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

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Police Accountability: Fact or Fiction?

Kathleen Bresnehan

As part of the Neighborhood Watch program, I receive statistics from the Madison Police Department Crime Prevention Officer, Mike Mattison, which reflect the number of sexual assaults and burglaries in our neighborhood. In the past few weeks, several neighbors have approached me with varying concerns. In fact, the level of anger and frustration with the Madison Police Department appears to be escalating as we wind into summer and the inevitable rash of bicycle thefts and burglaries that accompany the warmer weather.

First the good news: The Madison Police Department, led by Captain Jeff Frye, had done an amazing job of setting up speed traps on East Gorham and Johnson Streets, ticketing, according to Captain Frye, as many as thirty speeders in an hour. Thanks and kudos for helping slow traffic in our neighborhood! Call Captain Frye at 266-4923 and let him know that we appreciate this valuable service.

Did you know; if your dog jumps the fence or frees itself somehow, you can call the police non-emergency number? The police dispatcher will contact the Animal Control Officer and they will actually look for your pet. Recently, my dog, Rocky, jumped the fence and was picked up almost right away and taken to the Human Society for safekeeping until we could pick him up. Although there is a fine involved, I think everyone would agree that it is much better to have your precious pet alive and well AND pay the fine. Thanks to the police dispatcher who sent the Animal Control Officer Scott to save Rocky!

Suppression of information to give us a false sense of security? There have been two burglaries in May on the lake side of Sherman Avenue which were not reflected in the information I receive from the M.P.D. and appear to have had no press. In fact, after talking to neighbors, it appears there have been several burglaries in the past six months which have received no press. In an effort to fact-find and gather information, I am willing to become a clearinghouse for information on crimes and police response to them. At the end of this article is a form

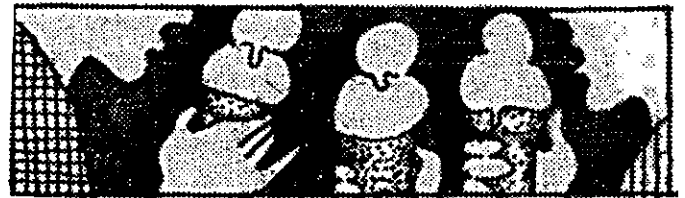
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The Breakwater Project

Ed Jepsen

We're almost finished! After years of effort the breakwater project is nearing completion. The recent improvements have increased accessibility for all of our neighbors. On a busy weekend hundreds of people of all ages will use the breakwater for fishing, enjoying the beautiful lake vistas or catching the best sunsets in Madison. I've seen people walking, jogging, biking, roller-blading, pushing baby carriages, and folks in wheel chairs using the breakwater from early in the morning to late at night. All of these uses and users are gratifying because it has been the TLNA goal to increase breakwater accessibility and the amenities since the beginning.

All of us involved with this project want to thank the public officials who have helped shape and worked for the successful implementation of this project. Special thanks goes to our past and current county board supervisors, the county executive's office, the county committees and the staff in the Public Works Department for all of their efforts and support. A substantial portion of the rehabilitation costs were covered by grants thus minimizing the burden on property taxpayers. It was a successful project because it was truly a collaboration among citizens, our association and county government.

Well we're not quite finished yet! The Dane County Public Works Department has recently painted the large circular planters and filled them with soil. We want to plant small trees, flowers and vines in the planters. Please call me (255-2845) if you have any thoughts regarding vegetation we might place in the planters. We are seeking ideas on fund raising possibilities to match TLC we will be using and donations of plant materials. We would like to be finished with the planting by next spring. Hope to hear from you soon!

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What's Your Vision For Madison In The Next 25 Years?

Ilse Hecht - President OMPNA

What would you consider to be the most critical issue, present and emerging over the next 25 yrs., for Central Madison, the Isthmus and Downtown? If you chose a balanced transportation system, including rail, you agreed with over 100 of the approximately 160 Madisonians who attended the 3 day Future Search Conference held last April at the Edgewater hotel. The powers behind this gathering were Downtown Madison Inc., the organization of downtown businesses, and Isthmus 2020, a city government task force working on the future of the central city.

