



Tenney-Lapham newsletter

Paul J. Fieber, Editor

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HOMESTEAD TAX CREDITS

If you are a renter or low-income homeowner, and have lived in Wisconsin through all of 1982, you may qualify for a Homestead Tax Credit. In 1964 Wisconsin was the first state to enact a Homestead Tax Credit program to give property tax relief to low-income elderly renters and homeowners. In 1973 the program was extended to everyone over the age of 18 so that all low-income renters and homeowners are now eligible for the credit.

To qualify for this credit you may not be listed as a dependent on someone else's (such as your parent's) federal tax return. You must have been a legal resident of Wisconsin for all of '82 and your total household income cannot be more than \$14,000.

If you received AFDC or general relief payments during the year you may not be able to receive the credit. This may also be true if you lived in housing that was exempt from property taxes, such as public housing or dormitories. Public housing, however, is not always exempted so it is best to check in each case.

To apply for the credit, you need to fill out Schedule H. The deadline for filing your 1982 Homestead Tax Credit is December 31, 1983 but you can simply mail it in with your income tax return. Along with Schedule H, you must file a copy of your 1982 property tax bill for 1982, if you are a homeowner, or a Rent Certificate completed by your landlord, if you are a renter. If you rented from more than one landlord in 1982 a rent certificate must be completed from each landlord.

If you cannot get your landlord to complete the certificate, you can fill it out yourself. If your apartment was furnished, or if utilities were included in your rent, you must subtract a reasonable value for these items. If you moved from one apartment to another and had to pay rent for both, only the rent paid for the apartment you actually lived in may be used.

If you have further questions about the Homestead Tax Credit contact the Department of Revenue at 266-8641 or the Tenant Resource Center at 257-0006.

by: Kathy Rosner
Tenant Resource Center

IT'S AT LAPHAM

If you are 60 or older, and an area resident, Lapham School is the place to join old friends and meet new ones. Between 10:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, the school Cafeteria offers not only nutritious catered meals and companionship, but much more. Holidays, birthdays and other special events are celebrated - sometimes with live entertainment. It's where you can find out what's going on around town of particular interest to older adults. And, you can also find a card game and bingo for relaxation; blood pressure screening and help with tax returns if necessary. If you want to know more about the program, call 257-3322 between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. If you would like to join the group for lunch, you should call a day in advance. Menus for each month are posted in the Lapham Cafeteria. If transportation is a problem, Independent Living at 251-8400 is ready to help. Lapham School is fully equipped with facilities for the handicapped. We hope to see you!!

GET (YOUR SOIL) SET, GO!!

If April showers bring May flowers, then at least we're headed in the right direction. Soon, higher temperatures and sunshine will warm our garden soils and it'll be time to plant this year's flowers and vegetables.

Proper soil fertility can make a big difference in your garden's productivity. The only practical way to tell if soil needs lime and fertilizer is to have it tested. For \$3.75 the State Soil and Plan Analysis Lab will analyze a soil sample from your garden or lawn area. From the routine test for pH, organic matter (an estimate of nitrogen), lime requirement, available phosphorous (P), available potassium (K) and soluble salts, you'll get a recommendation for the amount of fertilizer and lime you may need to apply. Often, no P or K is required in home gardens because they build up through previous use of commercial fertilizers, compost or manure. Besides being a waste of money, excess fertilization contributes to harmful nutrient buildup in our waterways through runoff during rainstorms. From an economic and environmental standpoint, it's a good idea to know how much, if any, fertilizer your garden needs.

For best production, a garden soil should be tested every other year. If you want to have an analysis on your soil this year, call the Soil and Plan Analysis Lab at 262-4364 or stop in at 806 S. Park St. to ask for a free sampling kit and instructions. Act soon so you'll be ready to collect your sample when the first warm spell comes along. Deliver the sample in person to the lab or send it parcel post and allow two weeks for results.

by: Joey Mercurio



12"	Cheese	\$2.25
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The 4th Annual TLNA Pizza Sale is now underway.

