

# The Newsletter of the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association

## July/August 1997

### Changes at O'Keefe

Joe Davis, Education Chair

This coming year will be one filled with monumental changes at O'Keefe Middle School which will affect the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood for years to come. In late fall and continuing for roughly a year, O'Keefe will be undergoing major upgrading and redesign in its physical plant. The results will add space and better use all the space. In general, the work will increase the potential for better instruction through such enhancements as a science facility. There will be some disruption while the construction proceeds, but the short-term

### Drive 25 Kids Parade

Kathi Bresnehan

June 11, 1997, about 100 children and their moms, dads, and childcare providers lined up outside 1125 East Gorham Street to begin a parade to remind commuters traveling through the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood to drive 25. Our primary goal was to remind people that our neighborhood, like their own, is full of children. Caution, caring, and obeying the speed limit are essential to our quality of life. Over 300 yellow and black balloons were distributed to the paraders. A little after 9:00 a.m., the parade began. The enthusiasm was palpable.

## TENNEY-LAPHAM NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

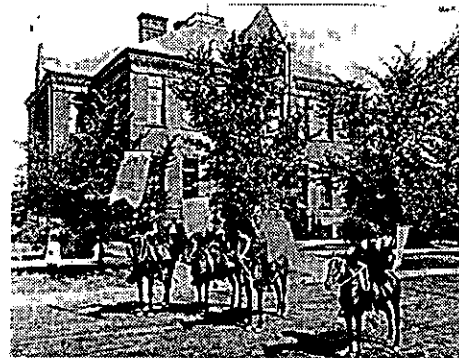
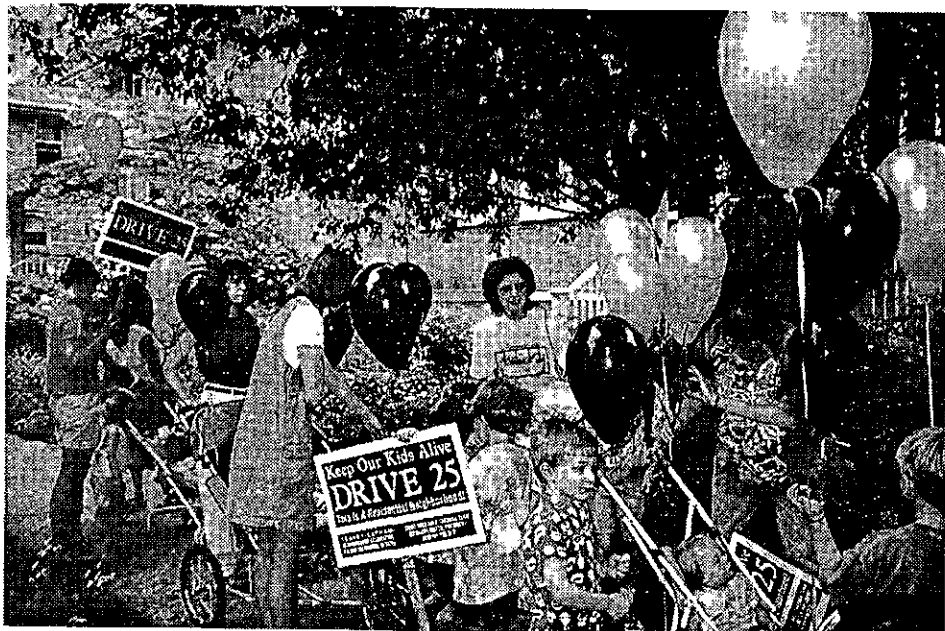
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on the 3rd Thursday of each month.

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August 15, 1997 at 7:00 p.m.



Lapham School photo from the newly published Walking Tour Brochure

inconvenience will be well worth it for the future.

Probably just as important as the physical upgrading, O'Keefe will shortly have a new principal for the first time in a decade. Tom Vandervest's decision to become principal at Middleton High School in late spring put the process to find a replacement on a very fast track.

At this point, a ten person screening committee has been selected. It is composed of parents, staff and the principals of Marquette Elementary and Black Hawk *continued next page*

The joyful group began their trek to James Madison Park where we were to parade and play. Happy little children proudly holding their balloons virtually bounced up the hill toward the park. By the time the last group had reached Patterson Street, the sky opened up drenching all of us to the bone. It rained on our parade, but it did not dampen our spirits.

A hardcore group of paraders completed the trek to James Madison Park soaking wet, a little cold, but up to the task of reminding people we're here, we're *continued next page*

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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.*

## Drive 25 Parade cont'd

children, and you need to pay attention to us and our safety needs. Throughout the morning WIBA-AM announced the parade on their radio news shows. Just as the wet ones were headed back home from James Madison Park, Channel 27 news crews showed up to film and interview the wet holdouts. Bridget Guderyon was our spokesperson for the event. Eloquent and focused, she told news reporters the whys and wherefors of our continued attention to the DRIVE 25 Campaign. Later in the afternoon, WIBA-AM played an interview with a three-year-old parader, Jessica Havens. Asked why she attended the parade, she answered "...to get a balloon." Well spoken, Jessica. I'm sure her views reflect those of most of the youngest children present.

I'd like to thank all of those participating in the DRIVE 25 KIDS PARADE. As usual, a special thanks to Richard Linster, Tim Olsen, Deb Olsen, and Emilia (for the beautifully crafted signs she drew). We plan on having another parade or two this Summer and will notify the neighborhood through another leafletting or the newspaper of the exact date/dates. Officers ticketed 49 speeders Wednesday morning, even though there were some equipment problems.

## O'Keefe, cont'd

Middle School. The committee will interview candidates on July 14-15 and recommend its top three to the Superintendent. There will be three committees interviewing the same pool of candidates as there are currently three middle school principal openings. The intent is to have principals named before the start of school.

Selecting the new principal is an important undertaking with the implicit opportunity to help set a direction for O'Keefe which will affect a generation of children. Some interesting notions of that new direction were revealed in responses to the survey of desired principal leadership qualities which the Administration sent to parents and staff. The two highest qualities ranked by parents were 'promotes high expectations' and 'provides instructional leadership' - the two highest ranked by staff were 'maintains continuity' and maintains a good school climate.' Parents seem to be looking for some change as it affects the curriculum and learning - staff seems a bit wary of what a new era might bring.

