

# NORTH STHMUS READER

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

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## Clean Streets, Clean Lakes

*Richard Linster, TLNA*

Roger Goodwin, City Streets Superintendent spoke to Tenney Lapham (TLNA), Old Market Place (OMPNA), and East Emerson Neighborhood Associations about a pilot program to clean up downtown streets and improve lake water quality.

Goodwin presented a street sweeping pilot program used in the 6th District. The project included three components: public education, parking enforcement and sweeping. Public education involved installing 'no parking' signs listing the four-hour period of parking restriction on a block once a week. Flyers were mailed to area homes and businesses, and placed on vehicles. Several public meetings were also held to discuss the project with residents.

Parking enforcement was done Monday through Thursday, 6:30am to 2:30pm, with warnings and tickets issued to violators. The sweeper was then able to get curbside, where most street debris settles.

The program ran from May 1 to November 15, 1995. It was developed by an interdepartmental staff parking team and funded by a stormwater management grant from the Department of Natural Resources.

The results? Streets were cleaner. Collection of debris per

curb mile was twice that of adjoining neighborhoods - 24.3 to 11.4 cubic yards per curb mile swept, enough to fill the average living room half way to the ceiling. Water samples collected at Lakeland Avenue showed a decrease in heavy metals, such as mercury and lead, and suspended solids.

Compliance with parking restrictions also improved during the program, with a decline in the number of warnings and tickets as the project progressed. A total of 8,000 tickets were issued - more than half to vehicles registered outside the area. Overall, residents were pleased with the program and wanted it to continue.

OMPNA would like to be a second site for the program. In April, representatives from TLNA, OMPNA and East Emerson Neighborhood Associations (comprising the entire Second District) met with Goodwin and political officials to discuss the project. Implementation may be inconvenient, but the prospect of cleaner lakes and streets far outweighs any minor difficulties.

We need to hear from YOU about this! Come to the meeting at the Curling Club on May 6th at 7:00 p.m. Please call Richard Linster, 251-1937; Ilse Hecht, OMPNA President, 283-6000, or Barbara Vedder, 249-8428.

## Old Market Place

meets at The Collins House B&B  
704 E. Gorham

May 9, 1996 at 7:00 p.m.

June 13, 1996 at 7:00 p.m.

## Tenny-Lapham

meets at the Tenney Park  
Apartments Community Room

302 N. Baldwin

May 14, 1996 at 7:00 p.m.

June 11, 1996 at 7:00 p.m.

Tenney Park Spring Clean Up  
9:00 a.m. - Noon May 4, 1996

Low Cost Building Maintenance Seminar  
7:00 p.m. May 9, 1996  
Lapham School Auditorium

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# County Supervisor

*Judy Wilcox, 2nd District Supervisor*

In my last installment for the North Isthmus Reader, I bemoaned the loss of state and federal funds. The loss makes the county budget process even more difficult than usual. The climate has not changed. In my role as a member of the Aging Commission the reality of the federal cuts in the Older Americans Act recently came home to roost. The Aging Commission was forced to make recommendations to reduce the county aging budget by \$51,000, revenue we expected to receive through Older Americans Act funding.

As a consequence of the reduction, nutrition sites will now serve a soup and sandwich meal one day a week. The planned expansion of transportation services will be reduced. For Older American Act funded programs a two percent decrease will be implemented for the purchase of service agencies, and fewer dollars will be available for Supportive Homecare for older persons. This reduction in service comes at a time when we are working harder to try and help the older members of our community to stay in their homes and to remain independent for as long as possible. The Second District is home to a significant number of older persons and it distresses me to see the cuts we have to make hitting so close to home.

One of the positive things that has occurred recently is the presentation to the county board of the Report of Results and Recommendations developed by the Dane County Committee to Evaluate Commuter

Rail Implementation. The committee concluded that the future of Dane County must include plans for commuter rail. This is great news for those of us in the Isthmus who have longed to see consideration of alternative forms of transportation that would relieve the pressure of traffic and the use of the automobile. If you are interested in a copy of the report, please contact me at 255-8913.

I was delighted to receive a copy of the proposal by the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association, to the Dane County Cultural Affairs Committee, to develop a Tenney-Lapham Walking Tour brochure. This would be a wonderful addition to the walking guides currently in place for the central city area and the implementation of one of the recommendations of the Neighborhood Steering Committee. The proposal is a sound one and I have indicated my support for the proposal to Cultural Affairs Commission members. What a great way to show off the neighborhood.

