



The Newsletter of the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association

January/February 1997

President's Report

Richard Linster

Recently the neighborhood has been the recipient of a great deal of publicity on a long standing issue, speeding. Besides the mushrooming traffic signs in the area, and elsewhere, there has been a greater awareness as well as an appreciation of the negative effects of speeding on our life. We remain determined in our resolve to seek and find solutions to the issue as well as traffic volume and congestion. We shall continue appropriate efforts. Thanks to all who have participated to date.

Other activity of the association includes mitigating the effects of recent closure of Thornton Avenue. We have also held an informational meeting to discuss a proposal to use Breese Stevens field as a possible site for a municipal pool- and to showcase Todd McGrath's conceptual plan for housing on the 1100 block of East Dayton Street. The point is that our neighborhood organization is the focal point of sharing information and ideas as well as troubleshooting. We have over a 20 year period built up a substantial "credibility account." If we continue to carefully articulate our goals and patiently work toward them, our future should be bright. This neighborhood is a complex organism with overlays of interests and circle of acquaintances. There is a constant thread of betterment, and the help of all is needed as

Referendum

Joe Davis

More than a year ago, the Madison School Board appointed a committee of east side residents to develop a plan for ensuring adequate space and quality education to meet growing population demand in the East High School attendance area. One of its key recommendations, designed to alleviate overcrowding in certain schools was to expand capacity at O'Keeffe Middle School. The School Board funded architectural planning which proposed a series of alternatives — the Board ultimately approved an expansion/renovation: providing additional classroom space and improved integrated use of the existing physical plant. What remained was figuring out how to pay for it.

After considerable discussion into the spring and summer about the most appropriate way to fund the renovation, the School Board informally agreed that the most prudent approach for proceeding with the project was to secure voter authorization in a formal referendum.

As a result of recent School Board action, the voters will be asked to approve funding for the renovation at O'Keeffe at a cost of \$5.0 million. That project, moreover, has been packaged with

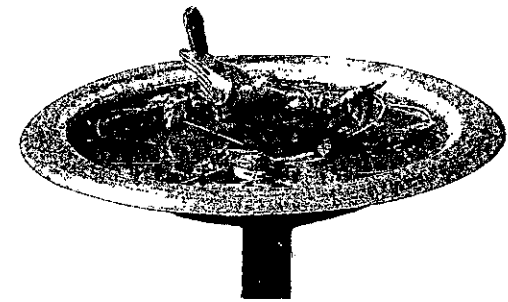
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The newsletter of the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association contains the opinions of some of its members - the contributors. We hope to be able to define the objectives and principles of the organization in a brief statement which will replace this one once a consensus has been reached about what they will be.

Unofficially, the Neighborhood Association is a group of civic-minded residents who have gotten together to make our neighborhood a better place for all of us to live. We meet among ourselves and with city officials to achieve this goal. We hold periodic social gatherings to meet one another and enjoy ourselves. Virtually all of the accomplishments of the association have been achieved through volunteer effort. We encourage all of our neighbors to participate with us in these activities.

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President, continued

well as appreciated.

Our community is poorer for the death of Lapham kindergarten teacher Craig Meyer. Craig taught many years at Marquette and Lapham Elementary Schools. His many friends and students past and present miss him. All are invited to attend a celebration in honor of his life and work on February 2 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at Lapham Auditorium.

I hope to see many of you at our annual Winter potluck on Jan. 21. Our guest speaker will be Debra Amesqua, the City Fire Chief. Also please consider sharing your talent with us in April for our first Talent Show.

Referendum, continued

proposed electrical upgrading to five other schools at a cost of \$1.7 million. This would give those schools the basic electrical capacity to support computer allocation ratios to students comparable to what other schools have right now. Without the rewiring, those schools cannot currently give their kids access to computers.

The decision now goes to the voters.

"In Alder Words..."

Aldersperson Barbara Vedder

I hope each of you enjoyed the holidays and now are ready to jump into the new year refreshed and invigorated to start anew in whatever awaits you.

I will begin the new year by sponsoring a resolution urging all interested parties, meaning residents, landlords, businesses, etc., to remove snow from all sidewalks and curbcuts around the city. Non-removal is a hindrance at the very least, outright dangerous under slippery conditions to all concerned, especially those with mobility impairments, and proves to be an actual impossibility for people who use wheelchairs to get around, whether it's to the end of a block or crossing a street. At present, everyone is required to clear snow by the following noon after a snowfall. If a complaint is made, the person responsible is fined. In addition to everyone recognizing the importance of snow removal and acting responsibly, I'd like to see pools of volunteers, such as middle or high school

students, who could be contacted to help, possibly with a telephone hotline number available to the public. Also, individual blocks could set up their own systems to ensure that the whole block would be cleared.