Orders are being taken by all neighborhood council members. You may also order your pizzas at Newport's Wooden Furnishings, 1257 E. Johnson, or at the TLC office at Lapham, Room 116. To order by phone, call Ann Rulseh (257-8695) or Bob Park (256-7280).

This is a good chance to support your neighborhood association while stocking your freezer for babysitters, unexpected company, last minute suppers, etc., etc....

"WE LIKE DOGS, BUT..."

Last year we made an appeal to pet owners that they try to pick up after their animals. We are not sure how much good that did, but we again urge everyone to give serious attention to this problem. Many people are still hopping mad about having to pick up after someone else's animal and fairly radical solutions continue being discussed. So, carry your pooper-scooper and take the stuff on home with you!!

Of course, Tenney-Lapham is not the only neighborhood facing this problem. We thought you would be interested in how one resident of another urban neighborhood perceives the problem and the solution. Her story, from the Frogtown Forum in St. Paul is entitled:

"I DON'T LIKE DOGS, AND..."

To the people in the ITA area, may I begin by offering you the small consolation that the rest of Frogtown is afflicted with the same problems. In fact, if you like dogs, maybe it's worse down here to the west of you. I have had it with all the items you mentioned -- excrement everywhere, including my yard, incessant barking, running loose animals that terrorize people, even adults, knocked-over, torn-up, spread-around trash, and fights among neighbors over these obnoxious animals.

And -- I would be most supportive of an ordinance that outlawed dogs in the City of St. Paul.

You say people need them for companionship. May I suggest a cat (that stays inside), a gerbil, a teddy bear, a boy friend, a girl friend, a lonely child, or a visit to any of the high-rises.

You say people need them for protection. May I suggest a burglar alarm and a smoke detector. They won't cost much more than a pure-bred Slobberian Sabretooth, and -- they don't have to be housebroken, they don't consume 20 pounds of Purina Chow every week, when they awaken the neighbors at 3:00 a.m., they call the police to help you, not to arrest you.

Other presumably obnoxious animals have apparently been outlawed in the City. At least, I haven't heard or seen any pigs, horses, cows, chickens, ducks, or geese around here.

You say dogs are different. You're right. With the exception of horses, the rest of these animals can supply you with food -- not a bad virtue in these economic times. No pig ever kept me awake all night oinking and snorting. No one ever told me they had to keep their horse outside because it was "trained to kill". A duck can't turn over a 30-pound trash can. I could keep enough geese to supply everyone in Frogtown with a golden egg before my yard would accumulate a pile of goose excrement as big as some of the dog piles I've seen around here. And when was the last time the U.S. Postal service paid out a workers' compensation claim for chicken bite?

I'd settle for an ordinance akin to the rule in a condominium I once lived in: any household may have 15 pounds of animals, 1,000 goldfish, or one small dog. At least with the small ones, the rest of us have a fighting chance. Their shrieks don't carry for blocks. They can't knock down an old person or a child. They might bite, but, unless they're playing vulture on the branch, they can't go for your throat. A trash can has some reasonable hope of defending itself -- and the piles aren't as big...

Before all of the candidates for City office decide they wouldn't touch an "anti-dog" ordinance with a long pole, I hope they will think about how many letter carriers, meter readers, process servers, and parents of paper people vote. Not to mention Avon people, Jehovah's Witnesses, deliverers of the Frogtown Forum, and other people like me who, having determined that dog excrement is not a fossil fuel, do not want to strike any more of it in their yards. They should think, too, about the upcoming elections, and the days and nights when they and their campaign workers will have to go door-to-door in this canine jungle, dropping literature and meeting the citizens. And if that doesn't convince them, perhaps they should ponder the graphic indignity of thousands of hind legs being hoisted to their yard signs....