The recent election kept me very busy, although I did not have a race this year. I've been involved with a Political Action Committee called Citizens for Dane County's Future. This PAC took a very assertive role in the recruitment and promotion of progressive candidates in the March elections. We were fortunate to have lined up a very impressive group of candidates in 30 races. We are excited that we have regained the majority on the board and will work together to chart a new course toward a strong, healthy future for Dane County.



## 1996 OMPNA Neighborhood Council

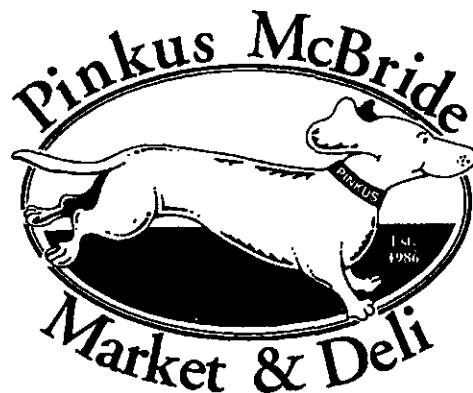
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# Building Maintenance and Improvements Seminar

Jay Weiss

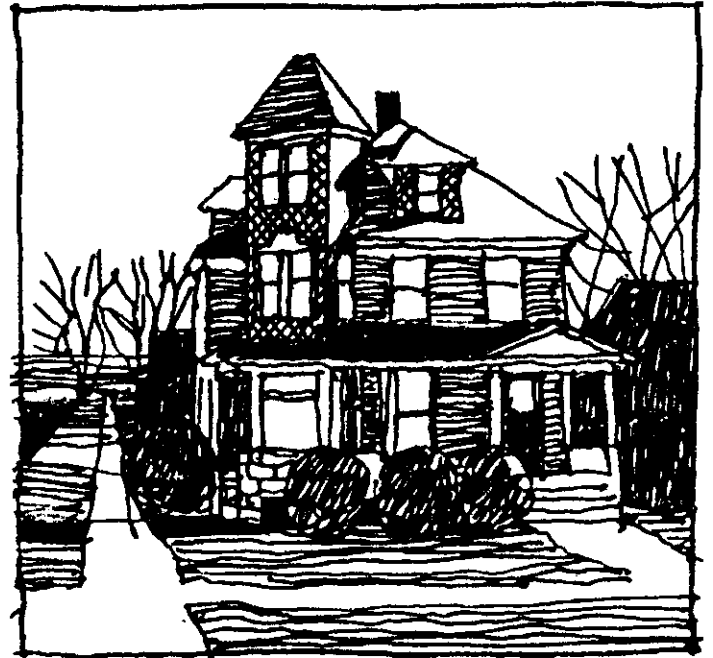
Wonder how to stop paint from chipping off your home's exterior? Ever had difficulty locating a door that looks like those original to your home? Tempted by the claims of vinyl siding sales pitches? Or do you just want to know more about keeping up your home's historic character?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, an upcoming workshop is just for you! On Thursday, May 9 from 7:00 to 9:00pm, the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association will hold a Low Cost Building Maintenance and Improvements Workshop in the Lapham Elementary School auditorium at 1045 East Dayton Street.

The workshop will feature Brian McCormick, preservation Architect for the State Historical Society and Kevin Pomeroy, design Specialist for the Wisconsin Main Street Program. Kevin and Brian offer decades of experience in practical ways to keep your home looking great.

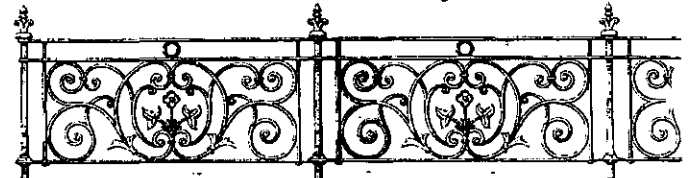
After an informative presentation there will be a question and answer period. Refreshments will be served and local businesses will be on hand to take questions about your particular project. A source list of area contractors will be provided, as well as a list to locate distributors for hard-to-find items that give a home that special touch. (Please note: If you know of a good local contractor that should be included on our list, call Alex Squitieri at 259-9174.)

