

Tenney-Lapham newsletter

June/July, 1984

Flowers bloom on Johnson Street

The Johnson Street businesses, with some very helpful input from Ald. Pam Wrzeski and neighborhood association Pres. Martha Gordon, are well on the way to becoming an official organization. Our first project will be flower boxes for the facades of several businesses. Wood and labor for assembling the boxes will be donated by Wrzeski Energy Services and Newport's Wooden Furnishings. Flowers should provide a nice contrast to our asphalt and concrete.

We have some new faces in the neighborhood. Supreme Pizza is under new ownership with an expanded menu (lasagna, spaghetti, garlic bread, etc.) and free delivery (lunch included). Papendiecks Upholstery has taken Material World's place at 821 E. Johnson St. Don't be fooled by Greg Papendieck's youthful appearance. He has been developing his skills for 16 years, and has made considerable progress from the days when he made 35¢ an hour sweeping up his father's upholstery shop. If you are planning a move to Seattle or New Orleans, you will also find Papendieck's Upholstery shops run by Greg's brothers.

The impetus for our first business meeting was a desire to accommodate expansion needs of several businesses. We put our heads together to explore alternatives that would allow them to grow in the neighborhood. Well, the first move is about to happen. On June 21-23 the Weaving Workshop, 817½ E. Johnson, will have a moving sale. They will be closed during the last week of June, and will have a grand opening on July 2 in their new location at 920 E. Johnson (near Wild Child). This move will increase their sales and classroom space. It will also bring them downstairs at street level and increase their visibility. If any other businesses seem to disappear, don't panic. Just look around the neighborhood for their new locations. We'll keep you posted.

Teena Browder

Rummage, Rummage, Browse, Browse

The TLNA is holding its Annual Rummage Sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, June 9 at the Legion Hall parking lot on the corner of E. Dayton and N. Few. A rain date is set for Sunday, June 10 from 1-4 p.m.

This is a key fundraising event for the neighborhood association, so stop by to browse or bring over items to sell. All neighborhood residents are cordially invited to sell items, and 25% of the proceeds will go to the TLNA.

For further information and an instruction sheet, call Ann Rulseh (257-8695), Richard Linster at (251_1937) or Teena Browder (256-3620).

TLNA potluck June 16, Ice Cream social July 15

The TLNA will host a potluck brunch from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 16 at Lapham School, 1045 E. Dayton. Bring a dish or baked goods to share, for 6-8 people, plus your own silverware and plates. We'll provide beverages. After mowing the lawn or watching the Saturday morning cartoons, drop by to meet a few neighbors.

Looking ahead to July, a joint ice cream social with members of Christ Presbyterian Church will be held on Sunday, July 15, from 4-7 p.m. at the park behind the church on Lake Mendota (on E. Gorham). The event will also be a general membership meeting of the TLNA. You can get your fill of ice cream, socializing and politics, all on one afternoon. You read it here first.

Richard Linster

TLNA membership list is booming

Since the last newsletter, some 140 of you have chosen to join or rejoin the TLNA. This response has been most gratifying. A not unrealistic goal of 500 members has been set for summer's end.

So please expect a contact from us. To join, fill out the information blank, giving consideration to the interests lines. Mark where appropriate. We will get back to you on it.

A summary of the Association's key By-laws is now available. A complete set is available on request or at our monthly meeting. Also please note names, addresses and phone numbers of the Board, in particular the membership chair(myself) and the area representatives. We are ready to hear from you.

Remember that we shall derive benefits from our common association, in proportion to our efforts.

Richard Linster

A Few Street Notes



Volleyballers, to your marks!

Volleyball, anyone? The TLNA has recommended that the 1985 Parks Dept. budget include a new volleyball court for Tenney Park. The court would probably be similar to ones in Brittingham Park, which are made of a sand surface. If you support this addition to the park, call Art Johnson of the Parks Dept.

At our May TLNA Board meeting, we discussed the need to get more elderly residents involved in neighborhood activities. The TLNA Board is made up primarily of residents under 40, and we'd like to get more help and in-put from a broader age range. We can always use more help on our various committees or in delivering newsletters, helping organize social events, writing or drawing for the newsletter, etc. Anyone out there with an hour or two a month of free time?