ANY INTEREST IN GARDEN TOURS??

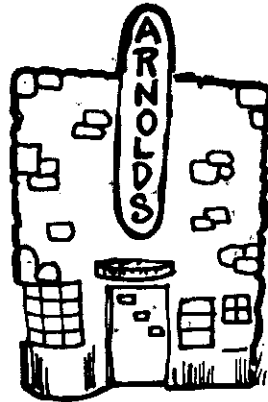
A few neighborhood folks have expressed an interest in planning a walking tour of our area gardens this summer. Anyone interested in either showing and sharing their gardens and gardening ideas or helping plan such a tour project, please get in touch with Joey Mercurio (255-2328) or Lynn Schmidt (256-1360).

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Thinking of improving your home? To do it right, you may need help from a professional architect. Yet, you may feel that you can't afford that kind of service.

That is where Design Coalition can help. Design Coalition is funded by the City of Madison's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program to provide design help to low or moderate income homeowners who want to upgrade their property. The Coalition's architects can help you develop a long-range strategy for making home repairs and improvements. They can tell you how to weatherize for maximum energy and cost efficiency. They can help you develop plans for extensions or better use of your existing space.

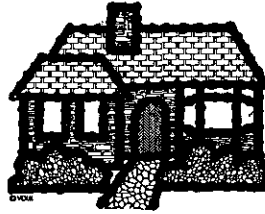
Design Coalition's services range from advice over the phone to design of major projects like remodelings and additions. The Coalition can provide you with complete architectural drawings and specifications, assist you in securing building permits, aid you in getting bids from reliable contractors and oversee construction of your project.

All Design Coalition services are available for a modest fee to homeowners who qualify under city income guidelines. To find out if you qualify, contact the Coalition at 258-8866 or drop by their office at 1201 Williamson Street.

BUILDING AND REMODELING

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1127 EAST GORHAM STREET
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256-1360



Housing Updates

FOR MORE DETAILS ON THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS PLEASE CONTACT DON TROENDLE IN THE LAPHAM HOUSING OFFICE, ROOM 116, OR 258-9060

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...State Home Mortgage Program...

During the past few months, numerous changes have taken place in the cost of mortgage money. The State of Wisconsin's Home Program has made two favorable changes: The first was an interest rate reduction from 13.75% to 12.25% and the second designated the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood as a Target area for the Home Program. Target area designation increases the maximum purchase price of houses funded under the program. The new purchase price limits are \$56,320 for an existing home, \$77,110 for a new home and \$63,415 for an existing duplex.

...Intervention Buying Program...

Another interest rate reduction was implemented by the Tenney-Lapham Corporation Housing Services program in its Intervention Buying Program. The rate was reduced from 10.5% to 5.5% and loan repayment was deferred until the time of sale of the purchased home. The program provides 15% of the purchase price plus 15% of the cost of rehabilitation. Homebuyer's must purchase and convert rental property in need of rehabilitation into owner-occupied homes.

If you are planning on doing improvements to your property this season, now is the time to check on the variety of loan programs available through the Tenney-Lapham Corp., the City of Madison and the State of Wisconsin.

HOUSING POSITION OPEN

The Tenney-Lapham Corporation is seeking a Program Director responsible for operating a neighborhood-based housing services program under the direction of a citizen board of directors. This position is currently held by Don Troendle of the Lapham Housing office. Don will be leaving at the end of April.

Qualified candidates should have:

- housing background including experience in home improvements, home ownership, and investment housing financing or elderly equity conversion options.
- ability to work effectively with landlords, tenants, public officials, lenders and neighborhood residents.
- experience in grant writing and skills in managing a small office.