The stated purpose of the conference was to discover common ground within the Madison community about critical issues affecting the future roles and character of the central Madison area. Citizens and politicians, business owners and government workers pondered the future of our city and, although the group was broad, it was hardly representative of everyone who has a stake in the downtown.

More than half of the participants agreed that the second critical issue in the development of Madison is

the need for strong neighborhood associations. Major Paul Soglin, one of the principal speakers, recognized that "...neighborhoods are essential as building blocks of the city." However, in order to be effective in influencing this development, we must be able to articulate clearly who we are, where we stand and what we want. "City government cannot take the place of organized neighborhoods," Soglin said.

So, we have exciting and productive work ahead. The thought has been proposed that the neighborhood associations in the Central city (OMPNA; Capitol/First Settlement/Bassett; Regent; Marquette; TLNA) form some sort of coalition that will articulate and represent all our common concerns and ideas. What do YOU think? Come to the next meeting (Thursday, July 11, 7 pm. Collins House) and express your views. The future of Madison is in the hands of all of us.

NOTE: Madison neighborhood associations will be receiving further information regarding the Conference from the Design/Action Team for inclusion in the Newsletter. Stay tuned.



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TNLA President's Report

Richard Linster, President TNLA

Since resuming the TLNA presidency, I've been spending some time thinking about the work of the Association in the neighborhood.

The TLNA exists given the premise that we face issues greater than our individual ability to effect them, that there is strength in combining with others, and that strength increases dramatically when coordinated.

For ease in dealing with the concerns and interests of neighbors the association is divided into nine standing committees with additional adhoc formations as needed. Whatever your particular interest may be, I'm sure you will find people in the TLNA who share it, will work with you, and using the organizational capability we possess put you in a more favorable position to obtain results.

Our ability to continue to do so rests our willingness to be involved, TLNA's success in inviting you and our neighbors in, and our joint efforts to work intelligently toward our goals.



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State Budget Reaches the Final Stage

State Representative Tammy Baldwin

As we approach summer and the end of the State fiscal year, the proposed biennial budget still dominates all discussion at the Capitol. The Joint Finance Committee studied, debated, and amended the Governor's proposal for roughly three months. The budget was then sent to the State Assembly, where members were briefed concerning the changes recommended by the Joint Finance Committee. By the time you read this column, I anticipate that the State Assembly will have completed its debate of the budget bill and sent it off to the Senate.

I have received more communications from constituents on this budget bill than I have on any other bill since I was elected to the Legislature. Your visits, telephone calls, and letters were extremely informative and heartfelt. The interest in and activism surrounding the budget process this year has been the "silver lining" in the dark budget "cloud".

Unfortunately, the 2,509 page budget document does not lend itself to easy analysis. For that reason, it was important to me to bring information about the budget to my constituency and provide more opportunities for input and dialogue. In early May, I held six community forums on the state budget proposal in east-side, central and south-side neighborhoods within the 78th Assembly District. I want to thank all of you who participated.

As we head into the final stages of the budget process, I want to revisit several budget themes that I referenced in my last column. My strongest concerns about this budget bill fall into four categories: 1) policy in the budget; 2) power grabs; 3) cuts that fall disproportionately on those who can least afford to

subsidize the property tax relief proposal; and, 4) fiscal irresponsibility - in the form of a large deficit that will emerge in fiscal year (FY) 1997-1998.

Policy in the Budget The budget bill, as introduced, contained over 500 individual pieces of legislation. That is more legislation than the State Legislature passed in the entire 1993-1995 two year session! The Joint Finance Committee agreed to remove 89 policy items from the budget and introduce each as separate legislation. But clearly many policy items that do not have fiscal implications remain in this budget bill. Furthermore, there is speculation that additional policy issues may be added to the budget -- in order to secure the necessary votes for passage. Typically each bill introduced in the legislature receives individual attention, scrutiny and debate. Attaching policy items to the budget eliminates the opportunity to analyze each proposal separately and on its own merits.

