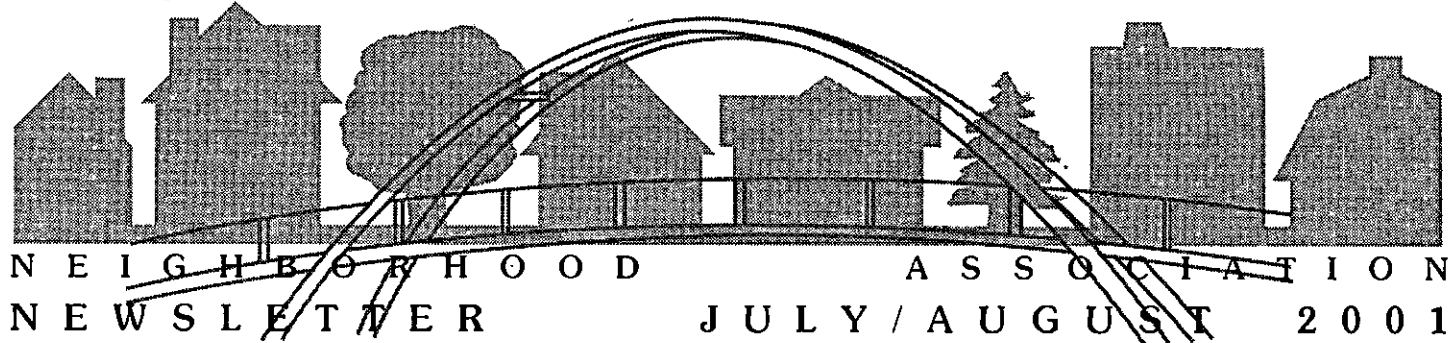


TENNEY-LAPHAM



Safety With Fireworks

(Editor's Note: The following article has been provided by the City of Madison Fire Department for educational purposes.)

The Madison Fire Department is strongly urging people to refrain from the use of fireworks for 4th of July celebrations. Instead of putting yourself and others at risk of serious injury, we encourage you to attend one of the public 4th of July fireworks displays in the area.

In the past few years there have been an increasing number of people injured as a result of the personal use of fireworks. Some of these injuries include burns, injuries to the eyes, and the loss of fingers and hands. Fireworks sold for consumer use are all too often regarded as "Completely Safe" and incapable of doing harm. This is not always the case. The common sparkler generates high enough temperatures at the point it is burning to melt gold or other metals.

The City of Madison has very strict ordinances to regulate the sale and use of fireworks. The items that are legal within the City of Madison are: "Snakes", "Poppers", "Snaps/Caps", and "Sparklers. Remember that what may be legal in neighboring communities may very well be illegal in the City. Follow these simple tips to stay safe this 4th of July:

- Closely supervise children who are old enough to use fireworks.
- When using sparklers, plunge the hot end into a bucket of water as soon

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Neighborhood Receives Grant For Park Work

A new look is in the works for the area surrounding the historic Prairie style restroom built in 1909 in Tenney Park at the corner of Marston and Sherman Avenues.

Earlier this year the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association submitted a Community Enhancement grant proposal to the city. The Madison Community Enhancement Program is designed to provide neighborhood associations and other non-profit organizations with money to make physical improvements to enhance the identity and quality of life in Madison's neighborhoods and strengthen the sense of community. Grant funds totalling \$2,400 provided by the city must be matched by the applicant in cash and volunteer labor. Margaret Bergamini

The restroom is the only historic building in Tenney Park. It has not been used for many years; however, the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association has also begun making a push for the rehabilitation of the building by

asking the Parks Department to make rehabilitation planning of the structure a priority in their capitol budget

The area surrounding the building has been overgrown with non-native weedy species like honeysuckle, buckthorn, and grape vines for many years. Because it was hidden behind the vegetation, it has also been a frequent target for graffiti.

TLNA will be installing a plaque this fall at the corner. It is hoped that much of the new plantings will be done by that time.

Work is currently underway on the design for both the plaque and the landscaping. As part of the proposal TLNA committed itself to enlisting neighborhood volunteers to plant, mulch, and maintain the area. If you would like to volunteer to help, please call Bob Shaw at 255-3486 or email (reshaw@students.wisc.edu).

- Bob Shaw
TLNA Parks Chair

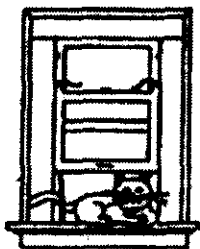


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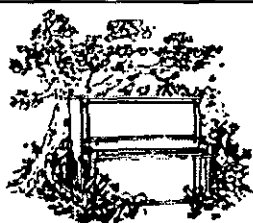
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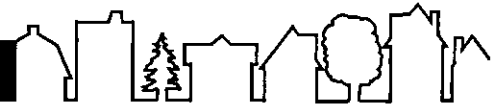
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Notable Hairdressing Disasters

There was one spring in the '80s when I endeavored to stay indoors for six weeks. When forced to venture outside, I wore a capacious hat-the kind worn by the spies in Mad Magazine's "Spy vs Spy." The reason is already clear to most women reading this: I was in mourning for my recently-sacrificed hair.