On another subject, the "Drive 25, Keep our Kids Alive" campaign has been very successful and I'm proud that this was initiated in the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood. The number one killer of children from toddlers to early teens is after being hit by a vehicle and accidents of this sort have killed four children in Madison since June. Since traffic safety/pedestrian accidents is such an important issue throughout our Madison residential areas, I've sent out a letter to all Directors of city-departments to officially request all city employees to abide by the speed limit, thus pacing traffic and serving as responsible role models. I sent the same request to the Madison Metropolitan School district, all taxi companies, as well as the Mayor's office and Common Council members. So far, I've heard from a few Departments and the Public Health Department is very interested in working in more depth with me to pursue further actions. You'll hear

more about our efforts in the near future.

Another incident which recently occurred in the neighborhood was an assault of a woman on North Few street which luckily didn't result in any serious injury. I was impressed and encouraged by her rational, non-hysterical attitude both during the incident itself as well as now in its aftermath. She is strongly advocating for individuals' knowledge of self-defense and other important preventive measures for protection, including front entrance lighting for residences. I think this unfortunate incident has highlighted both the superlative action on the part of the Madison Police Department as well as the quick reaction by surrounding neighbors to come to another's aid. This speaks well of both the city as well as the neighborhood.

Finally, at the most recent Plan Commission meeting of December 16th, a conditional use of Enterprise Rent-a-Car was recommended for a relatively small space at the Fiore Center, but under certain restrictions. I fought for these restrictions together with representatives from both the Tenney-Lapham and Emerson East Neighborhood

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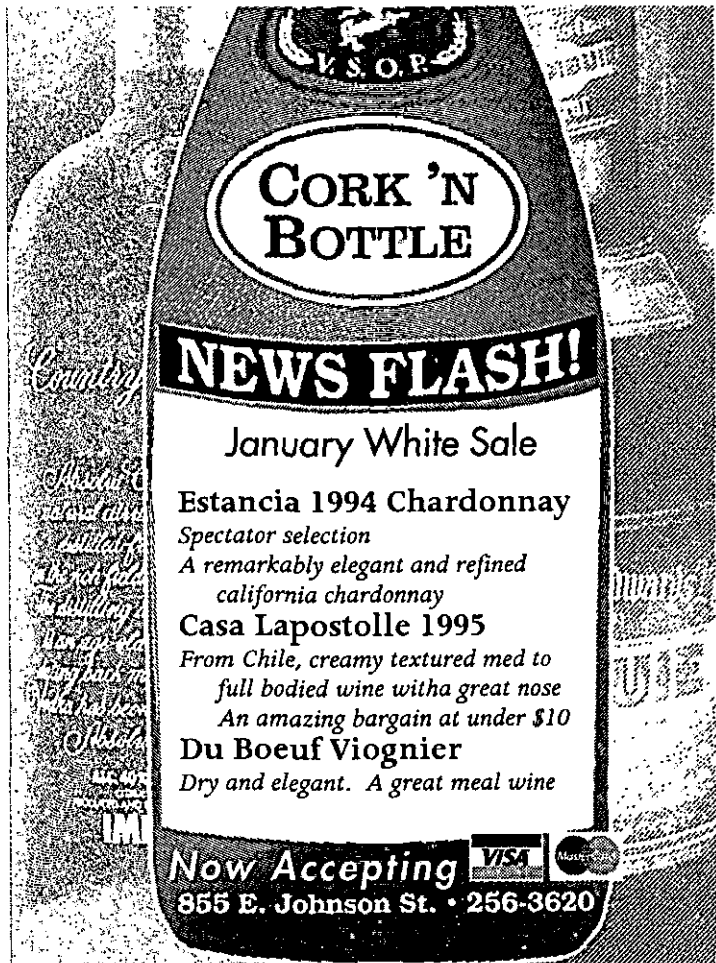
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Associations. They include an interim use for this business for no more than five years and having any other conditional uses be examined for neighborhood-based activities. Fiore most likely will be losing yet another business very soon. It'll be a good time to put the pressure on to see if they are willing to adhere to the Plan Commission's recommendations and listen to both alder and neighborhood concerns.