The position is funded through December, 1983 and continued funding is possible. \$16,000-\$19,000 per year plus a fine benefit package. Send resume by April 15, 1983 to: Tenney-Lapham Corp., Room 116, 1045 E. Dayton St., Madison 53703
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ADVANCE
NOTICE

MESSAGE FROM MIKE

Since the last newsletter we've had a super pot luck and movie night, more people have volunteered as Block Coordinators for Neighborhood Watch and we've been busy planning this month's pizza sale, the 5th annual garage sale (set for June 11th) and a neighborhood picnic at Tenney on June 18th.

Special thanks go to Joey, Gene and Margaret for making the Potluck a success.

With the last newsletter you should have received an orange survey form. While we have received a number of them back, we would still like to receive more input. So, if you've neglected to return the form, I'd like to encourage you to do so now. You may mail them to me or drop them off at my house, 1041 E. Johnson St. Your ideas are always welcome.

Martha has done a beautiful job of collating the results from the surveys. If anyone is interested in working with her in using these documents in planning, please let her know.

As this summer rolls around (I'm told it will!), I'll be naming a nominating committee to select a slate of officers for the fall neighborhood elections. Anyone interested in being on this committee or being an officer next year should let me know.

The editor said I had to keep it short this time so I'll stop now. However, if you want more information about what your association is doing, feel free to give me or any other board member a call. We'd love to hear from you!!

—Mike Tuten
President, TLNA

SATURDAY YOUTH RECREATION

A gym and swim program is available to Tenney-Lapham area families at Lapham School. An introductory session is scheduled for all interested parents on April 30, 1983. This session will allow parents and children to view the facilities and program with the expectation that this program will be available in September on a regular basis.

This program is now organized only for children with handicapping conditions, most with mental retardation or physical disabilities. The goals of the revised program which integrates handicapped and non-handicapped children are:

1. To provide a program that teaches children physical games that can be played with other children in various settings.
2. To promote physical fitness.
3. To provide a medium for potential improvement in socialization skills of participants.
4. To teach physical skills that will enable participants to go on to Y.M.C.A. or neighborhood programs.

The organization of each program is as follows:

- A. Infant Swim (½ hr. session) For children between ages of 3 months and 5 years. Parents must enter water with kids but do not have to be swimmers. An emphasis is placed on water comfort, skill development and safety.
- B. Gym (2 hr. session) For youth of elementary and middle school age. Examples of activities are: circle games, group sports, music, calisthenics, team relays and use of other gym equipment. Children are placed according to their abilities.
- C. Swimming Elementary through high school age. This program would be open only for non-swimmers who need to be taught basic swimming skills. Lapham pool is not made to accommodate good swimmers.

Dependent upon the number of children from the Tenney-Lapham area that enroll, parents may be required to provide some consistent supervisory assistance to the program. Children from the Tenney-Lapham area will be joining ongoing classes with children that are handicapped. Program staff and volunteers in this program currently provide the one-to-one supervision of participants that may be required.

If you are interested, please come to the introductory session:

When: April 30th (please come 15 minutes early)

Where: Lapham School, 1045 E. Dayton St.

Time: A. Gym 10:00-12:00 Noon

B. Infant Swim 11:15 to 11:45 a.m. or,
12:45 to 12:15 p.m.

C. Swimming 9:00 a.m., 9:45: and 10:30

For more details or if interested please call Lynn Schmidt at 256-1360

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Below are the current TLNA Board members. Let them know what's on your mind!!!

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Lynn Schmidt	Vice-President	256-1360
Bob Park	Secr/Treasurer	256-7280
Tom Kasper	Housing	257-8695
Paul Fieber	Publicity	251-3909
Martha Gordon	Education	257-7061
Louie Cornelius	Transportation	251-5860
Judith Blank	Membership/Soc.	257-8403
Joey Mercurio	Area A Repr.	255-2328
Gene Weil	Area B Repr.	251-0637
Margaret Helming	Area C Repr.	251-1876