Had someone attacked me and shorn my curly auburn locks? Had I suffered chemotherapy? The answers are "no" and "thank you, God, no," respectively. Not hardly. I had PAID buco-bucks, muy dinero, lots of sheckles to have someone visit upon my unsuspecting pate the worst haircut known to the annals of Midwestern hair cutting history. My "Miguel" was a specimen of the worst of the species. I merely sought out a famous hair butcher and opened my purse, saying "do anything you wish to me and take as much money as you want."

And the worst part of this tragedy is that I would have had only to wait ten years or so and my own natural hair would be in style. Of course, some slight "tweaking," some tiny change, would have still been necessary to necessitate paying something. One couldn't just go around letting one's own birth hair wave in the wind. So I got whatever style was in for the "It-Girl" that season-as I recall, it was asymmetrical, which, had I cut it myself, would have been called "cut crooked." And naturally, it was way too short. It is a little appreciated fact that hairdressers,

like people who train dogs and skinny cooks, actually despise their subject matter. Just take a peek at the floor around hairdressers' stations if you don't believe me. See? Covered with hanks of perfectly good hair.

Though I never revisited Miguel, not even to plant a bomb under his chair, only the name changes-be it Tammi (with an "I" and sometimes a star or a heart to dot it) or Fiona-each stylist (only sixty-year-old ladies have a right to call them beauticians) starts off by reducing the patient-client to a basic humiliated cowering mass. Some lines guaranteed to take you down to ground zero include: "who CUT this last? Did YOU cut your own hair? Oh my, what PRODUCTS are you using on this?" As if Prell and Lux Liquid aren't good enough any more. Then they yank away-without benefit of novacaine for the pitiful hair holder. Balls of half-grey darning floss are flung into space. Then they get you in the shampoo chair, boiling and freezing your scalp and simultaneously removing a back molar if needed-anything for a better jaw line. Then, they twirl you and ask a question for the form of it all. When you answer, as I always do, "I really want a half-inch off is all," they sniff or snort and roll their eyes-and immediately take a 2" by 2"-inch swatch out of the middle top-so that there's nothing for it but to cut the rest of your mop to match.

When I told him I was going to write this story, a friend, male in gender, said "there's no haircut so bad that three days

won't cure it." Perhaps. If you happen to use Miracle Gro as a pomade. Or if you happen to be male in gender. For the rest of us, three months just begins to ameliorate the damages. And permanents? And coloring? Do not get me started. Suffice to say that a friend and I are still hard at work on a sure-fire bestseller: "Surviving the Coming Bad Perm." I wore khaki-colored hair long before it was punk to do so-I ironed my hair into a straight isosceles triangle-I slept (fitfully) with my tresses wrapped and pinned around #5 Orange Juice cans-all this in pursuit of Mary Travers when I was born a Gilda Radner. I wore the first White Afro in my college town-the result of hours of crisscrossed bobby pins every time I had to wash it. As recently as last year, I had extensions built into my hair-and came out with a braided and stacked coif that had everything but flying buttresses. Now I know why horses sleep standing up-it's the weight of that mane. Also, I could have had an extension built on to my house for less than I paid for somebody else's hair twisted into mine. For a brief time in the sixties, I wore a shiny acrylic "fall", wore it day and night until my sisters convinced me at 4' 7" with 2' "hair" (I'm using unseen air quotes here), I resembled nothing so much as I did a troll doll.

And for this brand of larceny, I'm told I must pay upwards of \$27.00 for the cut alone (\$50.00 in New York last summer) and everything else, including

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August

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- 14 Registration for students new to District (O'Keeffe)
- 15 Grade 8 registration @ 9 - 11 am (O'Keeffe)
- 16 Grade 7 registration @ 9 - 11 am (O'Keeffe)
- 17 Grade 6 registration @ 9 - 11 am (O'Keeffe)
- 27 Classes resume (all schools)

(Please check with schools for exact times, locations and any last minute changes)

Fire Facts For You: Kitchen Fires

Kitchen fires that result from cooking have become the number one cause of reported home fires in the City of Madison. The leading cause of these fires is unattended cooking. Follow these tips to make sure you're cooking safely.

- Stay in the kitchen whenever anything is cooking, and never leave food cooking on your stove or in your oven when you leave home.

- Studies show that 43% of the people who have died in cooking-related fires were asleep. Do not attempt to cook if you have been drinking alcohol or are drowsy from medication or for any other reason.

- Removing fire hazards from your kitchen will greatly reduce the risk of fire in your home. Built-up grease catches fire, so wipe appliance surfaces and ovens regularly. Keep potholders, dishtowels, cookbooks, food packaging, and curtains a safe distance from your stove. It is safest not to store things on or above your stove.

- Wear tight-fitting clothing with snug sleeves, or roll your sleeves up, when working at the stove.

- Make sure you heat cooking oil slowly over moderate heat to prevent

grease fires. Fires can start up fast when oils overheat. Never pour water on any cooking fire. If a pan of food catches on fire, carefully slide a lid over the pan and turn off the burner. If the fire has gotten too big or started to spread, get out of the house quickly and call 911!

- If a fire starts in your oven, close the oven door and turn off the heat source.

For more information, or to schedule a presentation on fire safety, contact the Madison Fire Department at 266-4420.

Disasters (from page 3)

the stylists' and colorists' and permists' fees-is extra. I can tell you exactly the answer to that ageless question: "what price beauty?" Just let me add up these credit card receipts!!

This is Norma Gay Prewett, who will reenter the outside world in about three months.