The challenge will really fall to the new principal to take an opportunity and move the school forward. As this change begins and gets put in place and as the physical plant undergoes its changes, it would be well worth it for parents to get involved. Tenney-Lapham children go through O'Keefe and what they find there and how they do there will have a strong impact on the rest of their schooling and lives.

## Tenney-Lapham Art and Talent Show

Neighborhood musicians, poets, actors, jugglers, potters, comediennes, magicians, mimes, dancers, animal acts, trapeze artists, painters, basketweavers, and anyone else with a skill of æsthetic, bemusing, or otherwise entertaining nature, please take this chance to share it with the folks in the neighborhood. Children, adults, undergrads, perpetual students, come one, come all! We know you do *something* to survive those long, cold Wisconsin winters - show it off!

When: sometime in Sept/Oct. Where: somewhere nearby. (Date and place will be announced in the next issue.)

Please call Dan Baker at 251-2501 for further info or to assist in the organizing. Please call soon. The last announced show was cancelled because all the interest was shown at the last minute! There was enough interest, however, that we decided to try again.

## Walking Tour Brochure Published

Rob Latousek

A little over a year ago it was reported that our neighborhood had received a \$2,050 grant from the Dane County Cultural Affairs Commission to complete a historical walking tour brochure which had been in development since 1991. This grant, when combined with another \$600 grant from the Madison Trust for Historic Preservation, allowed us to hire Tim Heggland, a historical preservation consultant, to do the research and writing necessary for the brochure. Our own ad hoc History Committee (Martha Kilgour, Ed Kuharski, Rob Latousek, Brian McCormick, Valerie Mellerop, Sonia Newenhouse, and Jane Scharer) met with him and the city's preservation planner, Kitty Rankin, to determine an appropriate collection of notable and representative buildings throughout the neighborhood for inclusion in the brochure. These buildings were then photographed by Mike Tuten, former president of TLNA, who volunteered his time and skills toward the project.

Kitty Rankin and the city provided her services, as editor of the Madison Heritage Publication series, of which this will be a part; the city also contributed the services of its wordprocessing and layout staff. Since Madison Gas and Electric had recently been involved in our neighborhood planning process, they graciously offered to handle the printing and production of 5,000 copies of the brochure. At the last minute it was determined that a film transfer process would greatly enhance the clarity of the printed photographs, and Kramer Printing (owned and managed by Todd and Liz Tiefenthaler of our neighborhood) was kind enough to step in and donate their services for that task.

The release of this new publication is the culmination of six years of work, and we hope it will be a useful tool for anyone trying to get a better picture of the historical and architectural development of the neighborhood. The brochure begins with a brief description of the early history of Madison, the Isthmus, and the Tenney-Lapham area, with pictures of several buildings that are no longer standing, such as Farwell's Mills, Hausmann's Brewery, Walker Castle, and the old Seventh Ward School. The bulk of the brochure contains photos of 26 buildings, keyed to a map in the center of the brochure. The photos are in a chronological sequence, and the narrative that accompanies them provides details on their historic and architectural significance, as well as sketching out the interwoven story of a neighborhood that

included a factory district, the homes of both the owners and the workers of those factories, and one of the oldest and most unique parks in the city. Many other buildings, not photographed, are referred to in the narratives.

We would like to thank all those who contributed toward the completion of this project. Copies of the brochures are available at no charge from the city's Planning & Development Dept. (Mun. Bldg. Rm. G-100, ask at Info. Desk), Rob Latousek (255-6769), or Richard Linster (251-1937). In the future, it will also be available from the Madison Public Library, the Greater Madison Chamber of Commerce office, and the State Historical Society. For further information on the Madison Heritage Publication series, contact Kitty Rankin (266-6552).

## Madison Police Speeding Hotline

City of Madison

266-4624

The Speeding Hotline was instituted to provide citizens with a way of communicating to the Madison Police the locations where they felt speeding was a problem. This would allow officers to concentrate their enforcement efforts in these identified areas.

As time went on, however, citizens also reported specific violations they witnessed while driving in Madison. In response to these complaints, the Madison Police Department developed a letter to be sent out to the registered owner of the vehicle identified by the citizen. The letter advises the owner that the Police Department received a citizen complaint on the Speeding Hotline about their vehicle. The letter identifies the time, location and type of violation that was reported. The letter requests that they comply with traffic laws in the interest of everyone's safety.

The Hotline utilizes voice mail at this time. A civilian employee retrieves and logs the information. If the complaint pertains to a speeding problem in a specific area, the information is forwarded to the appropriate police district for enforcement action. If the complaint involves a specific vehicle committing a specific violation, a letter is sent to the registered owner. Our staffing limitations prevent us from contacting complainants to inform them of the action taken. The only time we take no action on a complaint is when we are not provided with complete or accurate information. A citizen may request to be contacted to discuss an ongoing speeding problem in a specific area. This request will be forwarded to the appropriate police district.

## Refuse Collection

Refuse is collected weekly by the Street Division. In the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood, "Garbage Day" is Thursday.

### General Guidelines

- Keep refuse in trash cans or plastic bags. Do not use cardboard boxes, paper bags or cardboard barrels.
- No bag or container may weigh more than 40 pounds.

### Container regulations:

- No containers with attached lids. Lids must be removable.
  - No homemade containers with cut-out handles.
  - Containers should have two handles on the outside. Handles must be large enough for a gloved hand.
  - No container may be taller than 32".
  - The opening of the container must not be smaller than its widest point.
  - No container or bag can be larger than 35 gallons.
- Containers that do not meet these regulations will not be collected.

Refuse must be placed at the curb by 6:00 a.m.

Note: Refuse may not be placed at the curb before Wednesday evening. Containers must be taken back by Friday morning.

### Winter collection:

- Place containers so they can be reached from the street.
- Do not place containers on snowbanks.