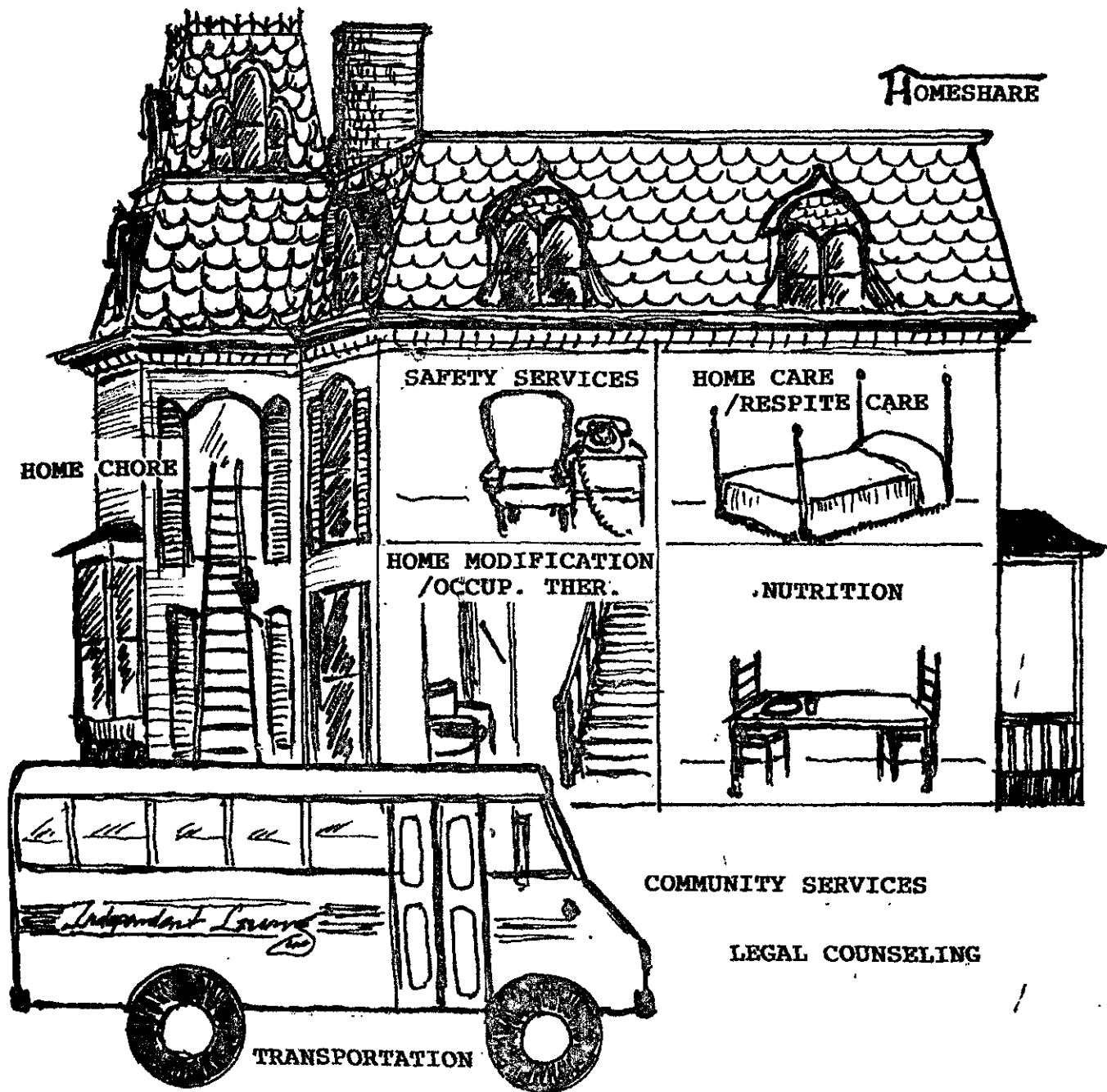
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Independent Living 251-8400



Independent Living, Inc. is a non-profit agency designed to serve the people of Madison and Dane Co. who are over the age of 60, and who are living in their own homes or apartments.