And by the same token, we'd like to find a few more volunteers from our student contingent. Most of us on the board are professional people and "permanent" residents, so we could use some advice and help from our large number of student residents.

Concerned about traffic noise, air pollution or pedestrian safety in the TLNA area? Then get out the old bicycle and oil can, and leave your cars in the garage. May was Bike Month in Madison, now let's keep the wheels rolling. If you're used to driving a car downtown or to the University area, or for short shopping trips, do your body and our streets a favor. Hop on a bike.

This newsletter and the TLNA rely heavily on advertising income to keep us afloat. If you'd like to run an ad, you can be assured of saturation coverage in the area. We deliver 1,800 newsletters all over the neighborhood, and our ad rates are a real steal. A one-column inch ad goes for only \$5, a business card-sized ad for \$9 (2 inches), a quarter page ad for \$21, and a half page for \$40. We've got other sizes available too. So do your neighborhood and your business a favor, and sign up. Call me at 256-2958 for further information.

Book Lovers, rejoice! We now have a mini-library within walking or biking distance. The Williamson Street-Marquette neighborhood's new community library station opened in May, and offers a close substitute to going downtown. The new "library" will be located in an old Bookmobile parked in the Eagles Club parking lot, 1237 Williamson St. It will be open Thursdays from 3-7 p.m. and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays. This pilot project will be staffed by volunteers, and will run until November on a trial basis. The project is sponsored by Common Wealth Development Inc., in cooperation with the Madison Public Library. Margaret Monroe, a Marquette area resident with a library background, is coordinating the project. Check it out!

David Wallner

Job-related move no excuse for breaking lease

(Editor's Note: The following information is offered by the Tenant Resource Center, located at 1045 E. Dayton in the former Lapham School building. We present it as an aid to tenants and landlords as a means of encouraging better communication and awareness to our readers.)

Dear Ann Landless,

I recently got a new job out of state and need to break my lease. A friend of mine says that you can break a lease without obligation if you need to move for a new job. I am not sure about this. Can you advise me?????


Colorado Bound

Dear Colorado,

Your friend has been misinformed. You can always break a lease but the landlord can hold you responsible until s/he is able to re-rent your apartment. The only valid way to break an apartment lease without obligation is to join the military and that's a kind of drastic way to get out of a lease.

You should discuss the situation with your landlord. You have a couple of options, including subletting and terminating the lease by mutual agreement.

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And now a word from the president



A tale of tulips, a harvest of memories

Spring has been slow in coming, but the spectacular display of tulips and daffodils (and much more) around the neighborhood is a treat to see. Also a pleasure to find winter-bound neighbors outdoors again, calling greetings across the street, catching up on news, or exchanging garden tools and dandelion strategies.

My own mid-Isthmus garden digging led to some unexpected discoveries and to some editorial thoughts. Like many of us, 8 or 10 inches down I find pure sand, with every so often a snail shell or clam shell. I had known, vaguely, that the Isthmus area was built up using landfill from Lake Mendota, but I regarded the sand as something to be dealt with (peat moss, manure) and didn't think much more about it.

Then, in that same layer, I found two things. The first was an old coin, a quarter, very worn and with no date, but with the Eagle flying briskly along instead of sitting. The second thing I found was a small dime-sized ladies locket watch, quite rusted and with the face gone. A tidy and pretty thing it must have been, worn on a chain. I wonder whose it was.

It was a nice day, and some of my older neighbors were outdoors. My two small findings led to talk about the history of the area and - here's the editorial part - made me think that we need to hear more from the people who have known this neighborhood from its beginnings, and have watched it change.

Part of spring is its newness, but part of it also is its reminder that the past is right here with us. I have my tulips, my rusted watch, and my coin. And a new set of friends, with stories to tell. TLNA wants to hear from any of you with memories to share. Please do call any of the Board members, or write to us c/o 441 Sidney.

Independent Living needs drivers to help deliver meals to home-bound people in the Madison area. For information, call Carolyn at Independent Living, 1245 E. Washington Avenue, Madison, 251-8400

Martha Gordon

Nursery playground construction to start in July

This July the Tenney Nursery and Parent Center will be creating a wonderful new preschool playground. The parents will of course be at the heart of this effort, and the playground will be a fine addition to the community.