-Gay Davidson-Zielske

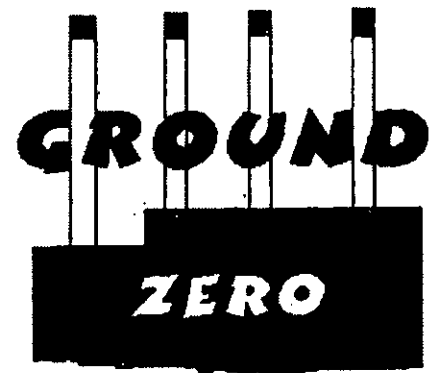
O'Keeffe Receives Grant For Environmental Work

Katie Nekola, a resource coordinator at O'Keeffe Middle School, has recently secured a \$10,000 grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Service to conduct educational activities and wetland and river's edge restoration along the Yahara River Parkway. Starting this August, this exciting project will get O'Keeffe seventh graders involved in environmental stewardship and increase their knowledge and appreciation of the river.

It will be a partnership between the school, the Friends of the Yahara River Parkway, Urban Open Spaces, and the Aldo Leopold Center. The state DNR and City Parks department have also pledged their support.

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A Couple of Tips To Improve Neighborhood Safety

Positive Rewards Program

The Safety Committee's proposal for a "positive rewards" program won a \$500.00 award from the Madison Safe Neighborhood Coalition. In this program, the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association will work with the Madison Police to give safe drivers positive feedback. This summer, the police will target good drivers in the neighborhood and reward their behavior with gift certificates. Please practice your own safe driving so that you can become eligible for a reward! If you have any comments about the program, please contact Salvatore Calomino or Jim Zychowicz.

Strategies for Nuisance Houses

At various times this Spring, several neighbors have contacted the Safety Committee about problem houses. One person feels personally threatened in the evening and early morning by partygoers who get carried away and behave recklessly. This often results in loud, rowdy behavior and vandalism. Doorbells have been rung at late hours, and sometimes one finds people urinating in front yards. One person discovered that her terrace planting was lifted and dumped onto the street in broad daylight during Memorial Day weekend. All of this is disturbing behavior that erodes the confidence of residents about the stability of the area.

We've recommended that the people call the police whenever this occurs, and the Madison police have assured us that this is appropriate action. As we mentioned at our meeting with the Madison police, if the first call does not merit a response, call again. In addition, we suggest calling the landlord or rental company about any problem tenants. If the names and phone numbers of landlords are not known, consult the city directory at the public library or use the internet site for the Madison assessor's office to trace the name and address of the property owner. It is possible to search by street address. (The Madison Assessor's site is: www.ci.madison.wi.us/assessor/assessor.html)

When calling landlords, state the problem clearly and outline your desired remedy. When known, identify names or, at least apartment numbers and reference any police reports. State the desired action and indicate a time for completing it. Unless landlords know of these problems, they may never receive the atten-

tion they deserve.

Eliminate the Ostriches

For everyone's safety, it is important to keep an eagle eye out for problems and not to leave the solution for the next person. If you see something that seems wrong, call your neighbor and, if your neighbor is not home, call the police.

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Tenney Park - July 20



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Come celebrate the Second District and Ald. Brenda Konkel's 33rd birthday,
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Enjoy our beautiful park, plenty of good company and lots of refreshments.
Bring your neighborhood issues and something to grill if you'd like.

Brenda Konkel - 2nd District Alder



Has Siting And Density (SAD) Reached The Saturation Point In Our Neighborhood (SPIN)?

I received an interesting map from a neighbor one day a couple of weeks ago. It highlighted in somewhat alarming detail a situation of which I think many of us are only vaguely aware: in the Old Marketplace and Tenney-Lapham neighborhoods, between Sidney and Pinckney streets on one axis and E. Gorham and E. Washington on the other axis, there are no fewer than nine existing homeless shelters, group homes, social service agencies, and half-way houses. The occasion for my receiving this map was that an alert neighbor had received information that the Executive Director of Housing Initiatives, Inc., Dean Loumos, intends to site one more housing facility offering one bedroom, controlled-rent apartments to the homeless, mentally ill, and low-income population in the former Zimmerman Plumbing building, 809 E. Johnson St. The accompanying flyer urged us to attend an informational meeting that night, May 22, at 7:00 PM in the Lapham school cafeteria. The leaflet also mentioned that Mr. Loumos had not contacted the TLNA about his plans, despite the fact that this building is in the heart of our neighborhood.

Attending the meeting, I was surprised and somewhat pleased that so many people could turn out on such short notice to discuss this development. Tim Olsen, past president of the TLNA, ably facilitated the questions, answers, and "position statements," many of which were quite emotional in their content and delivery. Mr. Loumos had brought two persons who are either consumers or consumers-directors of Housing Initiatives with him, along with some literature describing the mission of Housing Initiatives, which is "dedicated to providing high quality, affordably priced housing for homeless mentally ill individuals." Mr. Loumos was allowed to speak first and to make his case.

Stating that he felt that the "rumor mill" had unfairly preceded him in making his announcement, he went on to say that the reason none of us had heard anything about this transaction was that "HI" had just signed the final papers that very afternoon-that he had seen no reason to announce any plans until they were firm. (I am paraphrasing from memory here, so I'm hoping to accurately capture the tone of his remarks if not the exact language.) Attempting to be very upbeat and reassuring, Luomos and his group discussed in glowing terms the success rate of their two other houses (one in our general neighborhood) and their plans for a "community theater" located in part of the warehouse behind the shopfront building.

