

NORTH STAMUS READER

The Newsletter Of The The Tenney-Lapham And Old Market Place Neighborhood Associations

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PROPERTY REVALUATION IN AREA 26

Richard Linster, TLNA President
Joe Brogran, TLNA Housing Chair

On December 6 a committee including the TLNA and OMPNA Presidents, Housing Chairs, and residents met with Harriet Wieboldt and Virginia Daly of the City Assessor's Office. We reviewed the current status of the ongoing revaluation of Area 26 (Breese Stevens/Lapham School). We discussed the statistical model and the sales information that they have made available. Further, we shared our thoughts on the market dynamics prevailing over the last few years and its effect. We hope that the Assessor's Office will take our views into consideration and that this may be reflected in their working mathematical model. We stressed our ability and willingness to assist their office in accomplishing our mutual goal of a fair and accurate assessment for all

property owners. Our suggestion of a demonstrative video taping of the inspection process was agreed to, and we shall have it available for you to screen. It will be shown at our public meeting on Thursday, January 12, 7-9 pm at Lapham School Auditorium (1045 E. Dayton St.). We shall also provide other information relative to the revaluation, and City staff will be present to answer your questions. If you live in Area 26, an informational flyer should be in your hands by now, and we hope you will find this helpful.

Tenney-Lapham's Winter Potluck Supper		
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Property Revaluation Public Meeting
Thursday, January 12, 7-9 pm at Lapham School Auditorium

Steering Committee Sets Public Meeting For Proposed Plan
Thurs. Jan. 26, Lapham Auditorium
Open House 6:30 pm, Presentation 7:00 pm

Old Market Place Potluck EVERY fourth Thursday
6:00 PM
Potluck Smorgasbord
7:00 PM
OMPNA Board Meeting

Light-Up: A Proactive Approach to

Kathleen Bresnehan

Recently two extremely violent and disturbing crimes have occurred in our neighborhood: the beating and robbery at knife point of an elderly couple and the brutal sexual assault of a woman in Tenney Park over a period of several hours. During this same time, a "date rape" sexual assault of a teenage girl was reported to the Madison Police Department.

This year the Dane County Narcotics Enforcement Team together with concerned citizens in our neighborhood were able to eliminate two separate crack cocaine operations: one on the 1200 block of East Dayton and a Friday noontime bust involving drug enforcement officers with rifles and flak jackets on the 1200 block of East Gorham Street.

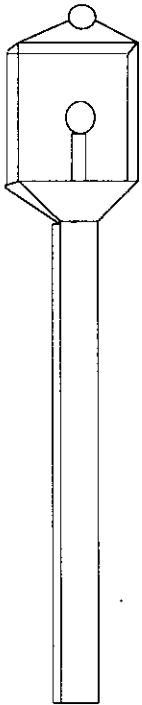
The first question that is asked is: "Where are the police, and what are they doing to prevent these types of crimes?" My question is: "Are these incidents the norm for our neighborhood; if not, where can we best put our time, energy, and money to prevent the crimes we have the ability to effect?"

After contacting the MPD, Captain Jeff Frye was kind enough to hand deliver crime statistics for the periods of 7/1/93-6/30/94 to offer us an overview of calls for service from the MPD. From this data, we can see that the majority of calls concern automobile accidents, parking violations and intoxicated drivers. According to the statistics, our primary focus--and something we have the power to prevent--should be:

1. Theft and robbery including residential break-ins, stolen automobiles, motorcycles and bicycles.

2. Domestic violence (exact figures are often hidden under the headings of battery, sexual assault of a child, disturbance calls, breaking and entering, prowler, unwanted person, check person, check property, trespassing, child abuse or neglect, etc.) What a given incident is categorized as in a police officer's report is up to his discretion and expertise.
3. Juvenile misbehavior that ranges across the board in terms of police calls.
4. Stray animals.

Lighting is our first line of defense. Outside lights should be left on all night every night. The MPD's Home Lighting brochure states "people tend to advertise their absence by turning on lights when they leave and turning them off when they return home. Timers or photo-electric sensors can help." Compared to the price of installing a very basic home security system for an average-sized house in this neighborhood (about \$550 initial installation and a per year cost of \$250 for 24-hour-a-day monitoring), the cost of installing a photo-electric sensor ranges from \$6-15; a motion-detector, about \$22; and an electronic-timer, \$10-14 (figures provided by Ace Hardware on Williamson St.). Remember most homeowner's insurance policies have a \$250 deductible, and the majority of objects lost



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Neighborhood Safety and Crime Prevention

in a burglary are not recovered.

Lighting provides additional benefits to neighborhoods by allowing police and emergency vehicles to read house numbers. It indicates that the neighborhood is involved in the Neighborhood Watch program. It deters criminals. It creates an aura of warmth and friendliness, encouraging people to spend time outside - walking, playing, and exercising. Police officers do not have "laser eyes"; they can't see what you can't see!

The second line of defense is to know your neighbors. Know who belongs in your neighborhood. Become part of the Neighborhood Watch Program. Have your neighbors pick up your mail and newspapers and do the same for them when on vacation. Let each other know if you have been the victim of a burglary, vandalism, or see someone suspicious. The neighbors on Sidney Street have a block party every summer. It affirms their connection to the neighborhood, is fun for the families on that street, and they have an opportunity to get to know their neighbors.

Know where your children are, who their friends are, where they live and their telephone numbers. Listen to your children. Kindergartners know who in their class is a victim of physical, emotional, and sexual abuse. Young children are extremely open and honest. Your middle-schooler knows where to "score" drugs and who is using drugs. They also know who is gang involved, who is sexually active, and most likely who ripped off your next door neighbor (if it's someone in their age group). Children are a great source of information and a pleasure to spend time with. Listen, don't judge.

Last, but not least, join with your neighbors and the Madison Police Department to become part of the Neighborhood Watch Program. Participate in Operation Identification, engraving easily portable and salable goods such as bicycles, cameras and stereo equipment. Stickers on your home notify would-be burglars that goods stolen from your home will be hard to dispose of and are

evidence of guilt if found in their possession. Your block captain for the Neighborhood Watch Program is Richard Linster, 251-1937. The person to contact at the Madison Police Department Crime Prevention Office is Lt. Mike Matteson, 266-4238. Thanks to Capt. Frye and Lt. Matteson for providing support for this article.

