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The Newsletter of the Old Market Place and Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Associations

March/April 1996

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March 14, 1996

Regular Board Meeting 7:00

Issue: Fundraising

April 11, 1996

Pot-Luck at 6:00, General meeting 7:00

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Apartments Community Room

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March 19, 1996

April 16, 1996

7:00 p.m.

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Business Changes On East Johnson

Teena Browder, Business Chair TLNA

Take a look and notice the changes in the business community on East Johnson Street. In February, Florilegium Antiques and Needlework shop moved across the street to a large space at 823 E. Johnson St. The new space provides much needed room, including space for classes, and keeps a new and successful business in the neighborhood.

The space vacated by Florilegium was filled immediately by Williams Fine Art Studio. Jack Williams is a painter whose work includes mural and commissions in almost any medium. Much of Jack's work is sold through dealers on the East and West Coasts. The studio is also a gallery which is open for business Tuesday through Friday from 11 until 6 and Saturdays by appointment. The antiques in the gallery belong to Jack's wife Maria, an antique dealer, specializing in vintage clothing, limoge china, and other fine bric-a-brac. This new business perfectly compliments the Art & Antiques and fine craftsman feel of the neighborhood.

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Historic Preservation and the Diocese

Jane Easley

As you may know, a historic landmark, the Catholic Diocese Building on East Wilson Street is in jeopardy of being torn down. Instead, our Mayor would like to build a new hotel to accommodate the Convention Center on the site, one of three sites being considered. We cannot allow this building to be torn down. He and many others fail to realize that our country desperately needs to protect historic landmarks.

A beautiful oasis, the Diocese building has a stately, yet humble façade recessed from the sidewalk, framed by trees and stylized lamps. It maintains a visual harmony among its neighboring buildings, the Madison Club and the Bellevue Apartments. Together, these three buildings maintain a strong link to Madison's past, something for which Madisonians are justifiably proud. Furthermore, all three buildings' green grounds provide the eyes and minds of passers-by with a restful break from pavement, glass and cement. Wouldn't you need one yourself after emerging from a state crackerbox building?

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"IN ALDER WORDS..."

Barbara Vedder

As the days grow longer once again and the advent of Spring is upon us, it's time to think ahead about some spring-related issues. One such issue is that of parks. The Madison Park Commission is soliciting requests for capital improvements, like the purchase and installation of new equipment, the construction of new facilities, or the improvement of existing facilities (items related to playgrounds, sports, benches, etc). Both alders and neighborhood associations have been contacted regarding this and I'd like to extend this invitation to each of you. If you have any suggestions, please contact me ASAP since the selection process begins in March.

Also, in the various requests I made for the 1996 City Budget, the reconstruction of North Few Street between East Washington Avenue and East Gorham Street as well as Elizabeth Street between North Few and North Baldwin Streets were ones which made top priority with work beginning there very shortly in the beginning of spring.

Another opportunity for your input is in regard to possible candidates for neighborhood rehabilitation or redevelopment. The City's Capital Revolving Fund provides financial assistance to projects that promote housing, economic development and revitalization, and is available only in the city's older neighborhoods which

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Neighborhood Steering Committee Allocates 1996 CDBG Funds

Rob Latousek

On January 8 and February 12 the Tenney-Lapham/Old Market Place Neighborhood Steering Committee agreed on proposals for the commitment of funds allocated to the area by the Community Development Block Grant Commission for 1996.

The first proposal involves a commitment of \$72,000 to the Madison Development Corp. (MDC) for a Micro-Enterprise Loan Program targeted at businesses in Census Tract 18, with particular marketing emphasis on businesses in the East Johnson Business District. Loans may be in the \$2,000-20,000 range, with the expectation of a total of 12 loans, averaging \$6,250. To receive loans, borrowers will be required to take training courses, such as those offered by the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at the UW, which would be paid for by a scholarship fund included as a part of this program. Applicants for this loan program must either qualify according to CDBG income eligibility requirements or be able to guarantee the creation of new employment for an income-eligible person, based on the size of the loan. Payments on these loans will be recycled back into new loans, thereby extending the potential life of the program to approximately ten years or longer, if needed. *continued on page 7*

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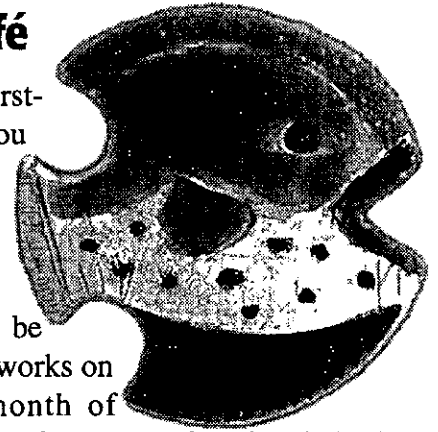
During the Christmas season several years ago, while waiting for the traffic light to turn at the intersection of East Johnson and North Paterson, we suddenly noticed a group of women crossing the street in front of us. Each one carried a bright, shiny, pink shopping bag from the Boston Store. The residents of Arc House were returning from their Christmas shopping trip to East Towne.