The Fiore Center is a part of the Yahara Parkway Plan which has been mentioned in previous newsletters. Recently, city staff met with a couple businesses along Thornton Avenue because of a breakdown in communication for a trial closing of the street, which runs adjacent to the Yahara Parkway. The Parkway Committee is investigating the feasibility of using that street, or parts of it, as the bicycle-pedestrian path which would link the two lakes and both sides of the Isthmus. We're working through problem-solving with this and as well as other issues. I believe that this will prove to be one of the most exciting projects we'll be working on this coming year for the district and one I'm looking forward to putting a lot of time and energy into. Your input is most valuable. Please don't hesitate to contact me about this and anything else at 249-8428 or email me at: district2@council.ci.madison.wi.us.

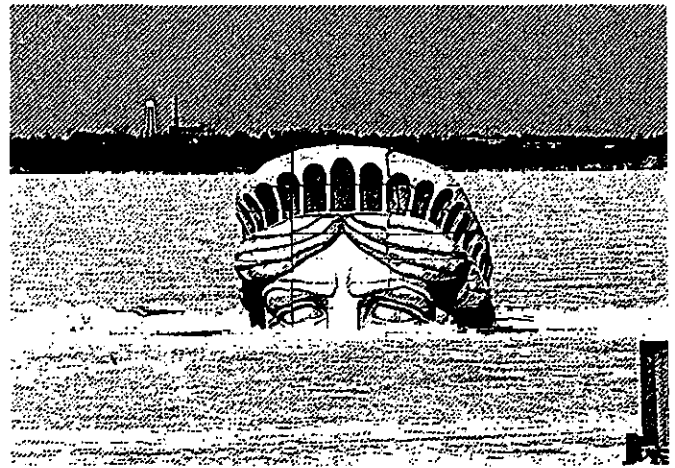
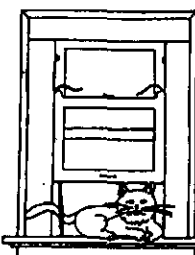


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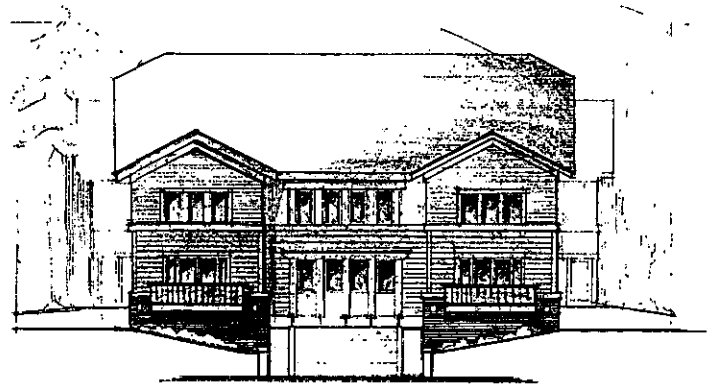
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FYI Part I

Richard Linster

On December 5, TLNA held an informational meeting at Lapham Auditorium, Part I was a presentation by local developer Todd McGrath and his team of Architect Ed Linville, Builder John Sveum & Landscaper Joe Wood. According to the draft plan from Isthmus 2020 the downtown will see a need for 4,500 units of housing in the next 25 years. Todd believes that his proposal may fit the market niche with a neighborhood friendly infill development of "starter" property.

The concept the plan envisions 6-8 Units of owner occupied housing on a vacant double lot on the 1100 block of East Dayton Street. Two stories above ground and below grade parking for 9 vehicles with features like a pitched roof decks and bays, While the footprint would remain the same plans could allow for different possibilities of mix that could include



townhouses or open lofts with a Murphy bed. The site plan is influenced by a strong desire to save large mature trees with a 35 foot setback. Marketing of the Units whose price could range from approximately \$ 100,000 to \$150,000 would occur before or during construction so individual finishes could suit the owner. The goal would be to have all units completed within a year of construction. The response from our meeting was positive, and preliminary discussions with the City have gone well. Todd and his team are to be commended for taking the time to come back with a sensitive proposal that incorporates the input received from area residents last year when we last met.



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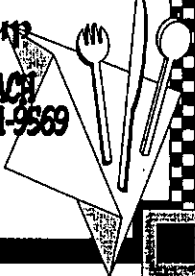
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Ed Jepson

We live in a great neighborhood with many involved citizens and a relatively low crime rate, particularly for violent crimes. Unfortunately that doesn't make us immune to random acts of violence. In early November a resident on Few Street was coming home from work one evening and was attacked on her front porch. After a brief struggle in which she suffered physical injuries the assailant fled on foot. The police responded quickly, but the assailant has not been apprehended. The motive for the attack was not obvious to our neighbor or the police.