Though I am sure these people intended to calm the fears of adjoining property owners and other "interested parties" who are not so immediately affected by this change, what I heard and felt was a mixture of alarm and anger. My initial reaction, though I found Mr. Loumos very personable, was that his confidence about his plans somewhat ignored the fact that this property must be rezoned to accommodate more and smaller apartments-and his discussing this change as a "done deal" was a little premature. I also was irritated that he had not come forward to our neighborhood association to solicit views of the neighbors with whom he hopes to cooperate while this project was still in the planning stage. The appearance is that he wanted to sneak this facility in by the back door.

Many fears were expressed as well-a woman trained as a nurse asked Mr. Loumos for a "guarantee" the safety of her young son, asking whether Mr. Loumos would "bet his paycheck" that his clientele would be forced to stay on their medications-a frequent problem for mentally ill people. Her opinions elic-

ited an equally emotional response from a man who suffers from a mental illness, but who has become a fully-functioning client/employee for Housing Initiatives. Other concerns were more practical, but no less serious-how many parking spaces would be added? How many would be needed to accommodate the proposed theater? Owners of businesses adjoining this facility expressed concern that whether or not there was "actually" enough parking, that it is the "perceived availability" of parking - a psychological factor which frequently determines whether shoppers frequent business districts. I found this interesting and must confess that it makes a lot

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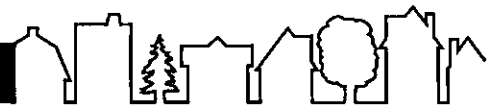
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Siting and Density (from page 6)

of sense to me—we have been fighting to keep a small, unique Johnson St. business district going. I have only lived in the area twelve years and have already seen several businesses come and go. How many new residents know, for example, that we had a butcher shop where the frame shop now sits? I miss it still. The businesses we do have are wonderful and well-run—but we need more, not fewer.

And Housing Initiatives plan would practically ensure that once that business goes residential, it will never go back to being a business.

One large concern for many people, I believe, goes straight back to that map. Among our “social service”-type facilities already in our boundaries is “ARC” house, described as a Halfway House run by Wisconsin Prisons. By my reading of the map, it appears to be located within two blocks of Lapham Elementary School. It gives one food for thought, doesn’t it? Marquette School’s painfully recent experience with the Transitional Education Program debacle springs immediately to mind. So does the recent Isthmus article about the same

program, essentially a “puff piece” in my opinion. I think the label of the map I received basically says it all: “What’s Wrong with This Picture?” What is wrong, in my opinion, is that we are saturated with these kinds of facilities. Why is the West Side not as “polka-dotted” with homeless facilities? Why do the services for the mentally ill cluster on the East Side? Is it because we do have a fine reputation for being sensitive and tolerant? Progressive? If so, I’m glad to live up to that label.

However, we are also a stressed neighborhood and are struggling to keep the appearance and the reality of a safe, affordable, but protective place for both people and businesses to flourish. Mr.

Loumos took pains to assure us that the facility will be staffed round the clock, that no drug or alcohol problems would be allowed, that screening for appropriate residents is tight and that people breaking the rules will be promptly removed. However, he was not really able to tell us why he had sought this particular location—except that this would be HI’s “flagship” mixed-use facility. We are just not all convinced that the flagship should find a port in a neighborhood which may be suffering “siting saturation.” At the very least, I believe those of us who are directly or even remotely affected by this facility deserve a voice in the decision, rather than hav-

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Neighborhood Fair

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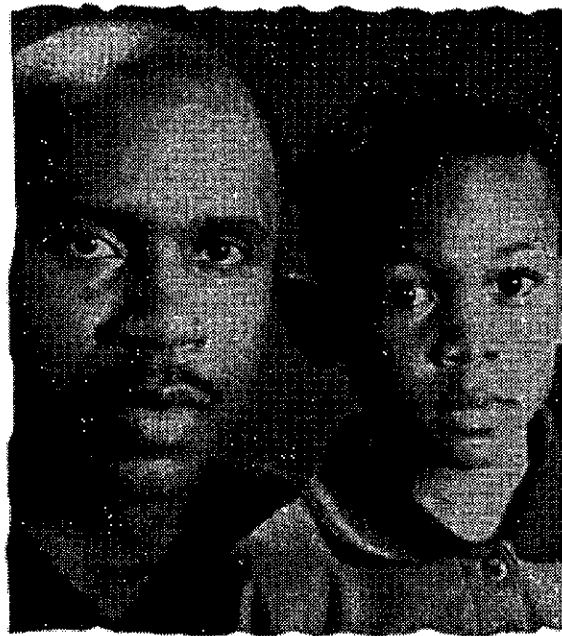
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What's Happening On The Yahara River Parkway?

Have you checked out the Yahara Parkway recently? An access site was added this spring along Riverside Street near Willy Street. This was a collaborative design effort; Bruce Woods did the structural design and layout work with Brenda Williams and Cheryl Redman doing most of the landscape design. The stone work required a contractor, but many energetic and talented Friends of the Yahara River volunteers did all the plantings (rather professionally I might add). It is a wonderful site!

Put in a canoe or just dangle your feet in the water...either way enjoy the beautiful views up and down the river.

Once again, generous Urban Open Space Foundation funding paid for the stone work and plant purchases. Thanks!