ARC House, which is located at 202 N. Paterson, is a "halfway house" for adult women who have become involved with the criminal justice system. It was established at its present location in 1976 by a group of persons who wanted to serve women in need. Upon surveying the needs of women in Madison, the group found that the neediest women were those who were returning to the community after spending time in jail.

According to Paulette Romashko, the program services director of Arc House, women who have been in jail are a low risk, high need population. Most of the residents of Arc House have been found guilty of property crimes such as shoplifting, prostitution, and forgery. And most have resorted to these crimes to support a drug or alcohol habit. The residents are at least eighteen years of age; however most of the residents at any one time are thirty or older. Ms. Romashko said that 85% of the women who have been residents of Arc House were sexually abused early in life and are using drugs or alcohol to deal with the pain in their lives. *continued on page 9*

"KIDZART" Exhibit in March at ArtHouse Café

Is it Picasso, or a first-grader? Sometimes you can't be too sure. The simplicity and whimsy, the brightness and energy associated with the modern master can be found in the student artworks on display during the month of March at the ArtHouse Cafe, as part of National Youth Arts Month.



The second annual KIDZART exhibit will feature the work of over 30 Near East Side elementary students from Marquette, Lapham, Emerson, Lowell and Hawthorne Schools. The exhibit will include a wide variety of two-dimensional work; oil and watercolor paintings, drawings, cut paper assemblages, and more.

"KIDZART was our most successful exhibit last year," said ArtHouse Cafe owner Karen Milán Kass. "I still get customers saying how wonderful it was and asking if there'll be another one this year, so we're happy to make this an annual event." Kass noted that several of the student artists sold their works during KIDZART '95.

Lapham students exhibiting at KIDZART '96 include Eilish Connor, Ellie Glunn, Madeline Kasper, *continued on page 4*

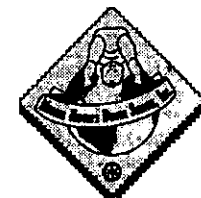


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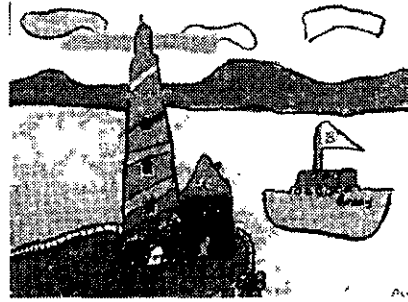
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Wexler. Marquette
exhibitors include
Clara Beyer, David
Blodgett, Jessica

Goodburn, Monte Hudson, Rachel Kroencke, and
Maria Schirmer.

The ArtHouse will hold a special reception on Sunday afternoon, March 10, 1996, in honor of the KIDZART participants, their parents and art teachers. The reception will run from 4:00-5:00 PM and will feature an awards presentation as well as entertainment and refreshments.

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East side residents and ArtHouse supporters Judy Garcia-Landsman and Howard Landsman are back for their second year as organizers of KIDZART. Judy, an O'Keefe Middle School teacher and artist, has exhibited her photography and craft items at the ArtHouse.

The ArtHouse Cafe is located at 2827 Atwood Avenue, 1 block west of Fair Oaks, in the Near East Side's growing arts and entertainment district. ■



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Pangaea Coffee House is also planning a move, downstairs to the former Whole Earth Grocery space. Moving downstairs will make the coffee house more accessible and provides more room for Madison's first "Cyber Café". In February, Pangaea installed a computer and modem to offer public access to the Internet through an agreement with Surf Madison, the local Dane County - related bulletin board service. The service is currently limited to sending and receiving e-mail and special interest discussions via newsgroups. The service will be free until March 14th and will afterwards be available for a small fee. Web access and additional terminals will be added with the move downstairs. Pangaea's Internet access was reported on the local television news and received some great exposure in a Capital Times feature article.

In May, Papendieck's Upholstery will move to Middleton. Greg Papendieck has been at 821 East Johnson Street for thirteen years and leaves the neighborhood reluctantly. His business has outgrown

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its pace and there isn't a space in the neighborhood large enough to provide the work area and loading facilities needed. We hope everyone will look for Papendieck's at their new location behind the Old Stamm House off Century Avenue in Middleton.

By the time that this newsletter is delivered, Scarborough Faire will be replaced with a new business. Details will follow in the next newsletter.

We would like to give special thanks to Fred Nutt (husband of Florilegium's Gretchen). Fred and his son's scout troop sold the fresh green garlands strung in front of the shops for the Holidays and provided much needed manpower for hanging them. As always, it is a pleasure doing business in the neighborhood. ■

Tenney-Lapham/Old Market Place Home/Area Improvement

Independent Living, Inc. and Project Home, Inc., with the Community Development Block Grant funding, are working in the Tenney-Lapham/Old Market Place neighborhoods in 1996 to help moderate and low income homeowners...especially the elderly and people with disabilities.