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Preparing For The New Year

State Representative Tammy Baldwin

In the weeks since the fall elections, there has been much activity around the office, as we ready ourselves for the upcoming legislative session. The process of preparing for the 1995-96 session is a stark contrast to the process I went through two years ago. At this time in 1992, I was planning and prioritizing the initiatives I hoped to advance. Currently, I'm giving more thought to strategies to halt or oppose the unwise policies and initiatives that I fear will be advanced by others during the next biennium. While we traditionally think of legislators as people who are trying to enact legislation, I believe the role of speaking out and organizing against bad public policy is equally important. Meanwhile all legislators must look for meaningful chances to cooperate and act together in the interests of the people of Wisconsin.

Over the past few weeks the majority of calls and inquiries that I've received at the office have concerned enlisting my assistance in opposing plans that have been outlined by the incoming legislative leadership. In particular, I've received many calls and visits regarding the death penalty; proposed cuts in SSI and General Assistance; threats to a woman's right to choose a safe and legal abortion; possible cuts in University funding; and potential union-busting legislation.


Last spring, I included a survey in my legislative newsletter to gauge citizen interest in various issues that are likely to come up in the legislature. The results from that survey certainly convince me that my concerns about the upcoming legislative session are shared by many in the 78th district. What follows is a sampling of the survey results. (We plan to reprint the full set of survey results in our next legislative newsletter.)

Should Wisconsin reinstate the death penalty?

Yes	25.9%
No	63.6%
Undecided	10.6%

Do you support alternatives to incarceration for nonviolent offenders?

Yes	90.3%
No	5.6%
Undecided	4.2%



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No	14.2%
Undecided	6.1%

Do you support a woman's right to choose an abortion?

Yes	85.9%
No	10.3%
Undecided	3.8%

Should public funds be available for low income women who choose to have an abortion?

Yes	74.5%
No	18.6%
Undecided	6.8%

Do you support a universal health care plan that would provide coverage for all Wisconsin citizens?

Yes	77.8%
No	12.8%
Undecided	9.4%

Would you support an effort to legalize the medicinal use of marijuana?

Yes	85.7%
No	7.6%
Undecided	6.7%

Do you support physician-assisted aid in dying when requested, in writing by a terminally ill person?

Yes	77.8%
No	12.8%
Undecided	9.4%

I deeply appreciate the time so many constituents took to fill out our legislative survey. The responses will help guide my work for the next biennium. I hope that I can also count on many of you to be vocal and visible in the political process as we face the many challenges on the political horizon. As always, I would love to hear from you. If I can ever be of any assistance please feel free to call me at my office (266-8570) or my home (241-6675).

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We have so much to be thankful for this holiday season. Our new house, our new neighborhood, and our new neighbors top our list. Happy Holidays!

Roger Backes, Manager
Yahara House 257-7757



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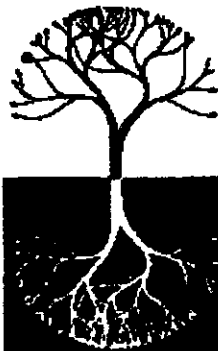
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School Corner

Debby Meyer, TLNA Education Chair

By the time you receive this issue the first semester of school will have come to a successful end. It's been a busy one! The first "After-School" programs have been completed at both Lapham and Marquette. Everything from art, sports, languages and other games were offered. These classes are so successful we have a waiting list for the Spring classes. It's great to see children involved at school from dawn to dusk. If there are any hidden talents out there that haven't been tapped for a class, we are always looking for new instructors for classes. Any interest or hobby you might like to impart to a class of 10-12 children would be a great way to be involved. Call either school to volunteer.

The "Dream Team" basketball camp has started at Marquette with a bang. There are about 70 students from 3 schools participating. Not only does this help students learn more about basketball, but it also builds cooperation skills and community. A hearty "thanks" to Cliff Davis and helpers!

The local Parent Teacher Group (PTG) for Lapham and Marquette will have started some strategic planning at the December meeting. We invite all to join us for upcoming meetings, especially as the plans for handling the East High attendance area enrollment needs are discussed. The meetings are always held on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm, alternating between Lapham and Marquette schools. We need everyone's input to make this a successful venture, and we

always need volunteers.

Speaking of volunteers, I'd like to encourage all to see how you might get involved at the schools. There are always needs like helping weekly in a teacher's room, assisting the school nurse with things like vision and hearing screening, reading at the "Read-Ins," assisting with the babysitting done at Lapham, so parents with little ones at home can volunteer in their children's classrooms and so forth.


There are also some current concerns that we as an attendance area are facing. Because of a budget freeze the district has not increased the time of our elementary nurse, social worker, and psychologist, and yet they have also added new programs this year that are taxing their time enormously. We have written a letter to the board asking for an immediate increase in staff allocations for these positions, and we plan to have parents attending the December and January board meetings. If you are interested in helping in this endeavor, please call me (Debby Meyer 257-2578). Another continuing issue is class size and teacher allocations for our schools, which have gone from a consistent 20 students per classroom up to 23 in grades 2-5. We find this too much of a burden for our staff and are urging the board and district staff to keep our numbers at 1 teacher to 20 students, as they do for other diverse schools.

In closing, I applaud our staff and students for a great new year and encourage everyone to get involved.

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Memories From A Neighbor

J and J Gray, OMPNA Park and Transportation Chairs

December, 1994, marked the 50th anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge which took place in the Ardennes section of Belgium. This was the last German drive aimed at breaking the Allied line. Raymond W. Ray, a resident of the Old Market Place Neighborhood since 1939, joined the armed forces shortly after graduating from high school in 1944 and served with the U.S. forces in this battle. Following are some of his remembrances:

Besides fighting the enemy, American troops also battled the elements.

Raymond Ray of Madison was among the thousands of Allied soldiers shipped into Europe after the Normandy invasion had pushed the Germans back. Ray recalled an old red brick fort on a hill above Le Harve, France. "We slept in the horse stables that

Napoleon used for his horses."

While heading toward the front lines in cold railroad box cars during late December, Ray recalled passing through French towns and villages, where "we threw the French people cigarettes, candy and C-rations and they threw back bottles of cognac, which we were sure not to miss catching. It was like antifreeze to our bodies.

