent) during late summer and early fall is flea saliva. House dust is another less common allergen. Presently there are several means of controlling the trauma of allergies. We begin by identifying the causative agent (allergen).

Hyposensitization has proven to be approximately 80% effective in treating allergies. Again, the allergen must first be identified. A small quantity of the allergen is given at specific intervals of time. Eventually, if successful, the body no longer recognizes the allergen as foreign.

Unfortunately hyposensitization is costly and many pet caretakers opt for other treatment. Commonly, corticosteroids are given to pets to control the allergic reactions. These drugs depress the body's defense system and in turn inhibit the release of substances in the body that stimulate the animal to scratch, chew, etc. Corticosteroids tend to be overprescribed and overused. Side effects can be extremely harmful when abused. Consult with your veterinarian about the options for treating your pet for allergies and have a pleasurable autumn.

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## Education Report: A Case for Space

I would like to thank the neighborhood association for giving me the opportunity to serve as Education chair this past year. With the upheaval surrounding the Space Utilization Committee it has been a learning experience and somewhat frustrating.

As I retire I realize there are two major issues. One is the obvious and imminent overcrowding at Marquette and two is the Board of Education's evasion of the problem. By once again turning this issue over to parents the Board has successfully pitted the Marquette neighborhood and Tenney-Lapham neighborhood against one another canceling out any attempt by the Board to deal with the Marquette School issue.

Following the Space Utilization Committee's meetings another group of interested parents met to resolve the disagreements and come up with alternatives to already handed in proposals. This committee finally decided after many sessions that they agreed to disagree.

Over a year a docudrama unfolded that involved thousands of man hours by parents and led to several quick fix solutions that in no way addressed long term solutions (2-3 years) to overcrowding and the needs of our children. Projections offered by the Board changed with every meeting as did the minds of committee members. It was truly an exercise in futility that offered no promises by the Board in the end.

At the beginning of this year a new and necessary first grade class was added at Marquette but no space was available. Two days before school the new teacher was carrying desks from what had been the chapter room to the teachers' work space. The teachers' work space is now in the middle school lounge. The computer lab is disbanded.

The Board still continues to maintain Lapham would be too costly to reopen. However, following my investigations concerning the Shaw Company report, issues like asbestos are not issues at all. The Board will need to deal with the asbestos issues regardless of how the facility is used.

It is time to unite again as two neighborhoods and realize, given the current Marquette facility, our children cannot receive the best possible education. We have in our neighborhood a school that could provide children an opportunity to learn to swim, an auditorium, a cafeteria, twenty-seven classrooms, rooms for a special arts program, special needs classrooms and space to grow. We are doing our children a disservice by letting people convince us the existing facility is adequate for both an elementary and middle school. It is not. We pay property taxes for quality education and good facilities. A revenue producing building such as Lapham is not creating a better situation for our children.

Another note while I continue on, due to DPI legislation, the school day has been extended 40 minutes as you have noticed. Our children, first-fifth graders, leave at 7:55 to catch the bus and are returned at approximately 3:45 on a regular day. This is a long day for small children. Try to remember your own early school years. Could bus routes be shortened by not doubling up routes?

Now that I've vented frustration with the system I bid you adieu. Richard March will head the education chair for next year and I hope to assist him. Please, if you have any interest in this issue, become involved. Find out the facts and make yourself heard. Thanks for your help.

-Karen Jepsen

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