### Specific Items

- Animal Waste: Pet waste will not be collected. Please flush it down your toilet or bury it in your yard.
- Antifreeze: Flush it down sanitary sewer.
- Appliances: Require a fee. Call for details.
- Ashes: Ashes must be cold prior to disposal. Double-bag using plastic bags.
- Vehicle Batteries (Lead Acid). These batteries are not collected. Battery dealers must take your old battery for recycling. Several area recycling centers also accept used vehicle batteries.
- Broken Glass, Mirrors, and Windows: Place broken glass in a box clearly marked as containing broken glass.
- Cat Litter: Remove and flush cat feces down your toilet or bury it in your yard. Double-bag litter using plastic bags.
- Fluorescent Bulbs: Wrap bulbs in newspaper or other protective covering.
- Household Chemicals, Paint/Paint Products: Call Clean Sweep at 267-1997.
- Infectious or Medical Waste will not be collected, nor will red garbage bags.
- Sawdust/Vacuum Cleaner Dust/ Construction Dust: Double-bag dust using plastic bags.

# Anti-Social and Criminal Activity

Kathi Bresnehan, TLNA Safety Chair

June is the month when "college" kids hit the streets of Madison in droves with the excuse they need only sell a few more magazine subscriptions to "win a trip to Europe." While some of these kids selling magazine subscriptions may be perfectly legitimate, some are not. Anyone coming to your front door attempting to sell *anything* must have with them:

1. Proper personal identification.
2. A solicitor's license.
3. Company identification.

Do not let strangers into your home! Chances are, you can get a better price on magazine subscriptions if you send away for them yourself with a subscription postcard. Summer sign-up rates are usually quite low.

May 19, 1997, a neighbor found her child and herself in a really frightening situation. While picking up her daughter at Red Caboose Daycare at Lapham School, the neighbor noticed two young men sauntering toward the Lapham School playground. Suddenly, the woman noticed one of them had a gun tucked into his trousers. An employee of Red Caboose pulled up next to our neighbor, saw the gun, and ran into Lapham School to call MPD. Four uniformed officers arrived to investigate. It turns out the two teens had taken a video game "gun" from a younger sibling and were playing with it. The officers went to the home of the youths, spoke to the

thirteen year-old, and his parents, and confiscated the "gun" at his mother's request. Captain George Silverwood of the MPD stated that if the youths had pointed the gun or threatened any of the three persons who saw the "gun," the outcome would have been far more serious for the youths. If a toy or fake gun is used in commission of a crime in Wisconsin, it is given the same legal weight as a real gun used in the commission of a crime.

On June 13, 1997 at about 3:00 p.m., three youths sitting on a porch at 119 North Ingersoll Street drinking beer and smoking pot verbally harrassed and threatened a teenage girl walking down the street toward East Washington Avenue. The revelers, who looked as though they were in their twenties, sexually threatened her. One of the youths jumped off the porch and followed her a short distance continuing to sexually harrass the teenage girl. Fortunately, she was unhurt, and the threats were not escalated into a physical assault. If you encounter the same or similar type of behavior from residents of this or any address, call the MPD, explain the situation and make a police report. Please call me as well, Kathi Bresnehan, 251-7399.

A day earlier, two residences in the 200 block of North Ingersoll Street were broken into and robbed. To prevent more incidents, I would like to see residents of North Ingersoll Street get together and discuss any

unusual happenings and once again contact the MPD to make a report.

## State Employee Goes "Postal."

On June 5, 1997, at 3:52 p.m., a white Suburban, or similar model truck, with State of Wisconsin license plates stopped in front of 1124 East Gorham Street. A man jumped out of the state-owned vehicle, ran across the street and literally *attacked* the two **DRIVE 25** signs in front of my house. He pulled out the signs, hit them, stomped on one, then kicked and punched the other one. The previous day, officers of the MPD involved in *speed waves* ticketed 58 speeding drivers. I guess this guy doesn't like our signs.

I got a chance to speak with officers involved in *speed waves* ticketing the previous day, it turns out an EMT was ticketed going about 55 mph on East Gorham, she also became verbally abusive. After taking her ticket, she ran a stop sign! Hey, **SLOW DOWN!** Captain Silverwood and other officers involved in *speed waves* state that most other people pulled over were apologetic and well-mannered while receiving their ticket. Most persons ticketed are from outside the downtown area, know that it is not OK to speed in our neighborhood, but tend to "go with the flow." Every officer I've talked to agrees that the **DRIVE 25** signs have helped slow traffic on the Gorham-Johnson corridor. Let's keep up the good work!

## Eye on the Hood: Caught You Acting Neighborly

Spotted in the 1200 block of East Mifflin Street: Sam and Elizabeth, realitively new neighbors, picking up litter in the neighborhood. They decided it would be a good thing to do for the neighborhood and took it on themselves to spend one day a week beautifying things by picking up after others. Way great! and we all benefit by their contribution. Thanks, Sam and Elizabeth!

Joanne White has adopted a family in her East Gorham Street neighborhood. Over

the past couple of years she has purchased a bicycle and helmet for the small girl in the family. She has sent valentines and heart candy for the little girl to distribute at school on Valentines day, sent birthday cards, various gifts and money to the family. Joanne invited her "family" to our pancake supper and has driven the mom to get groceries. Thanks Joanne.

Neighbors on East Mifflin Street serrupticiously planted flowers in a family's

flower boxes. The family was delighted to find a blast of color in front of their house after a trip out of town.

These are the kind of things that build a community of thoughtful citizens and inspire others to make a kind gesture. If you have an inspiring story of a neighbor's random act of kindness, or senseless act of beauty, call Kathi Bresnehan 251-7399 so that I can write about it in our paper. Everyone deserves a pat on the back.

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## "In Alder Words..."

Barbara Vedder

With warmer times upon us, activities conducive to using the out-of-doors in both the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood as well as in the city as a whole are being manifested and blooming.

One very exciting aspect of this is the approval by the Common Council of the provision of CDBG funds for the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood. I was delighted with the results of receiving the necessary funds for pedestrian lighting in the East Johnson Street business district which I believe is written about elsewhere in the newsletter. It just goes to show that even what might seem to be a very difficult task can come to fruition with everyone working strongly together. Being able to continue the summer Red Caboose program for kids from the neighborhood who might not get to enjoy this experience is another great use of this funding.