We are inviting any interested folk to come by and help. There will be special events for the children while the grown-ups work. An hour or a day, any help is appreciated.

Look for the posters in the community shops for specific dates and times, and for a list of events planned for kids. Or call me at 256-6085 for further information on helping.

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Yes, indeed, just open your winter-encrusted ears, and you'll hear the sounds of summer: the warblers passing through; the cardinals up at the break of dawn, like the ones building a nest just outside; the frogs and crickets drumming up a storm at night.



Nice stuff, right? Now toss in the cacophony of lawn mowers (God, grant me a place in heaven where you pass out only the hand-powered kind like Grandpa used); and the chain saws (I'd like to massacre some of those things); and those irritating, whirring, locust-like contraptions that trim oh-so-neatly around sidewalks.

And what else? Well, boomboxes fer sure, awesome, awesome. And then there are the friendly folks next door who insist, every spring, just like the warblers, on sharing their lovely tunes with the whole world. Stereos propped up to windows (We can't work outside without our tunes!); or, better yet, dragged out to the backyard for all to hear. (Christ Almighty, we can't lie out in the sun without our tunes! What??? You don't like my music? Michael Jackson, Duran Duran, Styx, Kenny Rogers and The B-52s aren't your thing? Whatsamatter, got no taste?)

Cats in heat, dogs on the prowl, hot wheels on the go that clatter and rattle and squeak. Add it all together, and you have the makings of summertime mayhem. Can you think of anything that causes more ill-will and grief between neighbors than noise? How many neighborly murders are committed in our loud land each year, all because some guy insisted on blasting his neighbors with noise?

And did I leave out the greaseballs and lowriders on East Washington, or Johnson, or Gorham, who make having windows open on a hot night akin to masochistic torture? Sorry guys, I didn't mean to neglect your hotwheels.

Peter Steinhart, one of the finest essayists writing today, says it a lot more profoundly in the May Audubon Magazine: "The world has grown noisy. Step outside day or night and you can hear the deep harmonic moan, the groaning coil of civilization driving forward. It is a battlefield rumble of piston and fan, pump and compressor, amplified music and tire on pavement. It grows louder year by year."

And more: "We know the anthems of jackhammer, chainsaw and motorcycle. We simply shut windows when the next car at the stoplight throbs with dull drumbeats of electronic music. Hardly anyone today will try to defend thought, conversation or birdsong against the requirements of style and commerce."

And this: "We fight noise with noise. If the neighbor's mower is loud, we turn up our radios. The earphoned jogger and the youth with the suitcase-sized radio strapped to his cheek aren't exploring the subtleties of music: They're trying to shut out the rest of the din. We're lost in the battle for the airwaves. Noise is said to be the most common complaint phoned in to local police departments."


Steinhart concludes that, "We all need silences. The point is that without silences we all become less observant, less thoughtful, less caring, less conversant, less, indeed, of the very things that really do make us a strange and worthy species."

David Wallner

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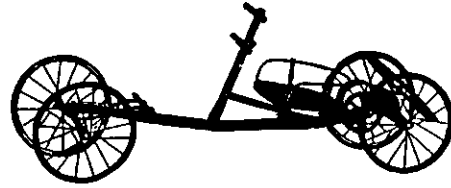


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Brigade activities include:

- * Getting the University Avenue reconstruction to best accommodate bicyclists' needs.
- * Improving the bike monitor program.
- * Sponsoring safety clinics, workshops and other educational projects.
- * Encouraging local government agencies to adopt policies favorable to bicyclists.
- * Promoting commuting by bicycle.
- * Cosponsoring Madison's annual Bike to Work & School Day and Madison Bike Month.
- * Cooperating with Madison Metro to improve relations between bicyclists and bus drivers.
- * Encouraging motorists to share the road with bicyclists.
- * Informing members of current issues through a monthly newsletter
- * Sponsoring sociable Moonlight Rides and picnics.