"We arrived in Denant after having been on troop trucks for several days, and our feet were very cold. We did a lot of stomping to get the blood circulating," Ray recalled. "We had no rubber overshoes, just shoe boots.

"As we advanced toward the Battle of the Bulge, we walked in snow and forded creeks. All the time we lived outside--there were no warm, safe shelters. For a week, we slept in foxholes, wrapped in blankets. ... We began to realize that our feet and legs were slowly freezing. They felt like fence posts when we walked." Ray's unit was relieved on the front line on January 6, 1945, "and this is what

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saved our legs and toes, though we had to be carried in trucks which took us to a Belgian hotel." There, 10 to 20 men slept to each large room. "We were utterly exhausted, but what a luxury--a roof over our heads and warmth.

"The next morning, the medics had to cut off our boots for the warmth had made our legs and feet swell," he said. "The flesh split for the swelling was so great. By ambulance, we went to Paris. The hospitals were full, so I was billeted in a museum."

Ray was later transferred to a hospital in England and then in April to a hospital ship bound for the United States. "We stretcher cases were not ambulatory and were flat on our backs."

The ship arrived in New York on April 21. "There wasn't a dry eye on the ship as we passed the Statue of Liberty. Many of our buddies did not return. Those are the ones we honor and love on Veterans Day, not war. War is horrible!"

Ray was sent to Camp Carson,



Andrew J. Ray and his brother Raymond W. Ray (left) at Camp Carson.

Colorado, where "it took from April until August for our legs to get back under us, and we had to learn to walk again." He got his discharge papers on the day Japan surrendered.

We thank Ray Ray for sharing his experiences with us and for reminding us that the soldiers not only had to dodge the bullets and bombs of the enemy, they also had to fight the elements.

We would like to invite other members of the Old Market Place and Tenney-Lapham neighborhoods to share their memorable experiences and remembrances with us. If you have material you wish to contribute or old letters which discuss our neighborhoods, please contact James or Julia Gray (251-3849).



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State Senator Fred Risser

Re-engineering, reinventing, reordering--buzz words for the nineties. Business has been struggling with these concepts for some time. However, government is not isolated from these realities nor should it be. The need to increase efficiencies, improve ways of "doing business" and eliminate obsolete programs is crucial to entering the twenty-first century with a true vision for the future.

The way we fund education through our current school aid formula is a prime example of a program in need

of total reinvention or at the very least a major mechanical tune-up.

The concept behind our present school aid formula is a good one--equalization. As originally devised, the formula had two principal goals: 1. reduce the reliance upon the local property tax in funding educational programs; and, 2. guarantee that basic educational opportunity is available to all pupils regardless of the local fiscal capacity of the district.

How does the formula do this? By using property values as the sole measure of a community's ability to fund educational needs. Thus, the higher a district's property valuation, the lower the amount of aid received per pupil from the State.

This approach may have worked well when property value was a more reliable way to measure wealth. One has just to look at the plight of farmers and the elderly to get an indication that property values alone are not a true measure of anyone's ability to pay.

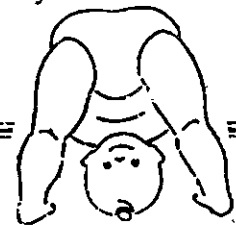
As with all things, nothing remains the same. Compounding this problem is the fact that the Madison School District of today is a far different entity than the one in existence in the early '80s.

Let's look at the statistics:

- * Nearly a quarter of Madison students live in poverty;
- * More than one in five are eligible for free or reduced price lunches;

- * The number of students with disabilities has increased by 20 percent in the last two years alone;
- * The cost of special education for these students has increased by 170 percent in the last 10 years.

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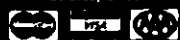
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age. Since there is a strong link between poverty and children with special needs, this does not bode well for reduced educational costs any time soon.

What does this all mean? Simply put--it takes more money to educate students who are disabled, disadvantaged and have other special needs. Of the Madison School District's \$200 million budget, at least \$42 million is currently used to address just these needs alone.

Last year, the State pumped \$4.5 billion back to some 427 school districts in Wisconsin to assist in funding education and ease the burden on property taxpayers. All of this money was returned based mainly on property values to school districts, many of which are not confronted with the growing problems

faced here in Madison.

Where do we go from here? The time is ripe to take a whole new approach to funding education in this State. At long last, other school districts are beginning to experience and sympathize with concerns of the Madison community. Coalitions are being developed to address problems faced by kids across school district boundaries. There is a recognition, statewide, that we must look to different solutions to fund education.

The State needs to redefine its view of funding equity. It must be recognized that not all children can be educated at the same cost. Some districts may have to spend more than others to obtain "equal educational opportunity" for kids.

More emphasis should be

placed on students with special needs and the increased costs associated with teaching these students. It is crucial that any "re-engineered" school aid formula reflect these facts. A portion of any additional funds for education should be specifically earmarked for teaching economically disadvantaged children.

If we fail to do this, we have not achieved true equality in education and we have failed the very students that this funding is designed to help. And, most importantly, we have failed to take the steps necessary to bring these kids into a future filled with maximum possibilities for success--a future we will share with them.




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Let's Consider Some

Ken Frazier, OMPNA President

If ever there was a sacred cow in Madison politics it was the Madison Mutual Housing Authority (MMHA). It seems that everybody who is anybody in Madison politics has been a board member or a political ally of MMHA. MMHA had clout. For years, it has been the dominant player in subsidized housing in our city.

Back in 1986, when MMHA proposed to develop the 600 block of East Dayton as a low-income rental housing project, the Old Market Place Neighborhood Association argued for the inclusion of owner-occupied housing in the development concept. MMHA wasn't interested in anything we had to say. Backed by powerful friends, MMHA didn't even have to pretend listening to neighborhood associations.

MMHA told us that their project was like owner occupancy because the housing would be "cooperatively managed." The term "cooperative" as applied to housing usually means that the tenants have an equity stake in the property or at least some say in setting the rents. In other cities, there are "cooperative" apartments that work very well in representing the tenants' interests. MMHA did not have this sort of model in mind. Cooperation, as they envisioned it, only meant that the tenants would be expected to attend management meetings and help out with basic maintenance of the property. If you're thinking that most tenants would not be impressed by this generous offer, you are right. Almost from the beginning, their version of cooperative management was a flop.