Upcoming activities in June and July

for the Friends includes marsh plantings in Tenney Park and near Mickey's; clean-up, weeding and mulching near the Rutledge Bridge/Main Street Bridges; a walk through of the Parkway and miscellaneous work at other plantings. For details contact Margaret at 257-5718 or check out/send us an email at friendsofyaharariverparkway@egroups.com.

More good news! Katie Nekola, a resource coordinator at O'Keeffe Middle School, secured a \$10,000 grant to conduct educational activities and possibly some wetland and river's edge restoration along the Yahara River next year. This has exciting possibilities for getting the kids involved and increasing their knowledge and appreciation of the river. The Tenney Lapham Neighborhood Association received a grant of several thousand dollars to restore the plantings along Sherman Avenue and Marston Avenue.

A plaque describing the early history of Tenney Park (a park designed with the common worker and family in mind) and the Madison Parks and Pleasure Drive Association is part of the restoration and should be unveiled in the fall.


Things for You to Consider? The Yahara River Parkway Implementation Committee (YRIC) is a subcommittee of the Parks Department that has been ably assisted by Si Widstrand. The YRIC is working with various city departments to implement the major goals outlined in the Yahara River Parkway master plan. At the May 30 meeting, the YRIC had an interesting agenda and two important resolutions were passed.

First, a resolution requesting city Engineering construct the E. Johnson Street bike-ped underpass as scheduled in 2003 was passed. Getting the underpasses at

the E. Johnson and E. Washington bridges constructed is critical if we are ever going to realize the Parkway bike-ped paths described in the master plan. One of the greatest frustrations involve with the Parkway project has been the slippage in the timetables for getting these underpasses constructed. In fairness, these activities are influenced by the state DOT decisions. It never hurts to call DOT or city Engineering to support these projects if you are so inclined.

Second, the last boathouse on the river is used by the UW Rowing program. The boathouse is located on the east side of the river just south of the E. Johnson Street Bridge. This is undoubtedly the most unattractive location along the river. The YRIC resolution requests the Park Commission look into the use arrangements and Parks staff prepare a site plan and/or restoration activities for this site. Current information indicates the UW rowing has used the building free of charge since the 1930-1940's. The YRIC had two major concerns: 1) this situation is interesting because the use does not provide public access (like the pontoon boat rides in Tenney Park) yet receives rent free boat storage on public property along our waters and 2) there is concern that little to no planning or restoration will be done at this site as long as the shed remains. The Tenney Lapham Neighborhood Association has requested this structure be removed this calendar year. This situation is complicated by the renovations at the historic

(see Yahara River on page 10)



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Siting and Density (from page 7)

ing it foisted upon us.

Update: Attending last night's TLNA meeting (June 21, 2001), I was pleased to see that Mr. Loumos has now made time to meet with merchants in the neighborhood and was present to speak, along with a business partner, Jim Schwall, to our association. I am willing to revise my assessment of the potential problems with Housing Initiatives a little based on last night's additional facts. H.I. seems to be an exceptionally well-run and managed enterprise. Moreover, Dean Loumos seems to be sincere in his promise to compromise and incorporate solutions to neighbors' concerns. If we want any more new residences taking over formerly business property (which is a huge "if") I now believe that H.I. would be a good neighbor. And IF the proposed for-profit community theater comes to fruition and rents the space intended, I would welcome them too. Still, many hurdles have to be jumped -not the least of which is zoning changes-before H.I. makes its new port in TLNA. (What's a metaphor for except to mix?)

What else I learned last night: Acronyms are generally fun, catchy, and a complete puzzle: PUD, that unfortunate abbreviation, stands for Planned Urban Development, as well as being a slang term for a popular article of men's particular anatomy (or PAPA). What it means is a special "spot zoning" exception granted by the City to projects it deems necessary or desirable which do not meet the normal zoning regulations. There's something else similar called a SIP (Special Ignorant Plan?) which I couldn't begin to understand. I only know that I WANT one! When we tried to add a tiny little bathroom downstairs on our house, we were told it violates green space allowances and basically not even to bother. Where's the green space, you PUD-seekers?

Not only does H.I. require a PUD for its plan, but so does a totally new re-

quest, this one by a man whose full name is Huang Nyugen (I think). This plan is represented by spokesperson Jim Vincent, whom I had never met before and who denies any financial interest in this plan except that of being an architect hired by Mr. Nguyen. The idea is to move a condemned house from its present location on Blair St. and shoe-horn it in between two existing houses at 1014-1020 E. Johnson St. (or LIMBY in Literally In My Back Yard). There may have been merits to the Vincent/Huang plan, but Mr. Vincent's manner is never going to convince me that we want to do him any favors. He was rude, condescending, arrogant, and dismissive of sincere concerns. He tried to lay blame for a very odd law that allows a person to move an entire house without notifying the neighbors within 150 feet-as is customary for any request for property changes-on one of his staunchest critics, who was present providing a necessary informed and dissenting opinion. He told me today that the board of TLNA is all "agenda-driven" and that he was "blind-sided" walking into our association's meeting because we are not truly representative of our neighborhood's views.