Power grabs Another startling aspect of the budget proposal is the tremendous amount of consolidation of power, control, and authority in the hands of the Governor and the Secretary of the Department of Administration. These proposed consolidations are combined with dramatic reductions in the power and of other independently elected officials (State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Secretary of State and State Treasurer) and independently appointed officials (Secretary of the DNR). Finally, a series of proposals seek to eliminate the checks and balances that exist to assure accountability in government. Several independent agencies or divisions which collect and analyze data (e.g., Sentencing Commission) or which represent

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the citizens of the state (e.g., Public Intervenor and Privacy Council) were attacked under the Governor's proposal.

Budget Cuts In the second year of the biennial budget, we will fund a commitment to reduce property taxes in the state by assuming a greater percentage of school costs (1.2 billion dollars in additional state funding). The governor proposed a dramatic series of cuts in state services and programs in order to fund a portion of the 1.2 billion dollar commitment. (The remainder of the 1.2 billion dollars comes from one time revenue sources, increased fees, projected growth in state revenues, etc.) It is fair to say that the state is proposing to spend a smaller share of state dollars on everything it does, except school, aids and corrections.

In examining his proposed cuts, I concluded that the Governor was balancing the budget on the backs of the citizens of this state who could least afford to subsidize much needed property tax relief. Cuts were targeted to persons with disabilities, the frail elderly, university students, and persons in

dire poverty. Many of the cuts also constituted direct assaults on the environment and natural resources of this state. Perhaps the greatest irony is that many of the proposed cuts are "penny wise and pound foolish." In the long run, we would pay for our mistakes.

Thankfully, through the hard work of many dedicated citizens, a few of the harshest cuts have been restored by the Joint Finance Committee (Medical Assistance Personal Care, Spousal Impoverishment, and the Supplemental Security Income state supplement). However, many highly problematic cuts remain (General Relief, cuts to the University of Wisconsin System, raids on the recycling fund, elimination of the Department of Public Instruction, etc).

Fiscal Irresponsibility

Perhaps the most frightening aspect of the proposed 1995- 1997 budget is its long-range implications. The budget sets up a deficit of close to 900 million dollars as we move toward the next budget. This will also be exacerbated by anticipated cuts in federal revenue to states. If we don't address that sort of

fiscal irresponsibility now, we will see either massive tax hikes or devastating program and service cuts (or both) in the 1997-1999 budget bill.

It is essential that citizens remain involved in the state budget process, so I hope you will feel free to contact me at 266-8570 (office) or 241-6675 (home) for more information.

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you can fill out and mail or deliver to me that will help us track what is actually going on. If you have additional information or concerns, please feel free to call me at 251-7399 (Kathi). If I can't come to the phone, please leave a message and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Do the police really want to stop drug traffic? Many people in the neighborhood have voiced concern about the obvious drug trafficking going on in the parking lot at Tenney Park by the shelter. The people I have talked to have contacted the M.P.D. and feel they have not been responded to. I know of two people's names, who have been turned to the drug trade unfettered by police involvement. For now, keep calling the M.P.D. with our concerns and information and let me know what's happening.

Unequal treatment under the law? Everyone is guaranteed equal access to the law under the Fourteenth Amendment of the Constitution of the United States:

Section 1...No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within it's jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.

In May of this month, the 1100 block of Sherman Avenue was broken into. The thieves entered the home through the rear window by breaking it, were able to subdue a dog with plastic wrapped meat and then locked it in a sun room, gaining access to the rest of the house. They left through a side door. These unfortunate homeowners were sent a courteous, will

informed police officer, who actually dusted for fingerprints and did a follow-up later that evening, measuring the window that was entered and getting additional details. Another home on Sherman Avenue had been entered and burglarized in a very similar pattern approximately two weeks earlier.