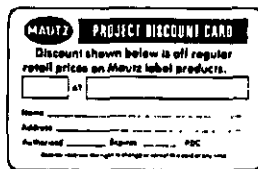
Given that there was a rival proposal to develop the 600 block of East Dayton that did feature owner-occupancy, there would have been plenty of leverage to negotiate with MMHA if our alderperson had supported the neighborhood. But MMHA had his support and the votes in the Common Council to get the funding they wanted from the city. The project ended up costing over three million dollars, including several hundred thousand dollars in public subsidy.

Thinking back, the strangest thing about the MMHA project was how huffy the political types got if you even questioned the proposal.



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New Housing Ideas

It was like you were insulting someone's grandmother. Heaven knows there was good reason to be wary of another rental housing project after the fiasco of the Nichols Station development. But support for MMHA didn't stop with public financing. It went on to include awards and public expressions of gratitude for their munificent work.

Now MMHA is going broke. According to an article in the November 22nd Wisconsin State Journal, MMHA is said to be \$430,000 in debt with only \$13,000 in their checking account. Their checking and savings accounts hadn't been balanced in months. It took five accountants more than a week to sort out their books. In a remarkable understatement, one of the accountants is quoted as saying that "management could have been better." As a result, there are 346 low-to-moderate-income apartments that have an uncertain future. Despite the considerable public investment in this housing resource, there is no assurance whatever that these apartments will be managed with the best interests of the public in mind.

The point of this is not to rub anyone's nose in past mistakes, but rather to ask if we are going to keep making the same mistake. In

light of MMHA's sorry performance in developing community housing, perhaps we should try some new ideas. Specifically, we should declare a moratorium on building more low-income rental housing in the most vulnerable neighborhoods of the city unless the project is initiated by the local neighborhood organization. More importantly, the city should invest in subsidized owner-occupied housing for people of limited means as an alternative to low-income rental.

The need for affordable housing is greater than ever. More and more people are being priced out of the Madison housing market. It is not just the working poor, but also our young teachers and fire fighters who are losing hope that they will ever be able to own a home. If we create home ownership opportunities for working people with modest incomes, there will be less competition for the low-income rental housing that is available. It isn't a quick fix, but it may be just what we need to stabilize the downtown communities and encourage people to make a long-term personal investment in our neighborhoods. And, if this idea doesn't pan out, at least it will be a new mistake instead of the same old one.

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TLNA President's Report

Richard Linster, TLNA President

Dear Neighbors,

I hope you all had a pleasant holiday season and the new year will be good.

On January 12 we will hold a meeting on reevaluation of area 26, Breese Stevens-Lapham School. On January 26 the recommendation of the steering committee and its task forces will be presented to the neighborhoods for your comment. On February 9 we will hold our Winter potluck with Mayor Paul Soglin as our guest and speaker. These meetings are important, and we believe you will find them of interest, so we hope you can attend.

As I have decided to run for the City Council, I am stepping down from the TLNA presidency. Rob Latousek will succeed me, and I trust that you will give him the support and help he will need. I am confident that he will be an excellent executive for TLNA.

I would like to thank all those who have served on the neighborhood council and the membership, as you have made my tenure a happy one. Thanks to our combined efforts we have made our neighborhood a good place, and I'm sure we will continue to make it better.

I will leave with some tips and advice from a favorite source, Welty's Book of Procedures:

"LEADERSHIP is the maintenance of a group organized upon a clearly expressed purpose. Leadership nurtures those bonds among us that enable us to strengthen one


another and inspires those actions that help us achieve our objectives. Leadership is a role for all members, who by the building of a friendly atmosphere, by a smile, or words of reassurance make it easier for someone to take part in an organization's activities. WE ARE ALL LEADERS!

CONFLICT RESOLUTION

1. Consider alternative solutions on their merit.
2. Negotiate a consensus.
3. Encourage diverse approaches.
4. Aim at the goal of a neutral chair or facilitator.
5. No personal attacks, derogatory remarks, or put downs.
6. Fresh ideas should be welcomed.
7. Take steps to be sure that other members understand that they too have leadership duties to perform and they can be learned 'on the job.' Our skills can always be improved if we are willing to work at it.

Conflict will arise even with the use of the above processes. Members prepared to be leaders can bank the fires if they understand the difference between a useful contest of ideas and the destructive clash of personalities. Feel an obligation to bring warring parties together. Here is where humor, perceptiveness, and a hearty camaraderie is so essential to leadership, and leadership so essential throughout an organization:

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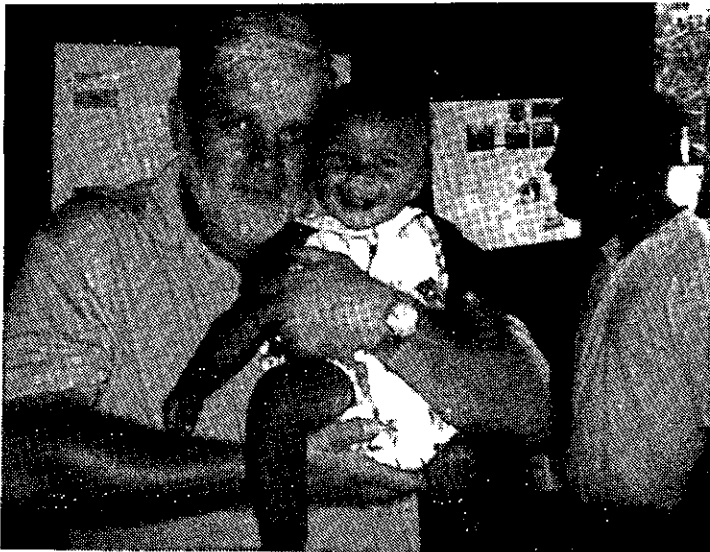
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Alder's Report

Ald. David Wallner

Right off the bat, my family and I hope you all had a fine and festive holiday season, and wish you all a grand year in 1995. In the past year we built a small addition to our Jean Street home, and an even more important addition with the arrival last November of our son Raphael. He's now 13 months old and is the joy of our lives and a real hit around the neighborhood. My personal thanks to all of you who once again have proved that indeed "It takes a whole village to raise a child." What would we have done without your gifts, second-hand clothes, and toys--and those frequent offers to babysit!!