An experienced team can do a free no-obligation assessment for eligible homeowners. After discussing their findings with the homeowners, Independent Living and Project Home can offer the following services:

Home Security: The following items may be installed at no cost to the homeowner:

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Bars on basement windows

smoke detectors

motion lighting

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Home Repair: At much-reduced rates, crucial home repairs may be done: carpentry such as; repairing unsafe steps and railings, structural repairs including roof repair, minor electrical and plumbing furnace checks and replacements.

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Madison should follow our country's growing trend to capitalize on the draw which historic districts provide to cities and enhance tourism, the economy, and the culture. The existence of historic buildings reflect a level of pride and caring among our citizens. Consider the Main Street projects that have brought prosperity to many towns within Wisconsin alone.

The Madison Club and the Diocese building work in harmony with the Bellevue Apartment building to point to a very significant period in Madison's social and architectural history. The Classical Revival style in downtown Madison as well as open spaces and landscaping, recall the local impact of the *City Beautiful* movement that followed the Columbian Exposition of 1893 in Chicago. America's premier landscape architect, Frederick Law Olmstead, was asked to contribute his expertise to this Columbian Exposition. He, in turn, urged the fair's organizers to create a layout that emphasized harmony and unified buildings and grounds. Back in Madison the influence of the Columbian Exposition was profound.

In their day, the planners of this area (and also the Post Office and Courthouse Building) hoped that these buildings would be a grand approach to the capitol building. Olin added that if the people are denied greenspace, such as the Diocese building provides, it would be a tragic form of impoverishment.

What is left of this downtown area recalls the ambiance of the city at the culmination of its most successful period of urban improvement. Furthermore, the construction of a new proposed hotel on the historically significant site of the Diocese building between the Bellevue and the Madison Club would work to further disregard the life of the people living on or

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HISTORIC WALKING TOUR BOOKLET

Rob Latousek

The Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association set up an ad hoc committee in 1991 to study the history of the neighborhood and investigate the possibility of publishing a historical walking tour booklet, similar to those published over the last ten years for other areas of the City of Madison. Members of the committee included Rick Bernstein, Rebecca Sample Bernstein, Martha Kilgour, Ed Kuharski, Rob Latousek, Brian McCormick, Valerie Mellerop, Sonia Newenhouse, and Jane Scharer. Several topics were researched, and articles were written for the neighborhood newsletter. A preliminary survey of neighborhood architecture was conducted, and a list of potential candidates for a walking tour booklet created. Discussions with Katherine Rankin, the City's Preservation Planner, have supported the idea that the neighborhood has enough historic architecture and significance to warrant the publication of its own walking tour booklet.

Michael Tuten is a neighborhood resident and former president of both TLNA and the Madison Trust
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near the isthmus or the civic functioning of the city. The essence of the work of Olin and his peers was to create an urban environment conducive to the health and pleasure to the people of Madison, including visitors to Madison and the convention center who could walk a block or two from their hotel room and enjoy what they see of the city of Madison along the way. This group of beautifully preserved

buildings offers the visitor and the resident a small respite from harsh reality, and maintains a thread of continuity with the city's past (thus far).

Those who oppose the destruction of this building are encouraged to call Barbara Vedder, our Alderperson.

Excerpts taken from Jane Bisley's National Register of Historic Places Registration form, January 1992. ■

CDBG Funds cont'd from p. 2

The second proposal allocates the remaining \$20,000 to the Red Caboose Day Care Center for the expansion of their *Summer Program for School Age Children* at Lapham School to include 14 new positions supported by scholarships for residents of Census Tract 18 who fulfill CDBG income eligibility requirements. A committee of neighborhood residents and school counselors will determine any further criteria necessary to determine qualified candidates for the limited number of positions. This is viewed as a pilot project, for which the Steering Committee plans to apply to local, private funding sources for future support.

Copies of the complete Neighborhood Plan are still available from several sources: Dept. of Planning and Development, 215 Martin Luther King Blvd., Room G-100; Cork & Bottle; Lapham School Parent Info Table; Camelot Rental Office; the Livery office, 200 N. Blount; or call Richard Linster at 251-1937. A copy of the report has been uploaded to the Tenney-Lapham web site (<http://danenet.wiclip.org/tlna>). ■

On March 26 at 7pm a preliminary meeting will be held for the 1st Neighborhood Workshop Series to be held in May. The workshop will be on low cost historic improvements to your house. All interested people are welcome to attend.

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ALDER WORDS cont'd from p. 2

include the Old Market Place and Tenney-Lapham areas. Eligible projects include new construction or revitalization of residential, commercial or mixed use. The Fund is revolving with loan terms that repay the city eventually. Again, I should receive any ideas you might have now, since the process of selection begins in March. If you have any questions about this program, you can contact Jerry Tucker at the De-partment of Planning and Development at 266-4222.