As Steve Martin used to say, "Exc-u-u-use me!" First, everybody has a personal agenda, but that does not mean

we are not simultaneously thinking of the greater good. Second, he has an agenda too-to make as much cash as possible for himself and his client. In our conversation today, he was joined by what he called his "new buddy" in the neighborhood, the owner of the Speedjump coffee house (next to Norris Ct.). Stosh was reluctant to give me his name, but not his withering opinions of his neighbors' views of the house moving scheme. He called the laws governing development and density "stupid," and told me that he hadn't been able to find a place decent enough to rent for himself because they are all rundown student housing-and that Mr. Nguyen's properties at 1014 or 1020 were too expensive for him! Curious argument, that one. Mr. Vincent topped off our fairly civil discussion today by saying that he didn't really need our approval to do what he and Mr. Nguyen want and that if we as a neighborhood choose to fight it, we will lose.

Not only would his proposed move increase density of those properties by TWELVE people, but it sounds as if we could be treated to several more spaces of backyard parking-something we have struggled against for several years. Huang would be an absentee landlord and apparently (this is hearsay from a *(see Siting and Density on page 14)*



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SAGE Funding Restored - Good News for Emerson, Franklin and Lapham Elementary Schools

Governor Cuts funding:

Perhaps one of the most disturbing aspects of Governor McCallum's proposed budget was the dramatic cut in funding for the program that reduces class sizes in grades k-3, the Student Achievement Guarantee in Education (SAGE) program. According to the Department of Public Instruction, Governor McCallum's budget included a \$37 million shortfall in SAGE funding. Over 370 schools statewide would have been unable to reduce class sizes in grades 2 and 3. This promised expansion was part of a bipartisan agreement forged during the 1999-2001 budget.

Under SAGE, eligible schools receive \$2000 per low-income child to reduce student-teacher ratios in grades K-3. Wisconsin piloted the program in 1996, and recent research has shown that SAGE students scored significantly higher on skills test.

Under McCallum's proposal, funding for smaller class sizes at Emerson, Franklin and Lapham would have been negatively affected.

Legislative Democrats fight back:

Legislative Democrats, outraged by the cuts, rallied support for the program and were successful in convincing all of the members the Joint Finance Committee to vote in favor of restoring the majority of the funding in the state budget.

The Committee voted to restore \$35.5 million by a vote of 16-0 on May 30th.

Research shows that smaller class sizes in the early K-3 grades increase student achievement. A number of outlets, including the RAND corporation, UW-Milwaukee and the Department of Public Instruction have published studies which show conclusive evidence linking smaller class sizes with higher academic performance. These are the critical years when students need more one-on-one teacher attention. Rather than make a needed investment in this program, the Governor proposed to put SAGE at risk.

The fight continues:

The fight is not over. It is possible that during the budget floor debate that a motion may be offered to withdraw the funding. Shortly after the vote to restore the funding, Representatives Glenn Grothman (R-West Bend) and Frank Lasee (R-Bellevue) indicated that they would introduce amendments to remove the increase in spending.

Now is the time for parents, teachers and communities to come together and demand our schools receive fair funding so our children have the opportunity to succeed, We are not talking about new spending. We are talking about the state meeting its obligation to our children. This is an investment we are making in our children's future. The parents and

teachers I've talked to all agree that it's an investment worth making.

I will continue to fight hard to keep the promise to reduce class sizes and invest in our children's future. I

hope you will join me.

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ON THIS OR ANY OTHER ISSUE?

As always, you can reach me at (phone) 266-8570, (e-mail) mark.pocan@legis.state.wi.us or you may write to P.O. Box 8953 Madison, WI 53708.

-State Representative Mark Pocan

Yahara River (from page 8)

Brittingham boathouse and the ~\$6 million UW campus crew house renovations set for the next year or two. Stay tuned.

- Ed Jepsen

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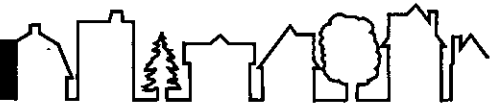


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County Initiatives Keep Madison and Dane County A Great Place to Live

What makes Madison and Dane County a great place to live? The lakes, farms and rolling hills, family-friendly activities like bicycling, neighborhood and ethnic celebrations, a clean environment, and services that help kids, families and the elderly. I'm sure you could add to the list.

The recent census counted 426,000 people now living in Dane County—about half in the City of Madison and half in the cities, villages and towns outside of Madison. Over the last 10 years we added more people than any other Wisconsin county!

By taking a sensible approach to growth, we can keep our downtowns and neighborhoods healthy by slowing sprawl and offering residents a range of travel and affordable housing choices. We are studying how alternative means of transportation, such as commuter rail, might ease traffic congestion and help people get to their jobs.

I welcome your ideas on ways to help keep Dane County a great place to live. Here's an update on some events, attractions and projects we're working on now.

- **New Farmer's Market.** Check out the new Farmer's Market at The Villager Mall, 2202 South Park Street. The market started June 23, and is open Tuesdays from 2:30 to 6 p.m., and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. A \$10,000 Grant

from Dane County makes this Farmer's Market possible.

- **Dane Dances!:** The second season of Dane Dances! will take place on the rooftop of Monona Terrace to provide a place for all races and ethnicities to come together to dance, and have fun! The dances are free and will feature fabulous bands. The dances are 5:30 to 9 p.m. on the following Fridays: August 3 (Madisalsa), August 10 (Clyde Stubblefield), August 17 (Eddie Butts), and August 24 (Reptile Palace Orchestra).