Frequently, people find they are able to continue living independently with a little support. Independent Living tries to provide as much of that support as possible, whether it is in the form of transportation, hot meals, safety equipment, telephone reassurance, or referrals to other agencies. For service descriptions, see other side.

Independent Living is funded by federal, state and local monies via grants from the City of Madison and Dane Co., the United Way of Dane Co. and contributions and donations from clients and others.

INDEPENDENT LIVING SERVICE COMPONENTS

TRANSPORTATION

Provides transportation services in Madison and Dane County to persons 60 years and older and some younger handicapped. Services include rides to nutrition sites, grocery stores, shopping centers, medical appointments and some special events. 197,000 rides in Madison and Dane County were provided by the agency in 1982.

NUTRITION

Primary manager of the Dane County Nutrition Program for 16 congregate sites: Madison (7), Sun Prairie, Mt. Horeb, Waunakee, Oregon, Stoughton, Mazomanie, Marshall, Dane, and Fitchburg; and home delivered meals. 186,892 meals were served in 1982.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Provides social services counseling, information & referral, and case management. 850 unduplicated elderly clients were served in 1982. Also, administers the Home Care/Respite and Home Chore Programs.

Home Care/Respite Program

Provides Home Care and Respite to Madison and Dane County Elderly. Services include companionship, client health and mental health monitoring, errands, grocery shopping, and meal preparation. Independent Living provides 1,350 hours of Home Care/Respite Care in 1982.

Home Chore

Provides heavy duty chores, such as lawn care, snow shoveling, washing floors and windows, storm window removal and odd jobs. 2,730 home chore visits were provided to Dane County elderly in 1982.

VOLUNTEER SERVICES

Provides daily telephone reassurance calls, security checks, and friendly visitors to elderly clients. Other services include the Vial of Life, Whistle Program, and Fraud Prevention. 1,345 clients were served in 1982 with the help of more than 800 volunteers.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Occupational therapists provided in-home safety assessments, home modification and safety equipment installation and rentals. 2,136 elderly clients were served in 1982.

HOMESHARE

Elderly persons with homes to share are matched with live-ins persons who assist with security and some household tasks. 28 households received live-in in 1982.

RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES IN THE TENNEY/LAPHAM NEIGHBORHOOD

Madison School-Community Recreation Department offerings:

AQUATICS

Paul Daniels 266-6079

Location: Lapham School

- Infant and Preschool Instruction
Bring your children age six months through five years and enjoy learning to swim in Lapham's ninety degree pool. Qualified instructors teach children water safety and swimming skills while making sure they learn to have fun in the water
- Infant and Preschool Open Swim
A time when parents and children age six months through five years can enjoy unstructured use of the pool. Practice new swimming skills or just play-it's up to you!
- Older Adult Swim
Adults 50 and older can enjoy swimming in Lapham's ninety degree therapeutic pool with an entrance ramp. You can benefit from instruction, exercise, games and open swimming

Location: East High School

- Youth Instruction
Learn essential swimming skills from qualified instructors in this Saturday program for students 5 years through grade 8
- Youth Recreation Swims
Have fun on a Friday night practicing swimming skills or just relaxing. Bring a group or come alone. For students in grades 3 through 12
- Adult Instruction
Learn basic swimming skills or tackle advanced skills while gaining self-confidence and fitness
- Adult and Family Swims
This is your time to bring your household to enjoy unstructured use of the pool
- Adult and High school Lap Swims
The pool is open for 45 minutes of lap swimming following Adult instruction and Adult/Family swims

Location: Tenney Beach

- Youth Instruction
Have fun in the sun, enjoy the lake and learn swimming skills from qualified instructors. For children 5 years through grade 8.

DISCOUNT SWIM TICKETS- available for non instructional swim programs. Call for prices.