Just a brief update on the Fiore Center...I set up a public meeting in December with Mr. Blevins from the daycare center which was interested in locating at that site. Since then, they have decided against the location because of financial constraints. In January I met with George Austin, Director of the Department of Planning and Development, as well as two other staffpersons. It was a very positive, constructive exchange of information and brainstorming. We'll all be meeting with the President and another representative from Fiore in March. Finally, before all the snow has disappeared, I wanted to let you know of another issue I'm exploring; namely, that of snow (non)removal on sidewalks and curbcuts. It is dangerous for anyone, and especially a problem for people with mobility impairments. The only current solution the city has is to fine offenders when someone complains. I'm interested in your ideas, both on a city-wide as well as a neighborhood/block level. Please call me regarding any of these issues at 249-8428. ■

Gardening Design

Lynn Sommers.

My seed and garden catalogs began arriving in December. By January I'd filled in all my order blanks and in February I was about to write out the checks. But as it happens every, year, I had to come to grips with two problems: lack of space for the Versailles size garden I'd imagined and the lack of funds to match it.

Even a garden designer is prone to being over enthusiastic but choices have to be made and realistic goals must be set to achieve a satisfying garden. Even the smallest sliver of space can be gorgeous if one follows a few simple guidelines.

Garden Site Placement Years ago my landscaping teacher told our class, "Never plant a garden in the front yard." He wanted us to understand that circumstances can sometimes prevent one from tending the garden in a timely fashion. A point to be taken and considered strongly before digging up your front lawn. Think about those leggy and bedraggled petunias you neglected to shear back last July. How about the powdery mildewed bee balm that should have been cut down after the first flush of bloom. They didn't look so awful in the back yard but had that neglect taken place in the front yard it would have been more than a sad sight. It's an invitation to any nefarious characters: "I'm not home"; "On vacation." Think carefully about whether you can faithfully tend a front garden. I like front gardens. They are a gift

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Arc House cont'd from p. 3

Arc House has twelve beds which are funded by the Department of Probation and Parole for women who are returning to the community after being incarcerated. An additional three beds are funded by the Division of Intensive Sanctions. These last beds are for women who have committed a crime for which they would normally be imprisoned. However, the threat to society from these woman is deemed minimal and so rather than being sent to prison, they are sent to Arc House for a period of time. The in-house program for Arc House residents lasts from 3 to 4 months.

Upon entering Arc House, residents become involved in a highly structured, highly supervised program of counseling, chemical dependency assessment and education, vocational assessment, employment and/or educational placement and support network development, all of which are designed to help the resident gain the skills necessary for independent living. Necessarily, the resident must follow a set of strict rules and guidelines and remain free of alcohol and drugs while living at Arc House.

The first two weeks of residence are a probationary period and are spent in the house working with staff, who assess the needs and skills of the resident and develop a case plan for the resident. After two weeks, if the resident has not violated any of the house rules, she is allowed to leave the house for

Arc House cont'd

short trips within the neighborhood to look for a job, and to use the phone. The residents must get permission from the staff and sign out specifying the expected time of return before leaving the premises.

Residents who successfully manage these privileges without violating any rules are gradually granted more freedoms, such as extended day passes, weekend stay-overs for children, and weekend passes. Any infringement of the rules always means a loss of privileges, with more serious infringements causing the loss of more privileges.

One of the first tasks of the new resident of Arc House, after spending the first two weeks developing a plan and becoming initiated to the workings of Arc House, is to get a job. Most residents of Arc House are unskilled and many dropped out of school before graduating, so their employment is limited to cleaning, fast food restaurants, and retail stores. Some residents are able to earn a GED which increases their vocational opportunities. Gaining employment is a big morale booster for the women. The money earned by each woman is set aside and saved for future needs, such as the security deposit on an apartment.

Since most of the women were alcohol and/or drug dependent before their problems with the justice system began, an important aspect of the Arc House program involves the assessment and treatment of alcohol and drug abuse. Women receive individual and group counseling, attend AA meetings, and are randomly tested for drug and alcohol use at least once each week. Women are also tested for drug and alcohol use after returning from a family visit, and

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may be called back to the house for a test during a weekend pass.

Due in large part to their previous addiction to drugs and alcohol, many of the women are in poor health. A public health nurse does an initial assessment of each resident, but subsequent health care must be paid for privately or else provided by non-profit organizations like Madison Community Health. Asthma and dental problems are common among the residents of Arc House.

During the last four to six weeks of the Arc House program, residents move into their own apartment so that they can become accustomed to living on their own while still under the Arc House program. The successful resident remains involved in the Arc House after-care program which consists of attending meetings and counseling sessions for six months following her residence. At the end of the entire ten month treatment program, the woman is eligible to graduate from Arc House provided she has been recommended by three members of the staff. Ms. Romashko said that a majority of the residents graduate having successfully learned to be "clean in the community". She also told us that over 85% of those women who graduate from the program return to the community and experience no further problems with the justice system.