A few quick items FYI:

The sewerage study in the Baldwin Street-Elizabeth Street area is moving forward. The consultants have completed their flow metering in the area and have begun analysis of the results. The study area has expanded to include the sewer on East Johnson Street between Marston Ave. and Thornton Ave. which historically has been a source of maintenance difficulties for city crews. Also, the city has received approximately 100 written responses to a questionnaire sent to residents in this area requesting information on their private sewerage systems. One additional note: N. Baldwin between E. Johnson and Sherman Ave. has been prioritized to undergo reconstruction next year in 1998 because of the flooding difficulties.

The "Clean Streets, Clean Lakes" curbside streetsweeping program initiated

May 1st in the Tenney-Lapham area seems to be working successfully. Information I've received has been favorable in terms of the proactive educational efforts taken and the number of tickets and warnings issued has been comparable to the program's birth in the 6th district.

With the potential of **power outages** this summer, I'd like to commend the city with the planning that has taken place to deal with this matter and in getting out important information to employees and residents alike. Some of the very basics are reducing the amount of electricity used at home and in the workplace, most importantly when the temperature gets above 85 degrees—shutting off or downscaling lighting when possible, not using air conditioning when unnecessary and setting it at 78 degrees when in use, shutting off computers and printers when not in use, and shutting off non-essential electrical equipment. MG&E can send you more detailed information about proactive measures and also about possible 2 hour "brown-outs" with maps showing which areas would be affected and when, as well as what to do in case of a total citywide outage. Most importantly, I think it's crucial that neighbors come together, as this neighborhood has shown itself to do, and help by watching out for one another, especially those who are the most vulnerable to be in danger—the elderly and people with disabilities.

The last main subject I wanted to bring up is **State Street**. I'd very much like to get your input on this matter since the Mayor has proposed to have a Master Plan put together for this street. Some of the merchants located there have been very vocal in the media about their concerns. However, most everyone seems to agree that

State St. should be looked at and discussed by everyone who uses the street (which probably means a lot of people reading this) since it is a pedestrian corridor and is our central social area, linking the Capitol to the Library Mall. Four things which will be under consideration are infrastructure (the actual bricks and mortar type of issues, maintenance and upkeep), possible safety issues, business issues, and transportation issues. I'd like to hear from as many of you as possible. Please let me know:

- 1) What you like and/or dislike about State St.?
- 2) What should be improved?
- 3) What should remain the same?
- 4) Do you feel unsafe there? If so, in what way(s)?
- 5) What about buses now using the street?
- 6) Any comments on the businesses there?
- 7) Does the corridor need repairs of any sort?

Thanks for taking the time to answer these questions.

On a whole other season, I'd also like to hear from people about identification of "priority pedestrian routes" for strict enforcement of snow removal. These areas would be ones used heavily by pedestrians or frequently used by people using mobility aides. Please contact me ASAP!

Finally, I'm happy to report that I met the mother of Devon Moore, the 2-year old who was critically injured last year on E. Gorham St., who told me of his miraculous recovery. He has some visual and hearing impairments but otherwise is doing very well.

Please contact me with your responses at 2314 E. Dayton St., 53704, or call 249-8428, or email: [district2@council.ci.madison.wi.us](mailto:district2@council.ci.madison.wi.us)

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# Kindergarten Impressions

Richard Linster

Author's note: Two years ago I was reunited with a number of my former kindergarten classmates and have enjoyed the continued contact and reminiscing. Over the years I have enjoyed the progress of our local kindergarteners at Lapham School.

"Put the words *small class sizes* around your article as a border." This comment by parent Jean Dunn Has a universal chord among all the adults I spoke with. The small class sizes directly translated to a better teaching/learning environment in the classroom. "I was able to provide a strong science focus for my class. This is something I wouldn't have been able to do with higher numbers." These remarks from Kindergarten teacher and local resident Karen Jepsen underlined what many others told me over and over. Fellow teacher and resident Fran Ingebritson said, "I knew where everyone was academically. Parents also recognized this too. "My son's teacher knew him and all his classmates right away so they had a strong start."

Many spoke to the atmosphere at school and community 'Ms. Fran' said, "We live in a culturally and economically diverse neighborhood that provides tremendous support for its schools. Good schools are crucial to maintaining this diversity and keeping families in the downtown area." Parent Sarah Bremer had this to say, "Lapham has provided our family with a strong base and we feel more welcome in the total community because of that." Others provided the following "The staff has a lot of personal investment in the school and its program. Lapham is a well run school and a positive place to send children to. "School spirit is high. My child's teacher was always creative in her approach to providing all students with creative learning experiences." "The Holiday Luncheon, assemblies and the Graduation Ceremony Here great events and really foster parental involvement."

What did I hear from students? "I really

liked going to school every day! "The big balloon in the field that Don (custodian) & Mrs. Thompson (principal) went up in was fun. "Swimming in the pool was neat." "I got to make turtles with cray pas that were as big as my face." "My parents and their friends on my street let us visit all their gardens." "I've got 'skills', so I can handle situations."

Some parting shots "I encourage our community to maintain their interest in education, stay on top of the issues and *be involved!*" Karen Jepsen, Teacher.

"I've met my neighbors at Lapham." Sarah Bremer, Parent

"Mrs. Yttri (teacher) said her students are her friends and we all believe this." Jean Dunn, Parent

"I want to learn cursive writing." Kori Bertin, Student

"If I had the time I spent it in the classroom, but now it's payback time!" These were the words of newly elected Parent Teacher Group President Ann Rulseh. Though she and her family had just returned from a family train trip to Washington D.C. she is eager to meet with the steering committee this summer and secure classroom reps for the Fall. A new focus of fundraising is being planned with gift Wrapping for the holiday season. The PTG has been covering the meetings of the School Board's Budget Committee and participating in the Coalition of Older Schools group on building issues.

Ann feels she has inherited a smooth running organization from outgoing President Deb Meyer, (Incidentally, Deb and family will spend the next year in England) but welcomes the efforts of all to better our schools. She would appreciate hearing from you at 257-8695 or at 1217 Elizabeth Street.