On the flip side of the excellent police work, about a year ago, neighbors on the 1100 block of East Gorham had their car broken into and approximately \$1500 worth of sports equipment and personal effects stolen and never even talked to an officer throughout the whole reporting process. They were told to fill out a self-reporting form and never heard another word about the theft. The vehicle was parked in the rear of the their house and in their private drive, forty feet from the street.

Who determines what priority is given a particular burglary or theft is given and how can there be such a large discrepancy in service?

Bicycle theft update Lately there have been a high number of bicycle thefts in our neighborhood and the thieves are not shy. A neighbor on North Few Street had their porch stringer sawed off in order to steal the bicycle that was locked to it. A red tandem bicycle was stolen recently, a very unique and noticeable bike. In the process of having the grocery store petition signed throughout the neighborhood, I kept hearing over and over that residents call the M.P.D. and report what they consider an unusual number of bicycles and bike parts in the yards that have questionable occupants and say they feel nothing comes of these reports. DID YOU KNOW if a bicycle

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Barbara Vedder, 2nd District Alderperson

The last two months have been so busy that it seems as though they've virtually flown by. I've now begun to experience what I strongly suspected - that being a new alder is a tremendous time of learning. I've met with enough city staff from all the different departments to fill another entire report. I've been appointed to four major committees: the Equal Opportunities Commission, Community Services, Madison CitiArts, and the Public Health Commission. And I've been meeting and/or speaking with constituents, whether it be concerning parks, house assessments, parking, etc.

NEWS: Some significant developments have happened since the last report, one being of special interest to all of you - the adoption of the Community Development Block Grant's Tenney-Lapham Old Market Place Plan by the Common Council. I'm very pleased that the efforts of the Steering Committee for this plan are now actively being worked on - the Implementation stage has begun - and I was happy to sponsor this together with former alder David Wallner.

Also, at the last meeting, the Council approved of providing monies in the 1995 Capital Budget for the demolition and acquisition of the Hoover residence at 628 E Gorham Street in order to expand James Madison Park. Another way that this expansion is being pursued is by making the eastern part of the park more accessible to everyone by continuing the pathway along the Mendota shoreline for pedestrians and people on wheels with its route ending just to the east of Lincoln School Apartments on E. Gorham St. (Some residents of the Old Market area and I met together with Cy Widstrand from the Parks Department to scope out the city's new plans.)

In the June 27th Council meeting, I'll be co-sponsoring a resolution authorizing the creation of an Ad Hoc Steering Committee to assist City staff in developing the exciting plan for the Yahara River Parkway, a pedestrian-wheels pathway which will run alongside the Yahara River, linking Lakes Mendota and Monona. Input from the adjacent neighborhoods will be an important component of the planning process and the committee will include both residents and business representatives from the areas. If you are interested in such a venture, please give me a call at the Council office at 261-9165 or my home at 249-8428.

The newly formed East-Emerson Association is moving ahead. Recently, at their first general meeting, about 50 people attended and temporary officers were elected. More news will follow...

One of the neighborhood issues of greatest magnitude which is of immediate concern is the future of the Fiore Center. As most of you already know, the Sentry grocery store moved out of its East Washington-First Street address nearly two years ago. Just a few weeks after I was elected alder, I received a call from Ruth Ann Shiore from the Fiore company at which time she told me that Fiore would no longer be soliciting new grocers but rather seek offers for State offices to move in. I immediately contacted different neighborhood residents as well as certain city staff within the Department of Planning and Development. What has evolved thus far has been a group of residents getting together and putting together a petition directed to the Fiore Company as well as the Madison Planning Commission, exerting pressure on them to find a grocery store and not offices for this location. Already, hundreds of signatures have been gathered

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but we should get even more - as many as possible. At this moment, I am attempting to get the most updated information from the Fiore Company and, at the same time, consult with others regarding possible future proceedings. I would strongly urge anyone concerned with this issue to contact Tom Sullivan at 258-9781 for petitions and to become more involved if you so desire. The petition is only the first step in this challenge of keeping our neighborhood vital and community-oriented.