Alderman David Wallner and Raphael enjoying the ice cream and history at the Tenney Park Centennial festivities

LET IT SNOW--But don't forget that for all of us living on the Isthmus, we've now got a new Snow Emergency Parking plan in place. Led by the efforts of Ald. Bert Zipperer, the City Council recently adopted a new program that exempts the Isthmus from alternate side parking during the winter months, except when a snow emergency is put into effect. City staff have already circulated fliers around the
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Isthmus, but based on the calls I've received following our first 8-inch snow, the bugs still need to be worked out of the new system.

Although parking during the winter should now be easier without having to deal with alternate side parking every night, residents must learn the new rules to avoid future \$20 tickets. Keep in mind that the Snow Emergency rules kick in if there is three inches of snow or more. Residents must then follow alternate side parking for at least the next 48 hours. Radio and TV stations and the local newspapers will be contacted as soon as a snow emergency has been declared. It's vital that plows be able to clear the streets within those 48 hours following major snow storms. Clear access is especially important for emergency vehicles, like fire trucks, and also to enable trash trucks, buses, cars, etc. to navigate city streets. Call the Police Dept. at 267-1171 if you have questions.

GUN CONTROL---Following a year of debate and a marathon meeting, the Council recently passed several new ordinances designed to slow down the rising problem of gun-related violence that continues to grow throughout the U.S. The ordinances call for

the elimination within the city of short-barrel handguns, certain types of assault weapons, and expandable "cop killer" bullets. A fourth ordinance requires that all legal guns be encased and unloaded when transported, and gun locks will be required as of Sept. 1, 1995. The ordinances regulating handguns, assault weapons, and expandable bullets will go into effect within 30 days following the Council's action.

Although I received many calls and letters from gun proponents, many of those from outside the 2nd District, I received even more from constituents who support reasonable gun control laws. The new laws won't eliminate all gun-related violence in the city, but they do send a strong message and will give the police additional tools in dealing with the rising violence and accidental homicides caused by guns. It is my personal hope that law-abiding gun owners will indeed follow the law and do their best to help ensure that Madison remains a safe city.

YAHARA RIVER CORRIDOR---I've received a promise from Planning Director George Austin that his staff will begin working on a new plan to upgrade the river corridor between the two lakes. Getting this project on



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Alder's Report

the department's work plan for 1995 is a key first step. Such a plan might lead to major residential redevelopment of older industrial properties along the river; a new pedestrian/bike path going under E. Washington Ave.; and other amenities, such as improvements to Burr Jones Park, new landscaping, picnic facilities, etc. Both the Marquette and Tenney-Lapham neighborhoods see the corridor improvements as crucial elements of their long-range plans, and the project would also provide recreational facilities for the entire city. Contact the Parks Dept. and the Mayor's office to lend your support.

ROOM TAX INCREASE---Two years ago when I was Council President, I pushed for an increase in the city's hotel room tax to help pay for a possible new convention center. I brought the issue forward prior to the city-wide referendum on the convention center. I pledged to constituents to try to increase the room tax so that users of the new facility helped pay their fair share, and to keep that much of the future costs of operating the center off of the property tax. That pledge was fulfilled in November, when the Council approved the 1995 budget. The room tax will rise to 8 percent in 1996, before the convention center opens. The one percent increase should generate up to \$400,000 per year and should have a very minimal impact on hoteliers around the city.

EAST HIGH NEWS---I've received many calls this fall from residents living near East

High. Their complaints include an increase in students hanging out on private property, especially during the lunch hour, trash on neighbors' yards caused by students, speeding on the side streets, and loud stereos from student cars that blast away during the school day. I've asked for and received increased police patrols in the area, and I've also asked that school officials work more diligently with their students to help minimize these irritating daily problems. I'm working to set up a meeting in February with parents, school administrators, residents and the Police Dept., so that we can resolve the problems by spring.

Parents, if you have students attending East High, please urge them to be considerate of the neighbors who live near the school. Many of the problems can be resolved through common courtesy and common sense. After all, who wants to have their yards trashed or their property vandalized while they're away at work?

And how about a good word for those East High students who are working on a community service project this year to spiff up James Madison Park? Students in Drew MacKendrick's vocational education class are doing just that. According to Parks Volunteer Coordinator Linda Lopeman, the students have done a "super job" since October. They'll be clearing out brush, trimming trees and shrubs, replanting shrubs and adding bulbs and perennials in designated areas. Hats off to Drew and his crew!

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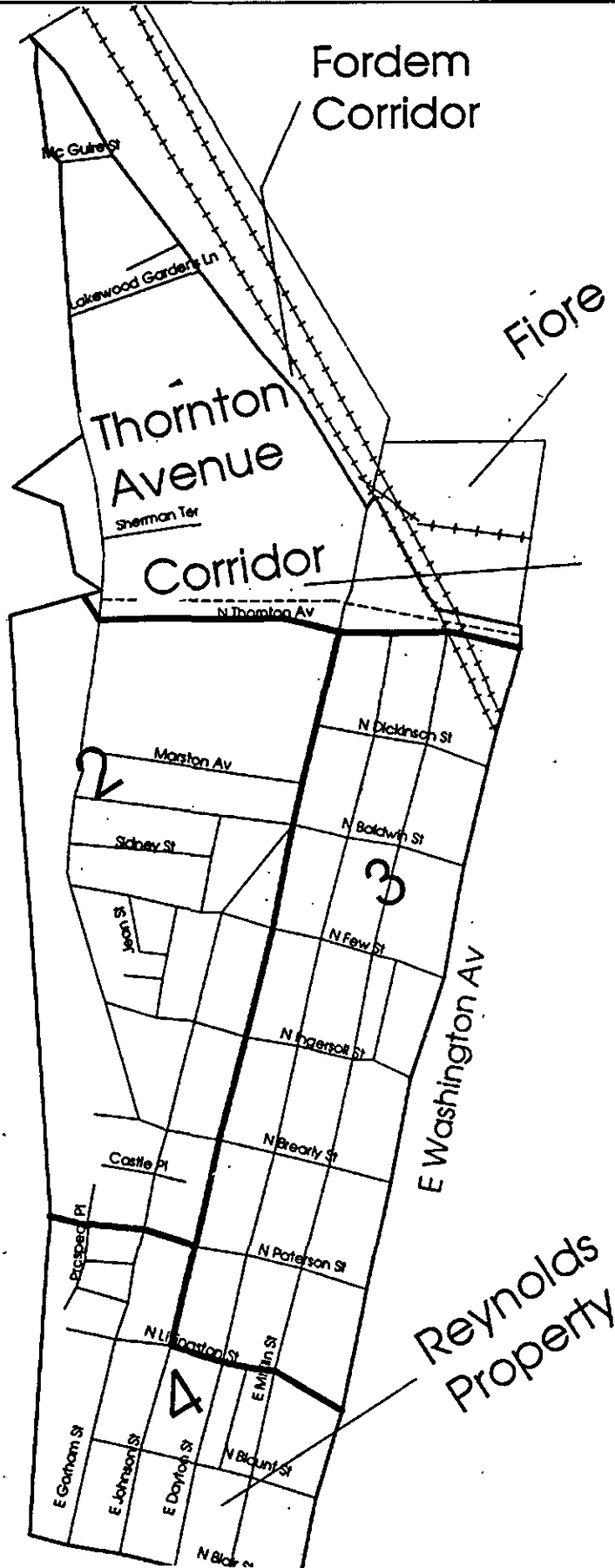
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Steering Committee Sets Public