How can the residents of Arc House and the other members of our community help each other? Arc House residents are always available and eager to take part in community projects. If you need leafleters or helpers with a service project, contact the staff of Arc House at 283-6430. On the other hand, Arc House residents are always in need of clothing and household items for the time when they are ready to move into their own apartment. Any donations you wish to make may be left at Arc House, 202 N. Paterson. ■

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If you were at least 18 and a Wisconsin resident whose income was less than \$19,154 you may qualify for homestead. You are not eligible if you are claimed as a dependent on someone else's 1995 federal income tax return and you cannot file homestead with Form WI-Z.

If it appears that you qualify, get a copy of the orange colored Schedule H at a post office or library. Double check the requirements and read the form's instructions; completing the form is quick and simple. Basically, the rent paid and annual income determine the homestead credit. Have your landlord fill out the rent certificate which gives you the necessary information to complete the Schedule H. When sending in your completed tax form, enclose the homestead form and rent certificate.

If the landlord refuses to complete the certificate a renter will have to figure out the rent paid following the instructions on page 7 and enclose copies of cancelled checks or money orders; write "landlord refuses to sign" at the top of the rent certificate.

If you have already filed you will need to write "Income tax return previously filed" at the top of the Schedule H. Attach to the Schedule H a complete copy of your WI income tax return with "duplicate" written across the top. If you filed a Form 1 or 1NPR you will also need to attach a copy of your federal tax return and supporting schedules.

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Homestead cont'd

In summary, the Homestead Credit can help ease the burden of paying rent. A windfall of potentially hundreds of dollars is possible. Check it out; fill it out—there is nothing to lose. ■

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and an opportunity to interact with your neighbors.

Plant Selection Exciting as those flower catalogs are, don't skip over the woody landscape selections. Of course we want to have stunning, fragrant, ethereal flowers but gardens require a strong backbone that only woody landscape plants can give. Now is the time to observe the drama of the shrub and tree form. The River Birch and Burning Bush really show off their bark; the Zumi crabapple and American cranberry (*Viburnum trilobum* for the birds please) can't be beat for winter fruit beauty. Even the ubiquitous Spirea shrubs and Juniper hedges break up the monotonous and barren landscape. Along with their beauty these plants proved a home for wildlife. If your lot won't allow for any of these plantings consider some of the grasses or sedges now gaining in popularity and readily available. Not only beautiful to look at the but just listen to the sound of their frozen blades as they shift about in the breeze.

Color Don't be afraid to bend a few rules but try to limit your pallet to three colors. Cool and old fashioned shades of pink/rose, purple and white/silver blend beautifully and provide a sense of relief during the high heat of summer. Hot and contemporary combinations of red, orange and purple brighten up shady areas that sometimes seem to blend into the forgotten section of the lawn. Trying to decide with way to go - warmer cool colors? Generally use warm colors for distant beds and large patios and cool colors for small beds. Above all, keep colors harmonious. Take into account the color of your house and foundation and also look up at the roof. Stand across

Garden cont'd

the street and try to envision the effect you want to create.

Budget Just a brief word. Don't believe that a perennial flower bed planted once will last forever. Perennials need dividing every two to three years and occasionally die out due to winter or insect damage. Perennial gardens have shorter bloom periods and require more plants and careful planning to achieve color all season long. Strive for a color and financial balance by purchasing perennials and annuals. The annuals will cost less, allow your greater flexibility with color experimentation, and give you color all season long. Just remember to set aside some of your budget for purchasing bulbs in the fall. We wait so long for spring...let your long wait be rewarded with the first tulips and daffodils to bloom on your block. ■


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Who is eligible: Guidelines: a 1 person household with an annual income of less than \$29,100.00; 2 person household with an annual income of less than \$33,300.00; 3 person household with an annual income of less than \$37,450.00; or a 5 person household with an annual income of less than \$41,600.00.

Don't let needed safety concerns or repairs go undone. Independent Living and Project Home want to help. To find out if you qualify, call Terri at Project Home 246-3737. ■

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for Historic Preservation. He has contributed photographs to other historic walking tour booklets, as well as the Trust's annual awards program, and has volunteered his services in producing all necessary photographs for this booklet.

In order to accomplish the additional research and writing that needs to be done, the neighborhood proposes to hire a historic preservation consultant, Timothy Heggland, who has worked on similar walking tour booklets for other downtown Madison neighborhoods and actually grew up in the neighborhood.

Katherine Rankin, Preservation Planner for the City of Madison, has offered her own editorial services, as well as the support services of city staff for preparation of the text, maps, and final camera-ready copy for the printer. They have a wealth of experience preparing other such booklets and have access to excellent maps and good technical tools for this work.

The Madison Gas & Electric Foundation, which has been involved in several aspects of our neighborhood planning process, is offering to assist in this proposed publication by donating the necessary printing materials and services.