Finally, now that the beautiful summer weather has arrived, I am out and about on the streets, unlike

during the winter campaigning days. I will travel around the different neighborhoods, especially during nice weekend days, hoping to meet any of you. If you see me around, please feel free to come up and talk with me. I know that yours is a very conscientious and dynamic neighborhood (as made evident, for example, by the strong energetic audience at the recent Marquette School parents' show-down with Cheryl Wilhoyte). If you have any concerns, feedback, or any other type of input about whatever comes up, you can call me at 261-9165 or 249-8428.

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J. and J. Gray, OMPNA Transportation and Park Chairs

Noisy motorcycles, speeding cars, loud music blaring from car radios are some of the irritants of living on East Johnson and East Gorham Streets. Once again the warm days of summer with open windows, backyard barbecues and evening strolls around the neighborhood are re-emphasizing these disadvantages to residents of these two streets.

Some efforts have been made to control the speed at which cars travel East Johnson and East Gorham by the Madison Police Department using radar to check speeds and issuing traffic violations to speeders. However, these efforts have been rather sporadic and drivers soon forget to watch their speed while driving through our neighborhoods.

One suggestion for controlling speeds used on the East Johnson-East Gorham traffic artery is the placement of speed bumps every other block. While this might seem like a drastic measure which would slow traffic down to less than the current speed limit, perhaps some research could be done on our streets to devise a traffic impediment which would ensure that drivers use a safe speed while traveling these streets.

Another suggestion, which, while not dealing with speeders and noisy vehicles directly, would, however, decrease the amount of traffic on East Johnson and East Gorham, involves making bus schedules more convenient to obtain and at the same time rescheduling buses to travel East Johnson and East Gorham at

different times. Currently, bus schedules are available only in the busses. Making bus schedules more readily available by placing them in shops and using radio-TV to advertise their availability would be one means of increasing bus ridership and thereby decreasing street traffic.

At present, three or four different bus routes travel the East Johnson-East Gorham corridor. Usually at least two buses arrive at the bus stops at the same time with the other two arriving within at most five minutes. If these buses were scheduled at different intervals so that a bus arrived at each bus stop every 6-8 minutes, then taking a bus from anywhere west of First Street to the Capitol Square, State Street, or University Avenue would be much more convenient and would, it is hoped, reduce the use of cars in the downtown area.

A final suggestion is the placement of school zone and school crosswalk signs and the enforcement of school zone traffic laws on East Johnson and East Gorham in the 900, 1000 and 1100 blocks around Lapham School. This would at least slow traffic speed in that area and make walking along and crossing these streets safer for our children.

A common attribute of each of these suggestions is that they are affordable and relatively easy to implement. If you have any additional suggestions for reducing traffic speed or flow, please give them to us or to any of your neighborhood association officers. We must continue to present alternatives to the current conditions to our city officials and traffic department.

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A Downtown Center

Madison's central area continues as the region's largest employment center with stable employment by the private sector, State or Wisconsin, and University of Wisconsin. The number of workers continues to rise. Redevelopment occurs in ways consistent with the Downtown Historic Preservation Plan. Developers know where they can remove or change buildings and develop in appropriate ways at higher densities. A number of high-rise residential buildings have been built to take advantage of lake views and Capitol vistas. More typically, new residential development has occurred in buildings scaled to fit the character of the residential neighborhoods in which they are built. Lively street interest is maintained by first floor design features and use.

Residential Neighborhoods

The City's central residential neighborhoods have been recognized for what they really are: the original prototype for the wildly successful, neo-traditional neighborhoods, pioneered by the Middleton Hills project. East, west, and south, older neighborhoods have organized and defined their own special character, by reinforcement of clear neighborhood boundaries, strengthened nearby commercial areas, and established sense of place and community among their residents. Diversity of the residents is viewed as a positive feature of these neighborhoods. City officials turn to neighborhood organizations to help them decide what projects to undertake. The neighborhoods support new construction of housing within their area seeing development as an indication vitality and renewal. A steady supply of new construction moderately increases population density each year so that by 2020 the area's residents are surprised to learn that the population density has increased by 30% since 1995. This includes new neighborhoods such as Yahara West along the river corridor.