Rob Latousek



The Steering Committee for the Tenney-Lapham/Old Market Place (TLM) Neighborhood Planning Project is approaching the end of its one-year planning process. After nine months of biweekly meetings and numerous special task force meetings, the Steering Committee is now prioritizing the major issues that arose during those meetings and the strategies that were suggested for dealing with the issues in a positive and constructive manner.

Many residents of the census tract (#18) have participated in the process by attending both Steering Committee and task force meetings, as well as the special public hearing in May where students from the UW's Urban and Regional Planning Department presented the results of their own neighborhood planning survey and analysis. It is now time to have a general public meeting to discuss the preliminary version of the Steering Committee's Neighborhood Plan. This meeting has been set for Thursday, January 26, 1995, at 7:00 pm in the Lapham School Auditorium. Preceded by an informal open house at 6:30 pm to discuss issue one on one with task force personnel.

The major issue for the Parks Task Force, which has also come up in several other task force areas, is the future improvement and development of the Yahara River Parkway. This issue was also a strong concern in the Marquette Neighborhood Plan, which was just approved this year. The TLM Neighborhood

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Plan will propose making the parkway more user-friendly and accessible by creating some kind of paved pathway along the river, with portions of the parkway improved for picnicking and other "passive" uses. Other related issues in the parkway area involve future uses of Burr Jones Field, Filene Park (around the boat landing at the locks), and nearby private land, such as the old Trachte Company property.

The Community Services Task Force has determined a strong need for greater accessibility to services directed toward youth and elderly residents. The lack of a neighborhood center within easy reach seems to be the greatest obstacle to supplying this need. If a suitable site cannot be found, the Wil-Mar Center is interested in working with us to expand their own services enough to better serve our residents. The North East Side Coalition of Older Adults (NESCOA) is also interested in making their programs more well-known and accessible to our elderly residents.

The Housing Task Force has proposed a number of objectives aimed at the following goals: increasing owner-occupancy in blocks

where it is currently at extremely low levels; insuring the availability of quality, affordable rental housing; encouraging prompt and appropriate development of large, unused tracts (such as the Trachte and Reynolds sites); preserving and improving the integrity of our housing stock; and supporting efforts to foster neighborhood diversity and eliminate unlawful housing discrimination.

The Transportation Task Force has been trying to come up with some new ideas to deal with issues that have plagued our area for decades. Most of these ideas revolve around the themes of increasing safety in traffic corridors, especially for pedestrians, and encouraging the use of alternative modes of transportation (buses, bikes, and car-pools) to decrease the amount of car traffic passing through our residential area.

The Business Task Force has been working with the recently reestablished East Johnson Street Business Association to establish some long-range goals for that area. The highest priorities appear to be: increasing pedestrian safety with better lighting; creating a stronger
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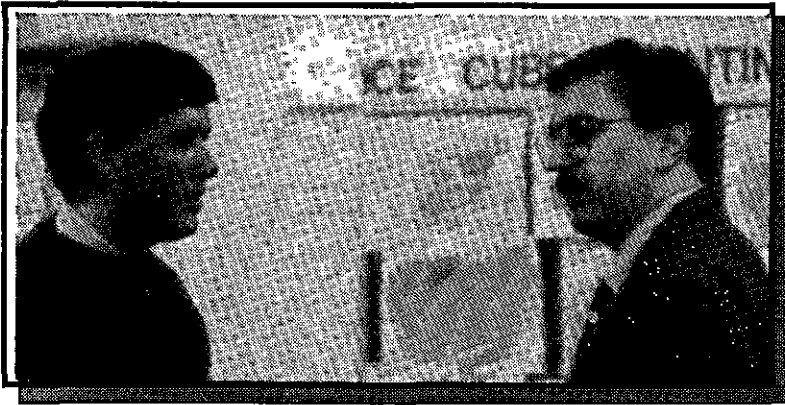
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Tom, pleads with the Parks sub-committee for the preservation of the historic Collins Houses.

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Public Meeting Set For Proposed Plan

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identity by means of street banners, a promotional map/brochure, and group advertising. Proposals for future development in the area include: encouraging storefront improvements; adding trees, benches and bikeracks; supporting the replacement of substandard housing with mixed-use (commercial and residential) buildings within the business district without diminishing the number of affordable housing units.

There are bound to be even more issues presented at the public hearing, and the Steering Committee is very anxious to get more feedback from the community before presenting its final Neighborhood Plan to the City Council in March. There will still be plenty of time to reorder priorities and adjust strategies. Please come, and join in the fun! The future of our neighborhood depends on it.

If you need an interpreter, material in alternate formats, or other accommodations to access this service, activity, or program, please contact the Dept. of Planning & Dev. (266-4635 or TDD 266-4747). We would appreciate it if you contact us 48 hours prior to the meeting so that proper arrangements can be made.

Funding for the Tenney-Lapham/Old Market Place Planning Project is provided by the City of Madison Dept. of Planning and Development, Community Development Block Grant, and the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development.