The format of the walking tour booklet would
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It Takes A Neighborhood

Deborah Jackson Klein

Every shoreline begins with a grain of sand. A plant with a seed. A project's life stems out of an idea, perhaps a fleeting thought transpired in the wee hours of the morning. But every idea is a potential seed waiting to spring alive.

In the cool of the Autumn nights an idea to bring together the local Neighborhood Associations - the Isthmus Neighborhood Council (INC.) - flourished under the guidance of a few determined people. Perhaps flourished is too great a word for this endeavor, but INC was alive- being fed by the interest, creativity of its members with City Council Representatives who believed in its importance.

As the months passed I watched with wonder as the process took shape. People coming together to determine the first of many goals- in this case a small but important goal- a solution to the chaotic frenzy of snow removal with its impact on parking. Not an entirely glamorous topic, but one that affects almost every downtown resident.

The problems turned into some definitive

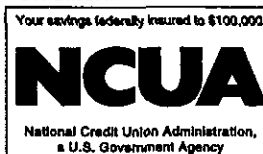
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It Takes a Neighborhood cont'd

solutions guided by the expertise of Council members with City staffers. In the end, solid recommendations were made. Some were even listened to! The voice of the people was heard.

Does a grain of sand make a shoreline?

As I traveled throughout Iowa in the late January-helping with town hall meetings modeled after "We the People/Wisconsin," I listened with amazement to citizens across that state asking the government to lend its support in bringing back our neighborhoods, our communities with our families.

Over and over I listened to the voices searching for answers. Searching for an answer that is so basic to our core its simplicity is often overlooked. Government can not bring back our neighborhoods. It is a task which can only be brought to fruition by the acknowledgment and sacrifice of its people. The process takes work, time, and energy. But it is as simple and rewarding as sitting around a kitchen table with neighbors to define a problem and its solution, see through its execution and realize its results.

Can a seed survive without water?

Returning to the frenzy of the snowy streets of Madison, I became disenchanted and frustrated over what we had earlier deemed achievement of our process. But somewhere in those snow capped streets I realized that our achievements for last fall, however small, were far greater than imagined. We had planted a seed. The results need not be big for success. The process just needs to be started. ■

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The War At Home Revisited: Domestic Violence

Kathi Bresnehan

In 1972, The American Medical Association reported that as many as one in three women will be assaulted by a domestic partner in her lifetime (4 million in a given year). In 1991, six out ten women murdered were killed by someone they knew. The US Surgeon General ranked abuse by husbands and partners as the leading cause of injuries to women aged 15 to 44. Health and Social Services Secretary Donna Shalala has warned, "Domestic violence is an unacknowledged epidemic in our society." Abuse cuts across all racial, ethnic, religious, and socio-economic lines. Robert Geffner, president of the Family Violence and Sexual Assault Institute in Tyler Texas says, "I'm treating physicians, attorneys, a judge and professors who are, or were, battered women. Intelligent people let this happen, too. What goes on in the home does not relate to what's outside."

Howard Erlanger of the University of Wisconsin found that 25% of his sample of American adults actually approved of husband-wife battles. What is more surprising was that the greater the educational level, the greater was the acceptance of marital violence. The study also showed that contrary to popular belief, low-income respondents were no more




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prone to, nor more readily accepting of violence in the home than were middle or upper income respondents. Jacqueline Campbell, a researcher in domestic violence at Johns Hopkins University, concludes that a woman's risk of being battered "has little to do with her and everything to do with who she marries or dates."

A recent study in Milwaukee found that 95% of assaultive men arrested were not prosecuted, and only 1% were convicted. Faced with real violence and years of terror and battering, psychiatrists often mislabel patients, mistaking the after effects of prolonged trauma for a personality disorder, labeling the woman as "self-defeating" or masochistic when they should be diagnosed as suffering from post-traumatic stress.

Risk-markers of men who batter, a 1994 analysis by Richard J. Gelles, Regina Lackner and Glenn D. Wolfner indicates: Previous domestic violence is the highest factor for future abuse. Homes with two of the following show twice as much violence as those with none. In those with seven or more factors, the violence rate is 40 times higher:

- Male unemployed
- Male uses illicit drugs at least once each year
- Both partners have different religious backgrounds
- Male saw father hit mother
- Both partners cohabitate
- Male has blue-collar occupation
- Male didn't graduate from High School
- Male is between 18 and 30
- Both use severe violence toward children in the home
- Total family income is below the poverty line.

Primary characteristics of the most brutal batterers: The most brutal batterers make up the smallest group of batterers: rather than becoming more agitated during an attack, their heart rate drops, they are calculated and focused. The second most dangerous

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types are "loose cannons," men with poor impulse control. Men who batter share an important similarity; they deny what they've done, minimize attacks and always blame the victim.