An important issues currently facing the group is the allocations for next year and their impact on class size, particularly on Kindergarten. At Lapham only four sections

at this level have been planned for by the Central Administration. Current enrollment stands at 97 for Kindergarten and the Administration seems unwilling to budge from a "show us the bodies on the 3rd Friday in September" approach. It doesn't make a lot of sense to overload kindergarten classes with high number at the beginning of the school year and disrupt the program by the creation of new section later because of an unwillingness to look at current numbers, the likelihood of increased enrollment by the end of summer and the inclusion of the Camelot Apartments in the attendance area. Ann recommends that parents and the community make their feelings known to the Central Administration and the Board of Education members.


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# Another Round with City Traffic Engineers

Chris Ingersoll

Carl Anderson and Tim Olsen met with a city traffic engineer to examine the effects of changes made in signal timing on Johnson and Gorham streets. I had a conversation with each of them, and I got a copy of the data they reviewed. TLNA Traffic Chair Tim Olsen felt that progress has been made. For quite some time he and others have been urging the traffic engineers to determine the validity of their calculations by going out on the street in a car and driving along the streets in question. We are all pleased to report that they have done just that.

The study done used a technique known to engineers as "floating car" measurement. A floating vehicle goes with the flow of traffic, neither passing nor being passed, by one recounting, and being passed by the same number of vehicles as it passes, according to the other. In either case, the vehicle doing the measurements is supposed to represent the ordinary traveler. As the vehicle proceeds along the street, the vehicle speed is recorded every few seconds. Six trips along both Johnson and Gorham Streets were documented on a weekday between 1 p.m. and 2 p.m.

The other document distributed at the meeting was a graph showing how the light timings were set for various times of day and days of the week. From the point of view that they now more nearly resemble

the timing for which we have asked, the engineers made progress. As much as I'd like to be happy with a glass half full, I'm not yet convinced that the progress is enough for us to congratulate ourselves just yet.

David Dryer and Dan Dettman did not attend the meeting. There is no direct evidence to indicate that their absence from this particular meeting had anything to do with Carl Anderson being at the meeting. They may very well have had other things on their schedules which prevented them from attending. Their alibi might be ironclad. I don't know. It must be pointed out, however, that Dryer and Dettman do love to make reference to areas in their field of which the layman may not be aware. But "the mathematical model for this is quite complex..." is not the kind of phrase an engineer can use to bluff -successfully- when Carl Anderson is in the room. Of course it is always possible that the two events are unrelated.

The truth of the matter is that the flow of traffic through the isthmus is indeed complex, and that many of the adjustments made to one area have implications for others. Carl was therefore surprised to learn that the traffic flows were not modeled on a computer. It is not even clear what set of assumptions the engineers are using to create the present noncomputerized model.

My surprise at this is somewhat limited. When Dan Dettman told the neighborhood association that the flashing yellow lights on Johnson and Gorham Streets could not be reprogrammed to flash red at night because of colorblind drivers, I made my own model of bureaucratic behavior for his department. Briefly, the traffic engineers plan signals and architecture to move traffic through our neighborhood at the greatest speed possible without attracting the kind of notice which would require them to lower that maximum speed. It explains much better why the speed limit is posted at 25, but programmed for speeds in excess of that. It also explains why direct imperial evidence of a failure of the stated objective is not enough to get the engineers to rethink their methodology.

The graph [page 10] is the light timing plan for East Johnson Street used for the time of day during which the floating car test was performed. Based upon the assumption that stationary cars at the traffic signals require time to accelerate to the posted speed limit prior to the arrival of the platoon released from the previous signal on the current cycle, the signal timing is adjusted. In this case, the signal timing from Wisconsin Ave. to Butler is set at 30 mph. If the underlying assumption is valid, then the traffic cannot proceed at a speed greater than 25 mph



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# State Representative Tammy Baldwin

As the Legislature considers the 1997-99 state budget, public school funding is once again the subject of much debate. Recently, the Legislature's Joint Finance Committee approved a budget proposal, submitted by the Governor, which would spend over \$600 million in the next six years on a program called TEACH Wisconsin (Technology for Educational Achievement in Wisconsin). The goal of TEACH Wisconsin is to provide every Wisconsin school and student with easy access to the Internet.

The version of the TEACH proposal actually approved by the Joint Finance Committee is slightly different than the Governor's original proposal, but still contains the main components of the Governor's plan. The Finance Committee's version of the bill approves \$207 million over the next two years as an initial payment for a program that will most likely require an investment of over \$600 million in the long run.

The committee approved \$2 million in 1997-98 and \$3 million in 1998-99 to assist school districts in limiting Internet access costs to \$250 per month. All districts would be connected to a high-speed data link for no more than \$250 a month for both direct Internet access and a two-way video link. Currently, many schools pay \$3000 per month for a data link/video link setup of this type.

Under the plan, the \$250 maximum rate for schools is made possible, in part,

by requiring telecommunications providers to subsidize school access payment rates. The providers, in turn, would be allowed to fully recover their share of subsidy costs through "adjustments" to local exchange service rates. Translation: costs incurred by telecommunications providers will be passed on to consumers.

A TEACH Wisconsin grant program, providing schools and libraries with over \$67 million in the next two years, was also approved by the committee. Grant money would be used, at school district discretion, for technology-related expenses. These expenses might include, but are not limited to, computer purchases, electrical wiring, payment of access rates and related expenses.

A third major component of the plan is the creation of a \$110 million bond program created to assist schools in paying for the wiring necessary for connection to

the Internet. Schools and libraries would be required to repay half of this amount, which would come from property taxes.

This plan has been referred to as the "great equalizer," making information and technology easily available to all Wisconsin kids regardless of wealth or geography. I believe this proposal would offer kids greater potential for learning while providing the "high-tech" education they may need for the future workplace.

As necessary as this type of program may be for our children's vocational future, it will require substantial tax dollars. TEACH Wisconsin, as approved by the Joint Finance Committee, will be paid for through state taxes, local property taxes and a new surcharge on telephone bills.

TEACH Wisconsin and other budget proposals will be debated by the full Legislature through the month of June.