ADULT LEISURE

Stu Hardtke 266-6075

Location: East High School

- Tennis Instruction
Learn how to play tennis in either beginner or advanced beginner/intermediate classes. Doubles and open play are also offered with an instructor available upon request.
- Co-ed Badminton
Enjoy exercise and meet friends while playing badminton. Open play for all levels
- Co-ed Volleyball
You can have fun while enjoying competition playing volleyball. Choose teams each night. No referees or standings kept.
- Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)
Learn and become proficient in the life saving techniques of CPR through lecture film, demonstrations and hands on practice. This can lead to American Heart Association Certification
- Car Care for the Non Mechanic
You can learn how to change tires, check tire pressure, change oil, jump start a car and more through audio-visual display and hands-on practice.
- Furniture Refinishing Instruction
This is your chance to finally learn how to refinish or antique your furniture. Beginners only.
- Furniture Refinishing Lab
Obtain consultation and assistance with your projects. For individuals with previous instruction.
- Cabinetmaking
Learn the beautiful art of cabinetmaking in this class.
- Jewelry Design and Art Metal
You can learn the skill of designing and making your own silver jewelry and setting stones.

Location: Marquette Middle School

- Women's Volleyball Techniques
Have fun learning beginning or power volleyball skills
- Coed Volleyball
Enjoy friendly competition playing volleyball. Choose teams each night with no referees or standings kept.
- Softball Pitchers Clinic
 1. For the fast pitch pitcher new to the game or pitched one year. Learn basic motion, how to throw curve or rise ball etc.
 2. For the experienced fast pitch pitcher. Work out kinks for the season.
- Jazz Dance
Get into condition with jazz dance movement to music. Learn basic jazz techniques Any skill level is welcome.
- Intermediate Bridge
Learn opponents bidding, overcalls, doubling, conventions, details into play of hand

Location: Lapham School

- Aerobic Exercise
Improve your fitness the enjoyable way with aerobic exercise once or twice/week

SPORTS

Call 266-6080

- Adult Leagues
Enjoy year round competition in touch football, volleyball, basketball, softball
- Youth Leagues
Learn sportsmanship, improve skills and have fun playing baseball or softball

Location: Tenney Park

- Ice Skating Instruction Call 266-6070
Learn to ice skate close to home at beautiful Tenney rink. Skate rental available

SPECIAL RECREATION

Chad Thom 266-6072

Location: Lapham School

- Swimming for Disabled Adults
For adults 18 years and older with mental, emotional, or multiple disabilities
- Swimming for Physically Disabled Adults
Adults 18 and older who have a physical disability are encouraged to develop swimming skills and water safety. Good time to exercise and socialize.
- Action East Club
Mentally retarded adults 16 and older participate in social recreation and special events.
- Coed Sports League
Adults 16 and older with developmental and emotional disabilities play volleyball basketball and softball.
- Sports Skills Workshop
Open to developmentally or emotionally disabled adults 18 and older in volleyball basketball and softball.
- Mainstreamed Saturday Recreation (beginning Sept. 1983)
For children in the Tenney/Lapham area and children with handicapping conditions to enjoy swimming and gym activity together

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

SUMMER CULTURAL ARTS

Kert Bliss 266-6425

Location: Tenney Beach

- Art Cart: Sandcasting
Enjoy the sun and beach while learning to sandcast. June 19 and July 31 1-5pm
- Art Cart: General Project Art June 21-24

Location: Emerson Elementary School

- Summer Fun Class: Pottery For children grades 3-5 and 6-8.

Location: East High School

- Modern Contemporary Dance For children grades 4-8.

OLDER ADULTS

Wilbur Johnson 266-6423

Location: Tenney Park Apartments
302 N. Baldwin

- Tenney Park Card Club for older adults age 50 and older to enjoy company and good card games. Meets 1pm Mondays

Compiled by:
Tenney/Lapham Neighborhood Association
Madison School-Community Recreation Dept.
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