Domestic violence finally came out in the open and gained a voice following the O.J. Simpson trial, the Karen Straw acquittal for murder, and Hedda Nussbaum's testimony concerning systematic beatings by Joel Steinberg and the death of her adopted daughter. We tend to dismiss these cases as anomalies and yet, the statistics say otherwise. Figure that one in every four women you know will be a victim of violence. Is your mother, sister, best friend or neighbor in a violent relationship now? Are quietly putting up an occasional slap, kick, punch, or constant verbal abuse? Does your spouse completely control the finances in your family? Does he switch from charm to anger without warning? Call **Advocates for Battered Women** at 251-1237 for more information or help. ■

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Safety Committee Meets With Area Officers

Kathi Bresnehan, TLNA Safety Chair

The newly authorized Safety Committee met with Captain George Silverwood, Patrol Officers Sue Armagast and Dan Olivas on Monday, January 22, 1996. Captain Silverwood is the new Commander of the Central District, replacing outgoing Captain Jeffrey Frye on January 2, 1996.

Silverwood believes in a "customer service approach" to the neighborhood. He came to hear what we see as neighborhood priorities and to work with us.

Madison is below the statewide staffing average of police officers per 1,000 people. In 1996, the MPD will be adding six new officers to the force, and eight in 1997. Twenty-five percent of the funding for new officers is provided by the federal government, the remaining seventy-five percent comes from the city.

We talked about the problems we perceived in the Neighborhood. We discussed transfer of information between the MPD and the Dane County drug and Task Force. Officer Armagast gave us a description of how she handles various problems on her beat. She also told us how information is handed down shift to shift.

Different shifts have entirely different problems and players. It sometimes seems that rather than working the same streets while on patrol, the officers are working entirely different areas.

We were given this brief description of the differences between theft burglary, and robbery:
Theft A person enters an unlocked door or removes items from an open garage or front porch;
Burglary Forced entry through locked door, porch, window, etc.;
Robbery Threat of bodily harm (armed robbery, knife or gun used, physical violence) in conjunction with taking something. ■

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follow the model of the other such booklets published for downtown Madison neighborhoods. It will include descriptions and photographs of approximately 25 historic places (parks, residences, and commercial buildings) in the neighborhood and a map legend of the entire neighborhood with selected places highlighted for the walking tour. An initial printing of 5,000 copies is planned. The booklet would be made available to the public free of charge through the City of Madison Department of Planning and Development office, the Madison Public Library, the Greater Madison Chamber of Commerce office, the State Historical Society, and other venues.

The Madison Trust for Historic Preservation has already contributed \$600 toward this project. We have submitted an application to the Dane County Cultural Affairs Commission for the remaining \$2,050 needed to complete the project. Any questions may be directed to Rob Latousek (255-6979). ■

TLNA President's Report

Richard Linster

Midway between the membership and the officers of the TLNA are the committees and their Chairs. It is their purpose to accomplish the work of our organization. TLNA has accordingly divided into ten standing committees to do this.

Business under Teena Browder of the Cork and Bottle Liquor Store makes the connection with area businesses, particularly the ones located on the East Johnson Street corridor.

Community Services led by Gary Lakeman was formed as a result of the recent neighborhood planning process. It's purpose is to keep an assessment of our local community active and ongoing with an emphasis on the needs of the very young and the elderly.

Education is chaired by Joe Davis. While TLNA

has always had a close involvement with our local elementary schools, Lapham and Marquette, there was substantial involvement by our members in the work that resulted in the O'Keefe Middle School Plan. Given the number of students in the area who attend the UW and MATC we have hopes of involving more of them and working with them.

A strong focus on **Housing** issues has been a feature of TLNA from the beginning. A rededication of that commitment occurred during the planning process and the ongoing reorganization of the Tenney-Lapham Corporation. Funds are available from Community Development Block Grant for the purchase of buildings for the Land Trust. City Building Inspection has asked for our help in the visual inspection of properties and the identification of problems and eyesores. Chairman Jay Weiss plans a series of workshops on housing issues and improvements.

Membership committee led by yours truly has renewed and signed up on average of 450 members each of the last 12 years. It think this shows a high level of approval in our ability and accomplishments in the neighborhood. The committee is always on the lookout for more good members, ALL OF YOU! ■
Next issue, Committees, Part Two.

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Tenant Responsibilities

1. Keep apartment, common areas, garage, and yard clean and sanitary.
2. Do not park cars on the lawn or block the sidewalk.
3. If you pay for heat you must keep the temperature in the apartment high enough to prevent frozen pipes and other damage.
4. Notify the Landlord, preferably in writing as soon as repair and maintenance problems arise.
5. Work with landlord to comply with rules for recycling, weekly trash pickup, removal of yard wastes, snow removal and deicing of sidewalks and steps.
6. Store personal items in designated (locked) storage areas.
7. Have only people that are on the lease living in the apartment.
8. Maintain good housekeeping standards so there is not dampness, food and dirt to attract pests. Report sightings of insect and rodents to landlord so professional exterminators can be called.