Neighborhood Commercial Districts

Neighborhoods and the City have worked together to strengthen nearby commercial districts which function as the Main Street for neighborhood communities. Many walk or bike from their homes to small grocery stores, restaurants and other services. Neighborhood residents have made neighborhood shopping areas viable because they prefer to shop nearby. These commercial districts typically have apartments about the stores.

Parks, Green Space and Water Resources

Fortunately, most of these neighborhoods were already well served by good parks, many of which were purchased and built by the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association at the turn of the last century. For those areas needing improvement,

community leaders were finally able to complete the Yahara Parkway parkway and bike path, and the Wingra Creek parkway and bike path. The City finally acquire the Medical Society property to complete the public acquisition of Olin-Turville peninsula for park land. Olbrich Gardens expanded into the Garver lands, and the new Starkweather Parkway links eastside neighborhoods and greenspaces. In addition, a small urban park was created in the newly-developing Yahara West neighborhood, west of the Yahara River between Williamson Street and East Johnson Street. This area offers a mix of residences and business unique in Madison.

Transportation Choices

As the City developed bike ways, use of bicycles for travel within the central area increased fourfold. Most surprisingly of all, bike ridership remained high on all but the coldest and snowiest of winter days. Transit ridership increased modestly. The State and Dane County made a commitment to commuter light rail service from several outlying communities to the downtown. Once this commitment was made, transit use accelerated even before the rail system was completed. Parking lots and ramps were built at outlying locations so commuters could conveniently ride the train and avoid the congested drive in. Before the rail system was built the City added more parking spaces downtown as the price for growing employment. Additional parking was necessary for downtown employment to grow. The additional parking was arguably the single biggest impetus for the building of the rail system. The congestion created by additional cars on downtown streets, especially University Avenue and East Washington Avenue, was the critical factor in gaining business and State support for a commuter light rail system. The State of Wisconsin, as the single biggest employer in the downtown, strongly supported building the system and permits payroll deductions of rail passes as it has done for van pools and parking. The University of Wisconsin also designed its Master Plan for links to rail stops.

Community Character

A consensus on the future community character of the Isthmus was the critical event which brought a new level of investment in renovation and new construction for the downtown and central neighborhoods. Finally, residents, business and investors had the vision and the assurances they needed. Three things happened to make this consensus possible. First, a future search conference showed remarkable common ground for the future of the Downtown. Second, Andres Duany's frequent visits to Madison educated its citizenry of the idea that change can occur and different densities and income levels can co-exist within a neighborhood as long as the design of structures is compatible. Third,

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the City adopted a Downtown Historic Preservation Plan and traditional neighborhood plans which clearly set expectations for developers on where what kind of development would be acceptable.

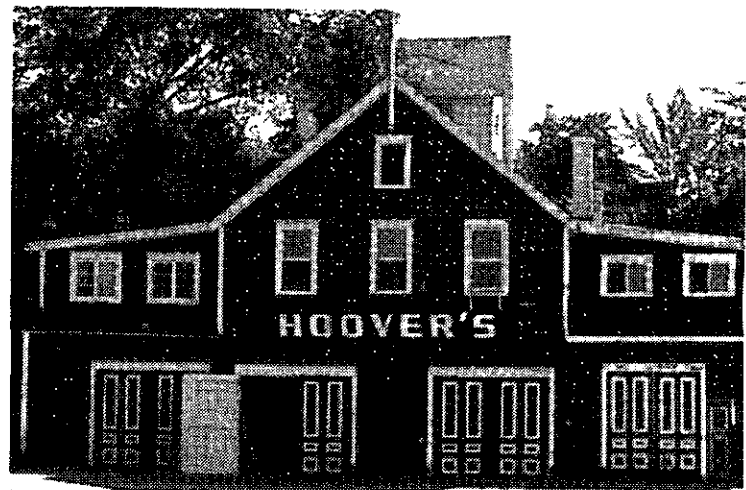
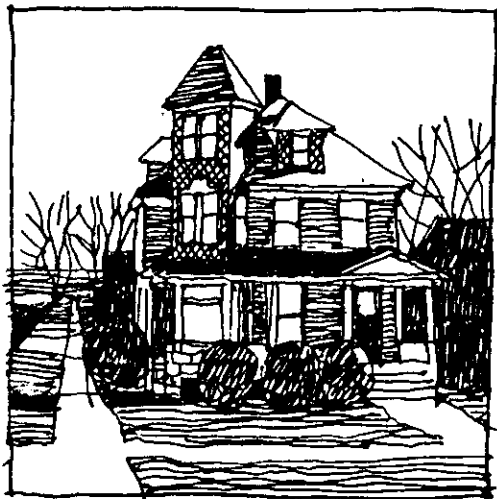
Relations To The Rest Of The City And County Vision 2020