Please feel free to stay in touch with me on budget issues or any other issues of interest. I can be reached at 266-8570 or at 266-8463 (fax) or by writing me at:

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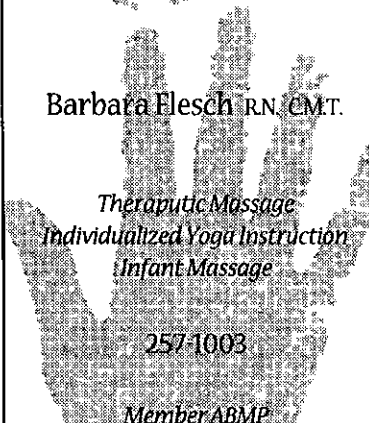
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## Banner Design Contest

In conjunction with plans to install old-fashioned street lights on the south side of East Johnson Street in the business district area (800-900 block), the Neighborhood Plan also calls for the addition of street banners on the tall, modern street lights on the north side of the street. The Steering Committee recently designated funds toward that project, so we now need to come up with a design for the banners. A design competition will be conducted to give everyone in this artistic neighborhood a chance to take their best shot at it.

The banner size is 84" high and 30" wide (7' x 2.5'). There should be no more than three colors used, including the background; but there could be two different background colors used, to be alternated on the eight or nine different banners. (See photo here and other examples on State Street and the Capitol Concourse.) Designs should not be overly complicated, in order

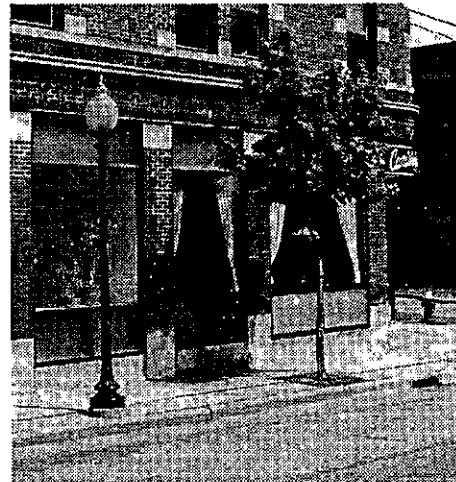


## Old-fashioned Street Lights Coming

As part of the final spending plan established by the Tenney-Lapham/Old Market Place (TLOMP) Neighborhood Plan Steering Committee (outlined in the last newsletter), the East Johnson Street business district will be receiving seven new pedestrian street lights in the coming months. These lights will be in the old-fashioned style, similar to those recently installed on Monroe Street and East Wilson Street (near Cardinal Hotel, see photo).

This project was a high priority in the Neighborhood Plan, and the Steering Committee was informed in January that they could use some of the remaining allocated funds from the Community Development Block Grant Commission (CDBG) to have the city purchase and install such lights. The lights will be located on the south side of East Johnson Street, from Burnie's Rock Shop to Hopkins & Crocker Antiques, probably the most heavily traveled stretch of sidewalk in the neighborhood due to the concentration of businesses and the major bus stop at Paterson.

Such lights will improve both the safety and the aesthetics of the area. There are already taller, modern street lights on the



north side of the street. The new, old-fashioned lights are much shorter and designed to concentrate light on the sidewalk and parking area close to them. Their traditional style will complement the fine, older buildings in the block. When combined with the next project in the spending plan, street banners for the tall lights on the other side of the street (see separate article), there should be a whole, new feeling to the hub of activity in our neighborhood!

For more information on these plans, contact Rob Latousek (255-6769).

to be visible from a distance, and may incorporate a theme connected to the business district (East Johnson Street). Words may be used but are not necessary. The chosen design will become the property of the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association. In order to be considered for selection by the Steering Committee, designs must be submitted to Rob Latousek (407 N. Brearly, 255-6769) by August 15. Any questions should be directed to him.

## Reynolds; Housing or Gardens?

*Chris Ingersoll*

In the last issue of this newsletter, Carl Anderson proposed an alternative use for the Reynolds property near Old Market Place. Based upon the premise that the land was already owned by the city, and that some soil remediation had already been done, he reasoned that the property could be turned into a community garden practically for free.

The idea was raised at the following meeting of the Old Market Place Neighborhood Association, and met with considerable opposition. Carl Anderson also came to the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association to measure support for the proposal. Carl spoke eloquently about the benefits such a garden would bring to the community. While no one on the council supports scrapping the current plans to use of the property for housing, we agreed that having a community garden of the type he proposes would be a valued addition to our neighborhood.

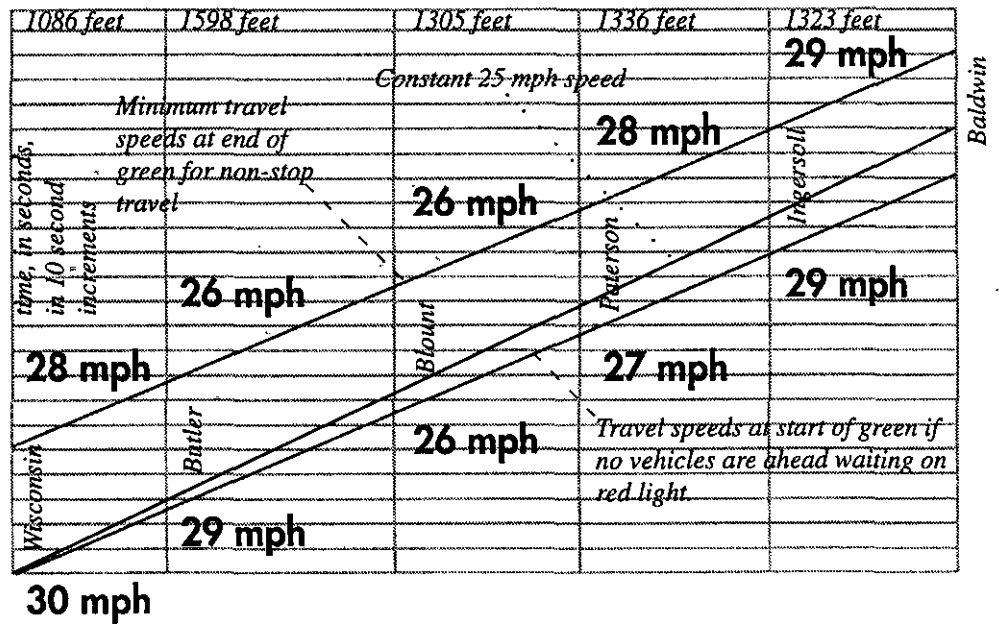
The Reynolds property isn't at all free. Land was purchased by the city quite some time ago specifically for the purpose of exchanging it. It was left vacant, undeveloped, and off the tax rolls since then expressly for that purpose. There are also costs associated with removing the asphalt from the current site, remediating the contaminated soil underneath, and replacing it with new soil for gardening. When those costs are added to the lost revenue from property taxes, past and future, the price of the garden would be staggering.

The Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association Council unanimously opposed the choice of location for the proposed community garden, but encouraged Carl Anderson to continue looking for an appropriate site for such a project.

without having to go slower than 25 mph when it came to every signal. Their data shows that this happens about half the time. On most runs, the floating car obeyed the speed limit for about 15 to 20 seconds out of the 180, including when it was stopped waiting for a light to turn green.

Using their data, the average of average speeds for the run was 26.8 mph. The median top speed in all of the measured groups was 30.3 mph. Most significantly, cars can maintain speeds in excess of the limit without being halted by signals. Since our objective is to get the structure and signaling of the residential streets to limit travel to a top speed of 25 mph, I looked at top speeds. I am not afraid of stationary cars losing control and hitting a child, a parked car, or a house. These top speeds, remember, are only those of a traffic engineer taking measurements, not those of a driver trying to get to the other side of town as quickly as possible.

I'm not yet ready to declare victory and thank the traffic engineers for doing all they can to limit traffic speeds through this residential neighborhood. I am pleased at the positive change we have seen so far. One day, perhaps, the thousands of cars which traverse our neighborhood each day will do so without going above the legal speed limit.



This chart shows the timing of traffic signals for weekdays on Johnson Street for the off-peak periods. The bottom horizontal line of the chart represents the time the light turns green at Wisconsin Avenue. The lowest slanted line shows the progression of greens. Traffic engineers claim that the light timing has to be set at speeds higher than 25 mph to preserve smooth flow. Their own data shows that the traffic flows along as quickly as it is allowed by the traffic signals.

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## A New Store; A New Look

Teena Browder

Have you noticed that the long vacant Whole Earth building is now the home of a new and thriving business? Ed and Lisa McGrath opened Flashback Denim and More in December of last year and business has exceeded their expectations. The store is literally packed with Levi's and bell-bottoms from the 60's and 70's. They carry Levi's 501 jeans, biker jackets, denim jackets, leather jackets, and suede jackets (with and without fringe). They have racks of both men's and women's funky vintage clothing, shoes, and boots. Big sellers this summer are real Hawaiian shirts and bib overalls. They also sell incense and would like to add candles to their inventory. Ed is a sawyer by trade and got involved with the Levi's doing some buying for a relative and then helping him manage Retro-Rage on University Ave. The store also buys old denim, etc. but won't buy anything from China until its politics change. They will buy any old denim from the 60's or before and Levi's 501 jeans of more recent vintage.

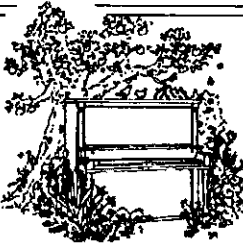
Ed and Lisa's friend Hiromi Ikeda works in the store. She is a skilled seamstress who learned from her mother, who was seamstress in Japan. Hiromi will hem jeans purchased at the store for small fee of \$3.00. She also accepts other hemming alterations or general sewing which can be dropped off and picked up at the store. The store is located at 817 East Johnson Street and their hours are:

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Slow down and take a good look at East Johnson Street. It's cleaner. The special street cleaning program is a big success and people have adjusted to the twice weekly parking restrictions necessary to make it happen. Our Alder, Barbara Vedder worked with the City Streets Dept. to modify the restrictions for our business district. The no parking restrictions end by 9:30 AM instead of Noon to lessen the parking problems for our customers. We are very grateful for the extra consideration. Sometime this summer the 800 and 900 blocks of East Johnson Street will see the installation of seven decorative street lamps like those recently installed on Monroe Street. They will be a wonderful addition made possible by the neighborhood planning process and the Community Development Block Grant money attached to it. After


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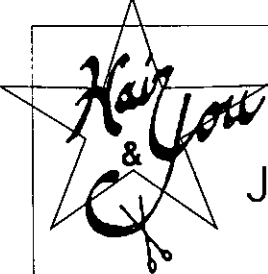
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## New Business, cont'd

many meetings and final push by business owners and our alder guided their approval through various city departments and committees. The final sites have been determined and installation will happen before the end of Summer. We are grateful that the steering committee and many people working on the planning process value our neighborhood business district enough to make it a major focus of the process and recipient of some of the funds available. Some of the remaining funds will be used for hanging banners for the business district.

Please look for Rob Latousek's article in this newsletter which gives information about the contest to design the banners. [page 9] All entries are welcome. Once again slow down and check us out with our fancy clean new look.




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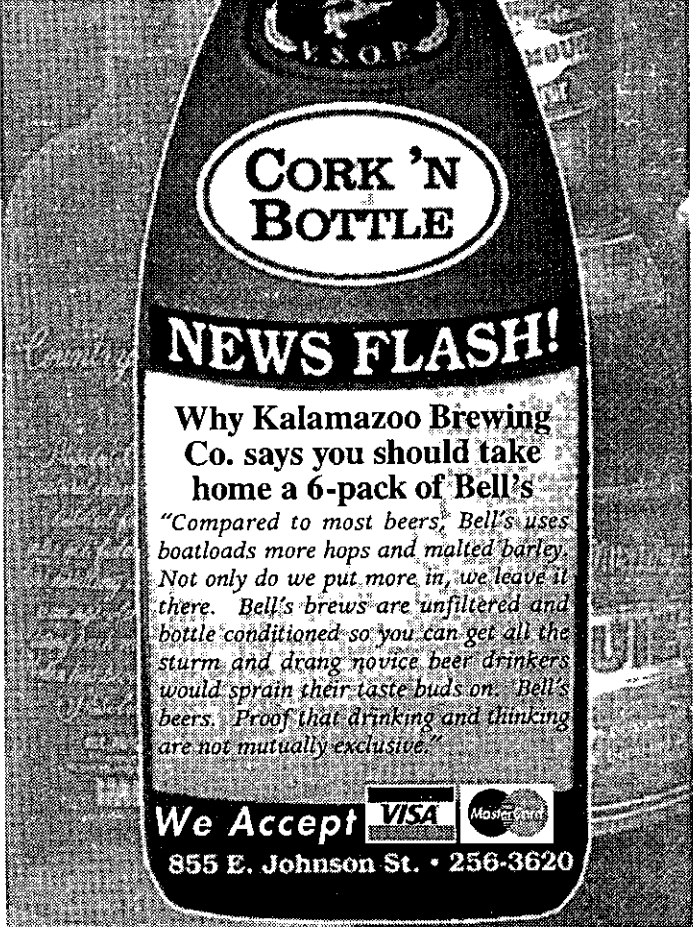
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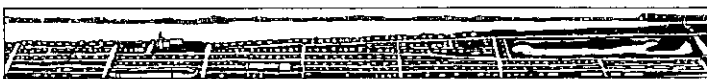
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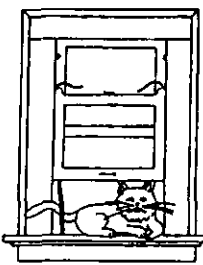
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## Parks Report