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Candidate Questionnaire

Tom Sullivan, Publicity Chair
Rob Latousek, TNLA Vice President

It would seem that we have just finished up one round of elections when the next one starts. It is time to kick off the Spring Campaigns for the City of Madison. This year the Alderperson seat is open, and the Mayor is up for re-election. There will be a primary this year for the Aldermanic race on February 21, 1995. The Madison School Board will be bringing up a multimillion dollar bond referendum before the voters during the same polling.

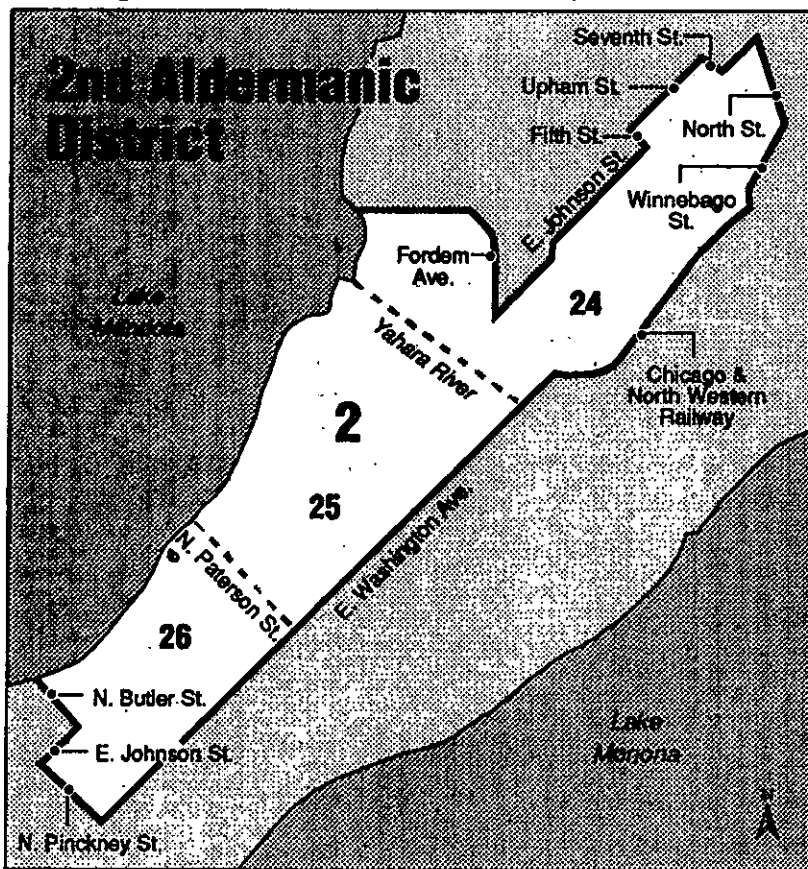
If you live in the Old Market Place Neighborhood Association your polling place is the Salvation Army Building at 630 East Washington Avenue. If you live in the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood, your polling place is Lapham School at 1045 East Dayton Street (See map on this page for further clarification of Ward boundaries).

As is customary, the newsletter has asked

the candidates of the Second District to answer a few questions. Since Alderperson Wallner has announced his retirement, five candidates have come forward to claim his seat. Each candidate has been allotted 400 word to answer our standard four questions. Since I am, also a candidate, Rob Latousek has edited all of the candidate responses.

Another set of questions will be handed out to the candidates before the Spring Elections in April. The results of this questionnaire will be published in the March/April issue of this newsletter. If you have a specific question you would like to ask the candidates, please submit you question in writing to Rob Latousek at 407 N. Brearly Street. All the candidates will be given the opportunity to respond to those questions. However, only the two finalist will be published in the March/April newsletter.

The following are the questions each candidate answered. The number in front of each response is the number of the question.



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- 1) What **previous experience** of yours has prepared you for conducting the work of this office?
- 2) What are the **three current issues** which you consider **most important** for the City of Madison?
- 3) What are the **three current issues** which you consider **most important** for the Second District?
- 4) Describe how you would handle a **complaint** from a constituent that was **contrary to City Staff recommendations**?

The responses of the candidates appear in alphabetical order.

Candidate Responses

Richard Linster

1. I have been president of the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association (TLNA) from 1988-1990 and from 1993-present. I have occupied many other positions in the Old Market Place Neighborhood Association and TLNA over the past eleven years.

I am especially proud of my role in the reopening of Lapham School. I was president of Lapham-Marquette PTG from 1988-1990 and in 1992. I also have held many other positions in the PTG over the last nineteen years and currently serve on the middle school executive committee. I have worked as cafeteria supervisor at Marquette and Lapham schools over an eleven year period.

I was County Supervisor in the 2nd District from 1990-1992.

2. Social: Madison needs to keep and attract a balanced population, particularly downtown. The ability to foster a sense of security is essential to an emotional and financial investment in the city.

Financial: Madison faces severe financial constraints that will force us to make a priority ranking of our needs. Successful lobbying by the city and our local state delegation that addresses inequities in shared revenue is crucial to meet the challenges of the future and the needs of our residents.

Land Use: Madison needs to arrive at a consistent vision for the future. When it does it will be in a better position to understand and work with our neighboring communities and

the county who often have conflicting needs.

3. Housing: An increase in home ownership, particularly around Lapham School, will greatly aid stability and address maintenance issues. Affordable housing options will provide decent shelter for our diverse population. Scattered site fair share housing will ensure a healthy mix.

Schools: We are committed to strengthening the bond between our local community and our schools. If our schools succeed, so will our neighborhoods and the city.

Transportation: Recognizing that our neighborhood is a major traffic corridor for the city, we need to mitigate problems connected with commuter traffic. A strong bus system is an essential component in a balanced transportation network.

4. I would listen carefully to be sure I understood the complaint. I would try to determine if information from the city has been reaching the resident. After listening to both sides, I would attempt to mediate a solution. If that did not work, I would help the constituent through the appeals process. Not every decision will be reversed, but every resident should feel he or she has access, information, and help from me.

Property Revaluation For Assessment Area 26 Public Meeting

Lapham School/Breese Stevens neighborhood (Assessment Area 26) is bounded by East Gorham Street and East Washington Avenue between North Blair Street and the Yahara River.