The rest of the County increasingly regarded the downtown as their own special place. The way people came to think about the villages in Dane County and neighborhoods in the cities became more similar. Neighborhood commercial areas were linked to main streets, an important feature of villages and cities across the County. The Greater Dane Association of Chamber of Commerce now promotes all main streets with their unique ways. Cities and villages beyond Madison increasingly placed more value on their sense of place, just as Madison's neighborhood did.

Regional investments have protected key environmental areas and community edges. Farming areas exist in parts of the county with large scale business style but family-owned farms. Smaller scale

truck farms and recreational farmettes are in areas known to be slated for transition to future neo-traditional neighborhoods. Yet, again, another magazine has rated Madison/Dane County one of the top places in the country to live. The magazine, "Indoors", calling Madison the Santa Fe of the Midwest, noted that the coziness of its neighborhoods began on the front stoops as residents paused and chatted with one another on their way indoors to their tastefully appointed houses. Book clubs for all tastes are said to abound in the city.

In Madison and throughout the County, not all neighborhoods and villages aspire to be traditional neighborhoods. However, the impact of concepts like "pedestrian oriented development" are felt in virtually all development. Some older development, especially shopping centers, has been retrofitted to make the automobile less dominant though still the major travel mode of choice, and the investment costs of new vehicles have encouraged all modes to transportation uses by the state, county and municipalities.



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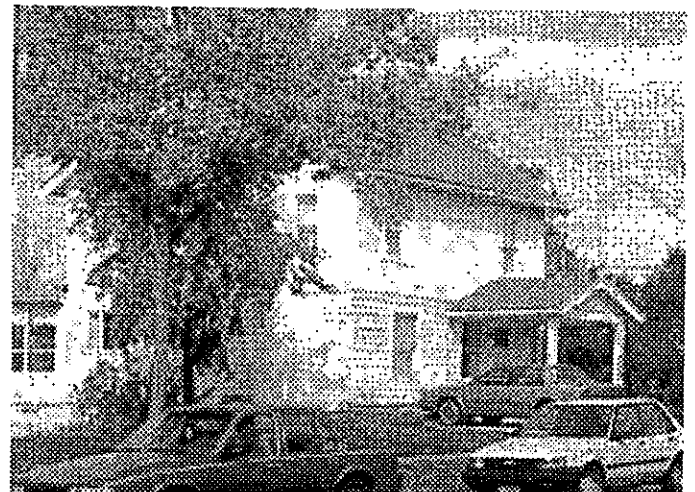
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The Canal Garden Tour

Ilse Hecht, President OMPNA

Six hundred garden enthusiasts and friends participated in the very successful 1995 Canal Garden tour hosted by the garden committees of Capitol Neighborhood Association and OMPNA on Saturday, June 17, from 10 to 2 pm. The excellent article that appeared last Sunday in the Wisconsin State Journal, with beautiful colored pictures of some of the eleven gardens on the tour, helped to publicized the event. We are thankful to the writer and the photographer for their Help and enthusiasm.