- **Kids' Activities:** Our Youth Commission awarded 12 new grants that will provide positive activities for youths. For example, the Madison Girl Neighborhood Power program received \$3,000 to develop 12 double-Dutch jump roping teams involving up to 100 kids on a weekly basis. Other funding sponsors field trips, a teen newspaper, children's theatre, and mentoring and tutoring for math, science and technology for teens.

- **Visiting the Zoo:** A special treat for kids and adults at the free, Dane County Henry Vilas Zoo this summer is the opportunity to see a rare, baby Orangutan born in February, and a young giraffe born last December. We are excited about constructing a new aviary, entitled, "The Fragile Web," that will provide a rainforest experience for visi-


tors. Look for its completion next spring.

- **Cleaner lakes.** Let's keep our lakes clean enough for swimming! After much study and work, a county-wide stormwater management ordinance, designed to help protect lakes and streams from pollution carried by rainfall and snowmelt running off of fields, roofs, roads and parking lots, is now before the County Board. A vote is expected this summer, and I hope the Board passes this much-needed ordinance!

- **Improving Childcare:** Mayor Sue Bauman and I announced a special \$250,000 Child Care Compensation Initiative this spring to improve the quality of child care by boosting the income of many child care workers. Some 400 child care spaces in Madison were lost last year because they couldn't be staffed. We need to keep talented and caring people from leaving child care jobs simply for better pay. We are also targeting \$68,000 to help Hispanic child care providers get certification classes and training.

If you have any questions, concerns or ideas, please contact me at 266-4114. Enjoy your summer in Dane County!


-By Kathleen Falk
Dane County Executive



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Peeping Tom Alert! (A Reminder From a Cat Person)

Before this gets filed under the Crime Report, I want to make clear that the kind of voyeurs I'm talking about are real peeping-toms, as in tomcats. Lately my neighbors and I on the 1000 block of E. Gorham have noticed an upsurge in strange kitties peering into our houses, especially around the dinner hour. This, besides being a little disconcerting when we look up from our plates and find ourselves staring into those reflective eyes, drives our own cats into fits of envy and protectiveness-or whatever motivates cats to leap from the couch and hurl themselves at the window/screen at sight of an interloper. Last night, holding Anthony, my boy cat, on my lap, I was left with deep gouges in my thighs when he sighted our newest visitor-a big grey cat. He rushed to

the patio door and began to hiss and puff up-if you own cats, you know the routine. Before I go on to make my plea, I want to establish my credentials: I grew up with cats, have had cherished cats my whole life, and own two of the species now. So anything that is said below is said out of caring for these endearing little creatures.

Here's the message: If you own a cat, (especially any of the following cats-a large, greyish one with a striped tail, a large, soft-grey one with sort of Russian Blue markings-or a large yellow, brindled one) please remember that cats are not allowed to "roam" in Madison. It is illegal and you can receive a fine if somebody identifies you as the owner. People who understand why their dogs cannot be allowed to stroll around off-

leash sometimes hold a different philosophy about cats. But the facts are clear-cats allowed outside in the city have much shorter lifespans than cats kept inside. They can get fatal diseases like Feline Leukemia Virus from contact with feral cats; they are frequently hit and killed by the speed demons who blast down our streets (I have seen at least four pets and one child hit on our block since I've lived here); and they urinate and "spray" on our gardens, around our porches, and get into fights with other cats-sometimes even through the screens. Finally, if you love birds, as many of us do, be aware that the predation rate on fledgling birds is very high. It's a myth that they only catch the old and sick animals who would

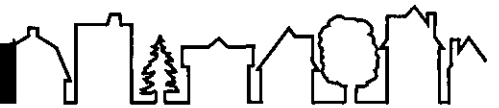
(see Peeping Tom on next page)

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East Rail Corridor Land Use Planning Forum Set

An "East Rail Corridor" land use planning forum has been set for Saturday, July 14th from 9 AM to 1 PM in the Research Products Tech Center Meeting Room, 130 S. Ingersoll Street.

The forum will be the first of several community-wide meetings to focus attention on land use planning for the East Rail Corridor area. The East Rail Corridor is an area bounded by East Washington Avenue, the Yahara River, East Wilson Street, and South Blair Street.

The main purpose of the forum is to review and discuss the different land use concepts that have been developed by the East Rail Corridor Plan Advisory Committee. Those who attend will be asked to provide feedback and ideas about land uses for the study area, park and open space concepts, rail alignment and commuter rail station locations, housing alternatives and business development options. Attendees will be able

to participate in planning exercises, visit interactive information stations and take part in a large group discussion at noon. Parking is free at the meeting site and refreshments will be provided.

The forum is sponsored by the City of Madison and East Rail Corridor Plan Advisory Committee. For more information, contact Tim Kabat at 266-4635 or tkabat@ci.madison.wi.us.

Note: If you need an interpreter, materials in alternate formats or other accommodations to access this service, activity or program, please contact the Department of Planning & Development at (608) 2664635, TDD (608) 266-4747. Please do so 48-hours prior to the meeting, so that proper arrangements can be made.

-David Mandehr

Peeping Tom (from page 12)

be "weeded out" by natural selection anyhow. We don't live in a natural world and we have to accommodate the artificial situation we have made. If you feel your cat needs sunlight as much as you do, and I understand that urge, consider using a good leash and stake and let your cat out in your yard when you are gardening. I love my silly cats and, if I lived in the country, might consider letting them out sometimes, but, please, for the sake of your cats and your neighbors, give everybody a break and keep them inside.