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Candidate Responses

Rex Loehe

1. I graduated from the U.W. in 1985 with a B.S. degree in Political Science. As a student, I was elected and chaired the Segregated University Fees Allocation Committee and worked closely with student and community leaders to deliver to the Chancellor a budget allocating over \$5,000,000 for student services. Currently I'm employed as a Legislative Aide to the Assembly Speaker Pro Tempore. Previously, I spent 6 years working as a Legislative Analyst in the Senate Democratic Caucus. Last year, Citizens For Dane County's Future asked me to coordinate the campaign activities of progressive candidates running for the Dane County Board of Supervisors.

2. First, we must ensure tax fairness. Progressive local taxation should be based on the ability to pay.

Second, we must work to promote economic development opportunities that will provide good jobs at sustainable wages, while containing urban sprawl, assuring employee rights, nondiscrimination and a clean environment.

Third, we must assure that those citizens most in need are not abandoned by government. Housing, transportation, health care and day care services are fundamental to achieving this laudable goal.

3. We must develop and promote alternative modes of accessible and affordable transportation to alleviate traffic congestion

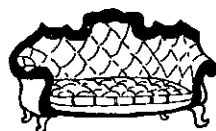
and parking difficulties in the Second District. Alternatives must include mass transit, and pedestrian and bicycle incentives.

Second we must strengthen our neighborhoods by ensuring quality affordable housing, including:

- the preservation of existing housing;
- maintaining a mixture of housing types and income levels;
- developing opportunities for owner occupied housing.

Finally, we must aggressively preserve and expand our public parklands and shorelines both for recreational purposes and out of concern for the environment. The city and county must coordinate a greenspace plan that will promote controlled growth as opposed to urban sprawl which leads to the deterioration of our downtown neighborhoods and the environment.

4. As a Legislative Aide, I handle constituent concerns on a daily basis. I have learned that constituent needs must be addressed in a timely and honest fashion. Also, not every problem can be satisfactorily resolved, and reasonable individuals do disagree. Nonetheless, if I'm elected, I pledge to listen and work hard to find satisfactory solutions to those concerns. If a complaint proves contrary to City Staff recommendations, I will look to other agencies and levels of government to further attempt a resolution. Ultimately, if I'm unable to satisfactorily resolve a complaint, I will always provide my constituency with an honest explanation.



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Candidate Responses

Tom Sullivan

1. I've worked in the Firefighting, Engineering, Safety, and Environmental fields before returning to school full time to complete my engineering degree. I currently serve on the Isthmus 2020 committee planning the future of our central city land use and transportation needs, and working with the County's Vision 2020 Planning Process. I am also a board member of the Old Market Place and Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Associations, and have been active in the local Community Development Block Grant process. Serving the 2nd District and the City will require this diverse, hands-on experience working with elected officials, city staff, and community groups.

2. The three major issues facing Madison today are Property Taxes, Personal Safety, and Land Use. As Chris and I know as we get this year's bill and prepare to go through the reassessment process, property taxes are simply too high. I will do everything within my power to lower the city's portion of your tax bill by finding more progressive methods to raise the needed revenue. On personal safety, we need to restaff our Fire and Police departments, while encouraging neighborhood safety initiatives as supplements. Neighbors know their neighborhoods best. Land use will involve the balance between development and the containment of urban sprawl from the surrounding green space. Madison also needs to get the Refuse Derived Fuel Program out to

a broader group of users to reduce our dependence on coal and nuclear power. Let's solve the problems while they're still manageable.

3. The long term development plan for downtown Madison and the isthmus needs ongoing input from the neighborhoods it will affect. A fair and accurate assessment for all is needed as we move toward implementation. Promote affordable, code-approved housing for owners and renters to build a stable, economically diverse neighborhood. Promote rerouting and mass transit alternatives to reduce commuter traffic in residential areas.

4. Foresight is the best conflict resolution. Past citizen-government conflicts in the 2nd District arose when city committees neglected or ignored the area's opinions. Failing that, the City should be willing to allow an independent arbitrator to negotiate a binding compromise with the affected parties.

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Candidate Responses

Barbara Vedder

1) I have lived in the 2nd. District for thirteen years. For the past year, I have produced a local radio news show and I regularly host a community TV show. Gathering information, interviewing, and making innumerable contacts with people from different perspectives has greatly added to my knowledge and understanding of city issues and functionings. In 1982, I founded and have been the President of the Madison Chapter of the Spinal Cord Society. I've also served on the Board of Directors of Access to Independence and am an active member of Support People Now.

2) Budget cuts at the state level and cost controls. The state may cut aids to the city to make up for the billion dollar property tax shortfall and is already operating under mandated cost controls. Madison is getting squeezed and I don't want to see further cuts in important social services. The environment. Madison needs strong policies to discourage urban sprawl, preserve and improve greenspace, and enforce pollution laws.

Efficient public transportation accessible for all. This includes expanding metro bus service, keeping fares affordable, and subsidizing use of public transit by the elderly and people with disabilities.

3) I have just begun my campaign. In speaking with people with this office in mind, I am certain that I will learn of different issues. Presently, I am greatly concerned with:

Affordable and accessible housing. There is a sizable percentage of students, elderly folks, and moderate to low income households in this district who simply cannot afford higher rents or home tax increases and I'm committed not to allow them to lose their residences.

Transportation safety. Different dangerous intersections within the district should be scrutinized and changes should be made, along with the problems of traffic and speeding in key locations.

Access to neighborhood services. With Sentry's downfall, approximately 4,000 people lost their shopping store. I'd like to look into how to keep businesses, especially small ones, in our neighborhoods.


4) I would give the constituent as much information as possible regarding their issues. This would mean aiding them to obtain pertinent information, helping them understand the process, and why the staff made such recommendations. If there's still a problem after that and it is a valid concern, I would get involved in building coalitions with other Council members to try to change policy.

Public Meeting Set For Proposed Neighborhood Long Range Plan

The Tenney-Lapham / Old Market Place Steering Committee will be presenting a draft of their plan. This plan will entail how the Community Development Block Grant will be used within census tract 18 along with a plan for the future of both neighborhoods.

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**Thurs. Jan. 26, Lapham Auditorium
Open House 6:30 pm, Presentation
7:00 pm**



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