The weather and the flowers cooperated as well. Leta Hensen and Eric Bolden's water lily, lovingly nursed in their basement rewarded all of us by blooming in their backyard pond, surrounded by goldfish. The Hecht's climbing rose on the west wall of their house drew many ohs and ahs and questions on "how does it survive our winters." Carol Crossman had the original idea of placing three roses of different colors in the bird bath,

which added a special touch to her lovely backyard garden. A small treasure was the discovery of Tammy Lax's garden, a "special place to meditate," hidden next to St. Patrick Church. And very impressive were the large variety of hostas, from the tiny to the gigantic blue green ones in Gary Tipler's and other gardens.


Special thanks are due to the many volunteers who guided the people around the gardens; staffed the lemonade and food table; put up banners; sold the tickets; watered the horse and driver of Cobblestone Carriages and answered a hundred questions. The tour would have been a confused disaster without them. We are also grateful to the many sponsors, too numerous to mention individually, who made the event a financial success and to Cobblestone Carriages that added a very special touch to the event.

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Trash or Treasure

Gigi Holland

For many in our North Isthmus neighborhood mid-August is a frenzy of activity as tenants rush to vacate their flats and apartments before noon (or midnight) August fourteenth. This move-out, move-in activity called "turnover" attracts scavengers, who pick through the garbage and trash for collectibles. These scavengers have become more numerous and more aggressive, slitting open plastic bags and dumping contents of boxes all over yards and terraces.

There are ordinances prohibiting scavenger activities and detailed guidelines on how trash is to be bagged with recyclable separated. For example: no refuse is to be put out in corrugated boxes. Boxes are to be flattened and tied into bundles no thicker than six inches.

Our North Isthmus neighborhoods in the area bounded by North Butler, North Baldwin, East Washington, and the lake will launch a pilot project involving both tenants and landlords to control the mid-August mess and scavenger frenzy.

The city departments of Code-enforcement, Streets and Sanitation are backing in the mornings of the neighborhood efforts to keep our yards and terraces clean and safe plus have an orderly trash pick-up.

Landlords will be asked to work with their tenants to comply with the rules for bagging and recycling. In addition, they will be requested to put trash out for collection earlyfourteenth and fifteenth, just before the trucks start their rounds. (This timing is to be observed for the 14th and 15th only. Regular trash days and rules resume after turnover.)

On August 13th and 14th a convenient central drop-off point in the Johnson/Paterson Street area will be provided for donation of usable, clean household items, clothing and furniture. The exact location will be announced closer to the date. Ask your landlord for further information or call one of the renter organizations. The equipment operators on the garbage trucks ("refuse packers") will be in radio or telephone contact with the code enforcement office at the Municipal Building, reporting locations of yard too messed up to clean with their rakes and shovels.

Volunteers are needed to assist the city in relaying these messages to landlords (August 14th and 15th AM only). If you are able to volunteer for short shifts of supervision at the donation site or phoning landlords from the office downtown please give Gigi Holland a call at 251-8586 (before 10 PM). Any questions can be directed to Gigi or your landlord



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part is stolen, you can fill out a SELF-REPORTING FORM? However, if the entire bicycle is stolen, you must call the M.P.D. PROPERTY ROOM to report the theft? We didn't either until recently, when a neighbor, who had a bike stolen, which was later found after searching the neighborhood, tried to report the incident.

Who pays the price of the crime? What ultimately is the price of crime? We all pay the price of crime whether through the salaries of the police officers, their superiors, and

support staff, equipment and vehicles. We also pay higher insurance premiums due to theft and medical problems associated with crime. The overwhelming emotion that people feel is one of VIOLATION. Once you have been burglarized, assaulted, even had a bicycle stolen, you NEVER feel as safe or secure. FEAR keeps us indoors and away from our neighbors, which is an oxymoron, because real safety is best insured by having a good relationship with your neighbors and watching out for one another.

Mail or deliver the following to: Kathi Bresnehan, 1125 E. Gorham Street, Madison, WI 53703-1610 or Call 251-7399, and leave a detailed message if no one answers.

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