Are you a Baldwin St. speed freak? Come on, fess up. Ever zip down the hill crossing Gorham at about 35 or 40 per? Or dash up the other way to beat that long light? I spy a few red faces there in the crowd. Ah yes, all of us, students, city, state or university bureaucrats, sedate souls all, headed off to work in our traitorous foreign-made 5-speeds. Whipping through the gears to shake off last night's cobwebs, all the while oblivious to those little-headed hindrances called Speed Limit Signs. Yes, I've done it too, Ellen Osterhaus of 405 N. Baldwin. And the next time I roll down that street, I'll think a bit about your little girl, and all the others on that block. And maybe I'll slow down, or take another street. Hope you get that Slow/Kids Playing sign. Thanks for the word and the visit at our last council meeting.

The Brigade wants to help you. JOIN US--and together we'll make Madison a better place to bike. Till June 15 we offer a \$1 rate for new members, a \$2 savings. Households and businesses may join for \$4.

The Brigade meets the fourth Thursday of the months January through October, at 7:30 p.m. at Methodist Hospital. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call 255-8553, 241-3460 or 249-2800.

Johnson/Gorham shuttle service set for summer

When initiated, the Johnson/Gorham Shuttle (U) did not operate during University summer and winter recess periods.

In August, 1983, the route was extended along University Avenue to the Clinical Sciences Center. With service geared to hospital employees as well as students, the decision was made to operate during the winter recess period and to postpone the decision on operating through the summer until performance of the new schedule and changed route could be reviewed. This review has shown satisfactory "U" line ridership. The data shows a build-up of 1983 ridership when service resumed in the fall. Because service continued in December of 1983 and January, 1984 through the UW winter recess period, ridership per hour dropped. However total ridership in these months was comparable to November, 1983 even though the University was not in session during part of the time.

The subcommittee recommended that the "U" run through the summer. The University has provided a share of the funding which is adequate for the year and concurs in the recommendation. The subcommittee further recommended increased marketing, stressing the line's direct route between the near-east side and the UW/Hospital area.

U LINE

RIDERSHIP PER REVENUE AND PAY HOUR

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	
U-TOT PASS/REV HR	30	39	30	24	22	--	
TOT PASS/REV HR	28	36	28	22	20	--	
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan 84
	--	14	22	24	26	22	25
	--	13	20	22	24	20	23

TOTAL PASSENGERS:	Jan, 83	7,924
	Feb, 83	18,523
	Mar, 83	16,630
	Apr, 83	11,986
	May, 83	7,691
	Aug, 83	2,624
	Sep, 83	10,947
	Oct, 83	11,723
	Nov, 83	12,545
	Dec, 83	10,815
	Jan, 84	12,085

School Plan Committee studies Marquette crowding

The Isthmus School Planning Committee has been active in its efforts to learn more about the situation at Marquette Elementary.

The enrollment at Marquette is increasing beyond the building's ability to accommodate all the students. The ISPC met with Billy Feitlinger and Pam Wrzeski on May 3 to discuss the School Superintendent's proposal to the School Board, presented on May 21. He is proposing to form a committee to study the over-enrollment at Marquette. The committee is to include, among others, representatives from the PTG's of Marquette, Emerson and Lowell Schools and the local neighborhood associations. They will be charged with recommending a solution by December, for the 1985-86 school year.

The ISPC has already been gathering data about the local schools' enrollments and capacities and numbers of children on the isthmus, and soliciting the preferences of parents and teachers on handling the problem. Some of the alternatives are to change school busing boundaries, make use of Lapham, or make Marquette large enough to handle the incoming students. Members of the ISPC have met with each of the School Board members individually to discuss Marquette.

If you are interested in this issue, or would like to help, call me at 251-1937

Patty Prime

Love those pizzas!

Hats off to all those who sold, delivered, and bought TLNA's pizzas. There are over 300 pizzas now being gobbled by pizza lovers in the neighborhood. Money generated is now part of the treasury and will be used (with other funds) in a number of ways: support of this newsletter, possible donations to the Johnson Street flower fund and the park fund, and a summer event--look for it!

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Marquette

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Marquette Elementary School held its Spring Carnival in April. It was a huge success! The total profit on the family fun raffle and carnival night was \$3,800.

Marquette parents, teachers and students wish to thank the community for its great support. The success of the event clearly shows how important the school is to the neighborhood, and also shows what a sharing community can do.

Altogether, 105 businesses were contacted for donations; 24 of these gave money and 61 gave prizes for the raffle and booths. Most of those who donated were Near Eastside businesses, and they were very generous. Thank you!

MEMBERSHIP

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