Thanks.

-Gay Davidson-Zielske

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Siting and Density (from page 9)

neighbor attending the meeting) there have been numerous complaints and police calls to some of his other properties. He has allegedly sometimes needed to evict, but was vague about how many times and for what causes. My take? We have no reason as a neighborhood to make Mr. Nguyen richer or increase

the rental occupation in TLNA. None of the reasons given for how this would benefit us made any sense. Increasing diversity? GMAB-(Give me a break.) We are already diverse and proud of it. Improving the appearance of properties? The owner can do that without moving another house in. (To be fair, he did

improve 1014 after the previous owner bungled it badly, but in the process somebody added on a huge addition which Vincent claims did not increase the occupancy.) My question: why did anybody bother to add it on in that case? When we took a vote as an association, not one person approved of this proposal. In fact, we resolved not to support it I say we tell the Vincent/Nguyen gang resoundingly NO by attending their zoning meeting and stating our case. And while we are at it, please give me a couple acronyms to play with. I'm kinda getting tired of being COGS (Crank of Gorham Street-my own coinage.)

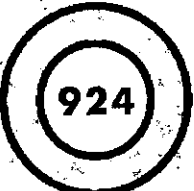
Sincerely,
Gay Davidson-Zielske

(Editor's Note: The following petition is printed as a public service to the residents of the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood.)

PETITION CONCERNING CONCESSIONS AT TENNEY BEACH

We, the undersigned, would hope that the City of Madison will reconsider the closing of the concession counter at the Tenney Park Beach. Not only do the children enjoy this stand, but we feel it provides necessary relief for the adults and lifeguards as well. We would be glad to discuss with you the budget or other considerations which prompted this closing, perhaps at a meeting of the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association. Thank you for your consideration. Gay Davidson-Zielske (circulating the petition)
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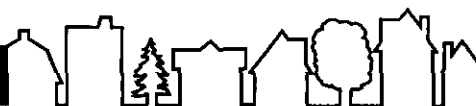
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1036 E Gorham St	2 Unit		\$114,900
1038 E Gorham St	2 Unit		\$129,900
1138-40 E Mifflin St	2 Unit		\$139,900
102 N Breatly St (relisted in June)	3	1	\$139,900
1209 E Mifflin St	1 Unit		\$145,000
414 N Livingston	1	1	\$149,900
414 N Livingston	1	1	\$160,000
1209 E Mifflin St	2	1.25	\$155,000
113 N Ingersoll	3	1	\$175,000
105 Dayton Row	2	2.5	\$189,900
1320 Dayton St	5	2	\$212,000
844 E Gorham St	6 Unit		\$225,000
1045 E Gorham St	4 Unit		\$355,000
807 E Johnson St	5 Unit		\$675,000
752 E Gorham St	4	5.5	\$859,900
409 E Johnson St	3 Unit		\$952,000
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132 Dayton Row	2	2.5	\$174,900
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624 S Thornton	3	1.5	\$269,900

Sold:

<u>Address:</u>	<u>List Price:</u>	<u>Sale Price:</u>	<u>Days on Mkt:</u>
630 E Mifflin St 2D2	\$ 94,900	\$ 94,900	315
102 N Breatly St (sold in April)	\$ 99,900	\$ 99,900	
2025 E Dayton St	\$124,900	\$122,400	9
305 Blount St A	\$169,900	\$164,900	33
953 E Johnson St	\$184,500	\$192,000	6
423 N Paterson	\$192,000	\$192,000	13
305 N Blount St	\$195,000	\$195,000	5

The above statistics were compiled by Shelly Sprinkman of Restaino Bunbury & Associates. If you have any questions as to what your home may be worth

Wanted!!

Neighborhood couple interested in staying close, but are looking to upgrade their housing situation. Please call Ed or Kristin (244-8847) if you are thinking of selling your home or know a friend doing the same.

Fireworks (from page 1)

as they have burnt out.

- Do not wear clothing that is too loose or may catch fire.
- Keep combustibles away from any fireworks. Do not use fireworks indoors.

• Alcohol and fireworks DO NOT mix. Be responsible, have fun, but refrain from alcoholic beverages when using fireworks.

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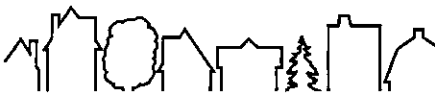
Safety (from page 5)

Too often, we've heard some neighbors tell us that they don't want to be involved. We've also heard a few neighbors tell victims not to bother the police when something serious has occurred.

It is natural for ostriches to bury their heads in the sand, but not good neighbors. Get involved! You would want someone to watch out for you, too!

-Salvatore Calomino
James L. Zychowicz
Safety Chairs

The next meeting dates for the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association Council are Thursday, July 19 at 7 pm and Thursday, August 15 at 7 pm in the community room of the Tenney Park Apartments, 302 N. Baldwin Street. You are welcome to attend and discuss any issues of concern to you. For further information, call Susan Duren at 255-3625.

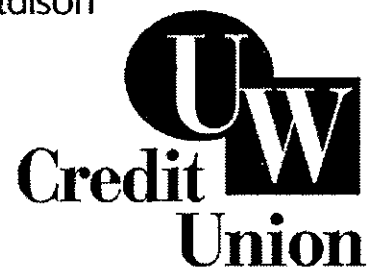


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