Landlord Responsibilities

1. Maintain systems in good condition: Heating (& cooling); Plumbing; Electrical; Structural -- paint, porches, rails, fire escapes
2. Common areas (i.e. halls, yards, basements, laundry rooms, garages) are clean free of trash and personal belongings and in good repair
3. Main doors(s) have door viewer and keyed dead-bolt.
4. Windows that are accessible from ground level or from fire escape have sash fasteners or bolts.
5. Common areas are lighted from sunset to sunrise.
6. Smoke detectors are in place and working. Responsibility for keeping them in working order is defined.
7. Bathrooms without a window must have a fan or vent leading outside of the building/roof.
8. Windows are supplied with screens in good condition (installed in by June 1) and storm windows (installed by November 15).
9. Brief tenants on city rules for recycling, trash pickup and removal of yard waste. Determine responsibility for these items as well as snow removal and deicing of walks and steps.
10. Clearly determine what repairs and maintenance items will be the responsibility of tenants. Respond promptly to verbal and written notice of repairs and maintenance needs that are landlord responsibility.
11. Exterminate insects and/or rodents.

Housing Checklist

This list does not cover all code violations. It reflects the most common maintenance items recurring in inspections. Please take a moment to walk through your apartment and see if anything occurs in your place.

Common, Sleeping, and Living Areas

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| Halls and Common Rooms | <input type="checkbox"/> Dirty | <input type="checkbox"/> Cluttered |
| Storage blocking | <input type="checkbox"/> Halls | <input type="checkbox"/> Exit Pathways |
| Hall lighting | <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged | <input type="checkbox"/> Burned out |
| Windows (Including Storms) | <input type="checkbox"/> Broken | <input type="checkbox"/> Missing |
| Smoke Detectors | <input type="checkbox"/> Doesn't Work | <input type="checkbox"/> Missing |
| Holes in | <input type="checkbox"/> Walls | <input type="checkbox"/> Ceiling |
| Handrails | <input type="checkbox"/> Broken | <input type="checkbox"/> Missing |
| Electrical Cover Plates | <input type="checkbox"/> Broken | <input type="checkbox"/> Missing |
| Doorknob/latch | <input type="checkbox"/> Broken | <input type="checkbox"/> Missing |
| Window Locks | <input type="checkbox"/> Broken | <input type="checkbox"/> Missing |
| Windows | <input type="checkbox"/> Broken | <input type="checkbox"/> Sash Missing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Door Split | <input type="checkbox"/> Door Jamb Split | <input type="checkbox"/> Dead Bolt |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Door Viewer Missing | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exits Blocked | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boiler Pipe Insulation Damaged | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Basement/Attic Used As Habitable Space | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Peeling Paint | | |

Bathrooms

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| Dripping/leaking | <input type="checkbox"/> Shower Heads | <input type="checkbox"/> Faucets |
| Toilets | <input type="checkbox"/> Inoperable | <input type="checkbox"/> Leaking |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Plugged | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs Cleaning |
| Floor/Wall tiles | <input type="checkbox"/> Broken/Missing | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs Cleaning |
| Exhaust fans (if no window) | <input type="checkbox"/> Inoperable | <input type="checkbox"/> Missing |

Exterior

- Junk, Trash, Debris laying around
- Overflowing Dumpster
- Broken Guardrails/Handrails on Porch and Stairs.
- Porch in general disrepair (i.e. boards rotted, roof sagging)

Agency or Activity	Phone
Access to Independence (Voice & TDD)	242-8484
Animal Control General Information	267-1989
Brush and Yard Waste Collection Schedule	267-2088
Building Permits	266-4558
Campus Assistance Center	263-2400
Centro Hispano of Dane County	255-3018
Community Action Coalition	266-9720
Community Law Office	265-2396
Conditional Use, Setbacks, Signs, Fencing	266-4429
Dane County Housing Authority	266-6509
Dead Animal Removal	266-4430
Diggers Hotline	(800) 242 - 8511
Dispatch For Immediate Animal Problems	255-2345
Electricity and Gas Emergency Service	252-7111
Equal Rights Division of the D.I.L.H.R	266-6860
Fair Housing Council of Dane County	251-5599
Fire Prevention	266-4484
Historic Preservation	266-6552
Home buyers, and Fix-up Loans	266-4222
Madison Urban League	251-8550
Parking Violations or Abandoned Vehicles	266-4275
Parks Maintenance	246-4510
Recycling	266-4902
Rezoning (Change From Existing Zoning)	266-4092
Sanitation-Garbage Collection & Disposal	246-4532
Sidewalks: Repairs	266-4088
Ice and Snow Covered	266-4787
State Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection	266-9836
Street Sweeping, Minor Pothole Repair, Snow Plowing And Ice Remediation	246-4532
Student Tenant Union	263-6699
Tenant Resource Center	257-0006
Trees: Maintenance	266-4816
Stump Removal (City Trees)	246-4532
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