David Wallner, Parks Chair

A small but hard-working quality crowd turned out on May 17 to take part in the annual TLNA Tenney Park and riverfront clean-up. About 20 people picked up trash in the park, along the river, and at the Tenney Beach. The park looked practically spotless by day's end. The association and I would like to thank all of those people who turned out to help.

The job's never over, of course. When you're at the park or the beach this Summer spend five minutes picking up trash like pop cans, paper scraps, etc. Better yet, bring a small bag each time you stroll through the park and pick up a few items. Kids are especially good at "gargage spotting." (Our 3-year-old son Rafe has already gotten the message, and picks up garbage wherever we go. Whether we're strolling through the park, paddling down a local stream or biking one of the state trails, he'll shout out, "More garbage, Dad",

Regular park users also can play a vital role in other ways. If you spot any graffiti in the park, or see broken equipment, downed tree limbs, etc, give me a call at 256-2958 or contact the Parks Dept. at 266-4711. The long-term care and upkeep of our city's beautiful parks system isn't just a job for city workers or neighborhood leaders. We all need to do our share.

Which leads me to my next topic the People for Parks Adopt-A-Park program. city began this effort within the last year. It's modelled after the successful Adopt-A-Highway programs now in place in most states.

The park program has four main goals

- To beautify our parks and community
- To gain a sense of community and park pride
- To assist in park maintenance and operation.
- To be a part of the planning process for park improvements.

Parks outreach coordinator Laura Prindle recently sent me a letter and brochure on the Adopt-A-Park program. Periodic park clean-up efforts, planting flowers, weeding shrub beds and plantings, spreading mulch, locking restrooms at night, creating a Park Watch program and doing fundraising to purchase new equipment are all possible options for neighborhoods to take part in. (Any dollars raised are matched by the city's often-used People for Parks funds.) If you're interested in taking part in this effort give me a call this Summer. I'd like to set up a small working group to set future goals for the park and to discuss "adopting" Tenney Park.

In other park news, swing set has been installed at the beach near the existing play structure. These swings, according to park planner Bill Bauer, were 'recycled' from the play equipment on the island. New safety guidelines require that swings not be attached to larger play structures, so one set of swings was taken from the island for use at the beach. Parks staff are also looking at funding sources to replace or repair some of the benches along the lake.

And finally, here's your chance to take part in a parks beautification project at Filene Park, which is the small overlook just East of Tenney Locks. Many park users and area residents aren't even aware that Filene is technically a small park separate from Tenney. Filene already offers one of the best views of Lake Mendota sunsets. New benches and plantings were put in there over a year ago, and there's money now available in a parks account to add new trees, plantings, etc. I'm looking for a few avid gardeners who would like to donate a few hours to create a new plan for this lovely space. We could finish a plan this summer and begin the work this Fall or next Spring. The Parks Dept. is eager to work with the neighborhood on this project, so give me a call if you can help. David Wallner 256-2958

# President's Column

Richard Linster, TLNA President

Summer has arrived. School is out and garage sales are in full swing.

Last night Tim Olsen (Traffic/Transportation Chair) and I attended the annual Capital Community Citizens dinner and award ceremony. The TLNA received an "Orchid" for our Drive 25 Campaign. This effort by the way is ongoing and earlier this week the Association sponsored a Kid's (and Adult's) Parade down Gorham to James Madison Park in-conjunction with the Police Department's enforcement of the speed limit. Though it rained on our parade, literally, it didn't dampen our spirits and we plan future parades and other events to publicize the issues of traffic speed in our neighborhood as well as the rest of the city. Stay tuned for further details in the newsletter and elsewhere.

Just off the presses is the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Walking Tour Guide. This booklet was well worth the wait.

The current photos were taken by neighborhood resident Mike Tuten. The historical pictures were provided by the State Historical Society and are quite interesting and along with the text by Tim Heggland convey a good sense of the past and the neighborhood's development. Over the years I have met the owners of nearly every depicted building and had the opportunity to "tour". Perhaps we can organize a neighborhood walking tour such as the garden tours we have cosponsored in the past.

Snack garden anyone? The staff at Lapham Elementary has submitted a proposal to American Family Insurance for funding for a school/commlinity snack garden. The plan envisions the eventual creation of a raised bed garden for each classroom. Students would plant and care for vegetables, track their growth, prepare

recipes as well as provide produce for those in need. Much of this could be incorporated in the math and science curricullim. There are also plans to involve the Red Caboose After School/Summer program, UW education students as well as children and adults during the year. I was happy to send a letter of support for this project and if it is approved I hope many of you will participate.

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- ◆ **Fenced back yard**
- ◆ **New roof**

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## The Newsletter

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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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# Get Involved! Build a Community

## Join TLNA

Send this form with  
dues (see right) to:  
TLNA, PO Box 703,  
Madison, WI 53701

Minimum dues:  
Adults (ea.) \$2.00  
Seniors \$1.00  
Business \$5.00

*Additional contributions are welcome!*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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I would like to be involved in the following committee(s):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Business       | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Service |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Safety         | <input type="checkbox"/> Parks             |
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I would like to volunteer to help maintain one  
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Welcome Garden   | <input type="checkbox"/> Gidding's Park |
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