Our neighbor has maintained incredible composure throughout the aftermath of this incident. This was made possible in large part by the wonderful outpouring of help and support she received from her neighbors. Although the attack violated her sense of physical safety and security as well as injuring her, the response of her neighbors gave her hope and love during a very trying time. In a broader context, however, this was also a crime against our neighborhood. It affects our collective perception of safety, our

willingness to move freely around the neighborhood and our sense of trust in others we may not know.

All of the neighbors I have talked with have expressed shock and concern over this crime. I think it's important we as a neighborhood not dwell on this crime, but instead learn from this incident to take practical actions which will enhance our safety and restore our sense of community. For example, some simple things we can do include:

- * make an effort to get to know our neighbors,
- * claim our streets!... take a walk around the neighborhood so that our streets don't look deserted,
- * leave our porch lights on or add motion lights to deter criminal activity,
- * if we see or hear something unusual, get involved by monitoring the scene from a safe distance or calling the police if necessary.

There are probably a hundred more creative and positive things we can do. Let your imagination be your guide! Kathi Bresnehan has included many excellent tips in her articles. This was a terrible thing to happen in our neighborhood, but let's use this situation to improve the safety and desirability of our streets rather than dwell on the fact that it happened.

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The Newsletter

Chris Ingersoll, Editor

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A deadline is a date after which receiving contributions is inconvenient. It is a great joy to receive things prior to that date.

Articles of general interest are appreciated, and observations and opinions from the readership are welcome. Format for submissions in descending order of preference: email whenever possible (wci@inxpress.net), submit on disk as a text file, type, or handwrite. If you are a first-time contributor please include your name, address, and telephone number.


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- 1 *New Year's Day*
- 16 TLNA Council Meeting 7 pm
- 20 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 21 Winter Potluck 5:30 to 8:00 pm
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Speaker: Fire Chief Debra Amesqua

February

- 2 Memorial Service for Craig Meyer
3 - 5pm Lapham School Auditorium
- 12 Lincoln's Birthday
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 15 Deadline for the March/April
Newsletter 5 pm
- 17 President's Day
- 18 Primary Day - Remember to vote!
- 19 Traffic Transportation Committee Meeting
7 - 9 pm 302 N. Baldwin St.
- 20 TLNA Council Meeting 7 pm

Potluck Supper

People whose last names begin with...
 A-H are asked to bring main courses
 I-Q are asked to bring salad/bread
 R-Z are asked to bring dessert

Operation Sting

Carl Andersson

Brad Franklin

At 11 p.m. on 18 October two women in their 20s approached the door of a house downtown where a party was going on and asked to join in. After being told that they could not be allowed in because they hadn't been invited, they pleaded that a friend was waiting for them inside and could they please just look for her and come right back? The cost for granting this neighborly request: three hours of breath testing, citations to 114 guests for the violation of Prohibition, and maximum fines of over \$138,000 for each of two 21-year-old residents who provided the alcohol. This is Operation Sting, the City of Madison effort to halt ordinary social activity among our youth. For three years, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation Office of Transportation Safety has brought together city and federal financing to pay for these undercover operations against "underage drinking" in our neighborhood. The program is administered locally by Capt. George Silverwood of the downtown precinct.

Of course, under ordinary procedures, the police respond to complaints about parties, or to any problems that are evident from outside the residence. No big deal, no monstrous fines, much less bitterness. Operation Sting busts are typically not in response to



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any complaint, and the October raid was no exception. This time, however, the overtime was paid for entirely by the City of Madison taxpayer as the funding for Operation Sting had expired.


According to the OTS Alcohol Plan, "Alcohol involvement [in crashes] is highest for men age 25-34" (p. 4), and "the highest drinking driver rate continues to be for the 21-34 year old age group" (p. 5). Referring to the incidence of driving under the influence of alcohol, the plan further points out "Over the last decade ... very little impact has been made with young adults over the legal drinking age" (p. 19). As we have seen recently, we need to focus more on responsibility when driving -- at any age.

In every year since its inception, City of Madison joint financing of this program has been opposed by every Madison alder whose district would be most affected, including ours, Barbara Vedder. On Wednesday, 11 December, the Alcohol Licensing Review Board voted to recommend a fourth year of participation in the program, and the proposal now goes to the Common Council.

We feel that young adults should be free to pursue their happiness responsibly and that we need to focus on problems of real importance to the downtown. Whatever your opinions, we encourage you to

attend the public hearing scheduled for February 4th. Testimony will be taken beginning at 8 p.m. in Room 201 of the City-County Building, and the vote will follow. Your voice is valuable!


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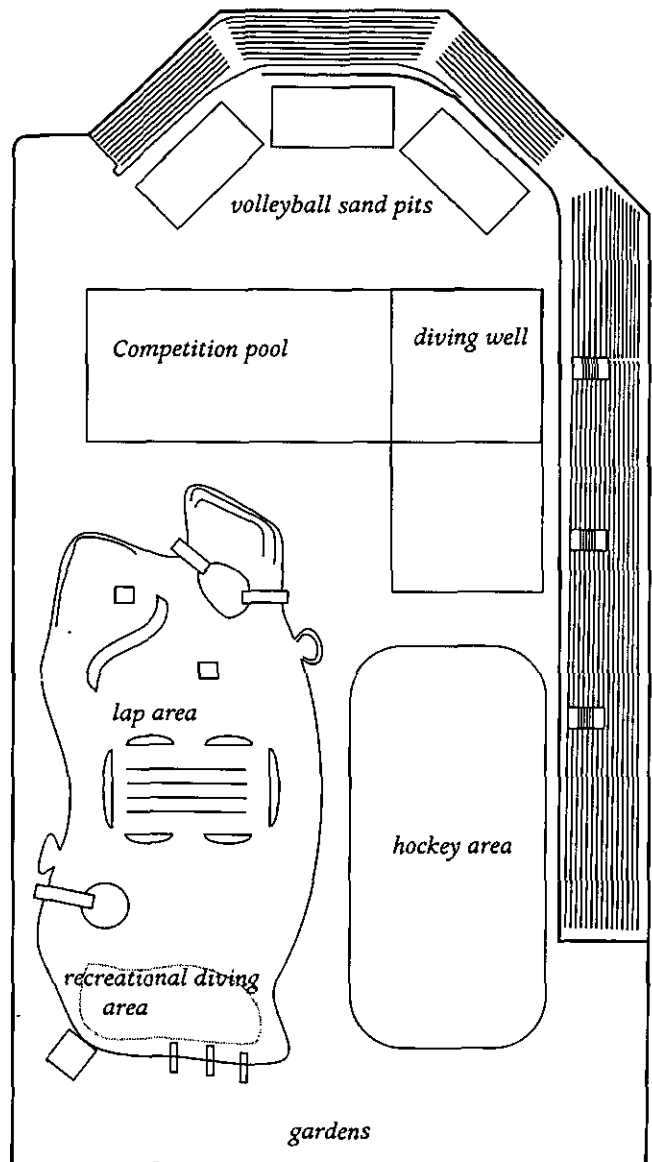
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Richard Linster

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We know that our neighborhood is home to a great many talented people. Some are known to neighbors and friends, others quietly ply their creative passions in anonymity. We hope that this event will coax you to come forward and share your talents with the rest of us. If you have a talent (and we are defining this loosely...) or are pretty sure you could develop one within the next three months, consider this your opportunity to go public in a supportive venue. If you know someone in the neighborhood who harbors some clandestine ability (and is perhaps too bashful to step forward) consider turning that person in to the organizers and allowing us the opportunity to lure them into the limelight. We are encouraging children and adults to show us their stuff. Call Dan Baker at 251-2501 for further information or to assist in the organizing.

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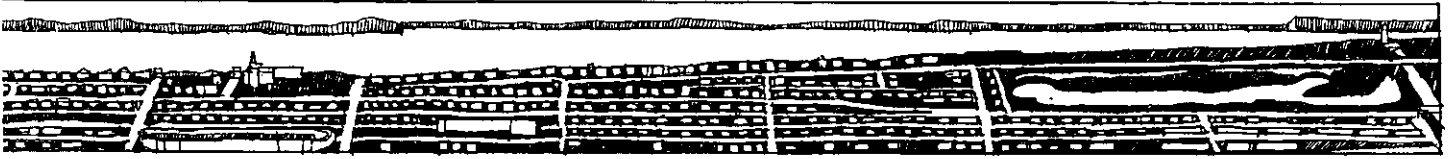
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Service |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity | <input type="checkbox"/> Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Safety | <input type="checkbox"/> Parks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership |

I would like to volunteer to help maintain one of the neighborhood gardens:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Welcome Garden | <input type="checkbox"/> Gidding's Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Butterfly Garden | <input type="checkbox"/> Reynold's Park |

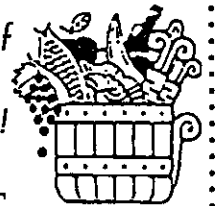


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