The workshop will focus on exterior issues including windows (when to repair vs. replace), siding options (relative costs) and painting methods (tricks to

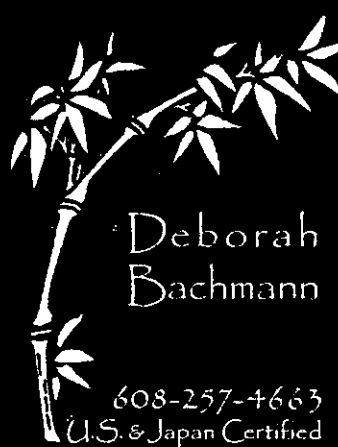


make it stick, historic colors, etc.). Porches, doors, and much more will also be covered. Homeowner tax credits for those living within the boundaries of historic districts will also be discussed. Additionally, we will provide information on lead paint removal issues.

For more information, call Jay Weiss at 256-4988.



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## Loan Money Available for Tenney-Lapham Businesses

The City of Madison Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) has targeted over \$60,000 to the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood for loans to area small businesses. Money should be available soon, and interested applicants should apply now.

Loan requests may range from \$2,000 to \$20,000. Applicants should be owner-operators who work in the business themselves, or who expect to create new jobs. Loan funds can be used for a variety of purposes, but are aimed at helping start-up businesses move into vacant store fronts, or assist tenant businesses in acquiring business real estate or otherwise expand operations.

Interest rates may be as low as 3%, and the program will also provide grants of up to \$300 for applicants to obtain technical assistance from consultants or in the form of "scholarships" to attend business courses.

People interested in finding out more about the program can contact Teena Browder at the Cork & Bottle, or call Dave Scholtens at the Madison Development Corporation at 256-2799. Madison Development Corporation (MDC) will manage the program and review loan applications.

## What Can The Neighborhood Association Do For You?

We can make your neighborhood safer, cleaner, fun, friendly, and so much more. Work with and get to know the people that live in the community, and make a difference here. Bring us ideas, suggestions, and issues. Or just come along for great food at the picnics and potlucks!

## Lock Your Doors

*Kathleen Bresnehan*

Spring is here and summer's around the corner! Vacations, long weekends, days at the beach, bicycling, and just plain enjoying Wisconsin's fabulous summers are on their way. Coupled with the joys of summer is an increase in residential burglaries. Opportunities start with unlocked doors.

**LOCK YOUR DOORS!** Burglars depend on getting in and out quickly and without causing suspicion. Even if a neighbor notices a stranger coming into the house through an unlocked door, chances are the neighbor will assume the visitor is a guest.

**Door Locks** Most homes are built with economy in mind and often when doors and door locks are replaced, economy remains the first priority. Locks are only as good as the doors they are fastened to. Solid core or wood-staved doors at least 1 3/4" thick should be installed. More than 1/8" clearance between a door and its frame allows easy access for tools to spread the door frame. Primary entrance doors with windows should have the glass replaced with lexan, a virtually unbreakable substitute that offers a fairly clear view. Door hinges should ALWAYS be located on the INSIDE, so hinge pins cannot be taken out and the door removed. Make sure deadbolt locks are installed on all doors. Inexpensive key-in-knob locks are not secure. They can be opened with a credit card, screw driver or a butter knife.

Make sure a lock has the following:

- A bolt or throw extending at least one inch from the edge of the door.
- Connecting screws holding the lock together inside the door.
- A lock cylinder with a tapered steel guard.
- A strike plate anchored to the door frame with 3" screws.

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- A reinforcing sleeve can be added to the door to increase the quality of the lock.

#### Sliding Patio Doors

The easiest point of entry into any home are sliding patio doors. Use these simple, inexpensive methods to secure these doors and windows:

- Reduce vertical clearance between the door and the track.
- Get an anti-slide bolt.
- Install a charlie bar.
- Purchase keyed locking devices.

#### Windows

Although there are special key locks for double hung windows, they can be a safety problem in case of an emergency. Use window pins instead. This is done by drilling an angled hole through the top frame of the upper window. Then insert eye bolts or nails into the holes. A second set of holes can be drilled into the upper window frame for ventilation at a safe height. The Police Department recommends no more than four inches.

#### Basement Windows

About a year ago, I woke to the sound of breaking glass. It took me a second to figure out where the sound was coming from. I opened the basement door to find a person reaching through the broken window to undo the lock from the inside. Another person just outside the window was talking to the burglar and trying to calm our family dog that was also in the basement. Fortunately, I (as frightened as I was) yelled at the pair and scared them away. The next day we installed flat steel bars anchored to the window frame with long screws.

#### Garages

An average garage contains hundreds of dollars of expensive machinery such as lawn mowers, power tools, snow blowers, bicycles, and a car. The same security precautions recommended for household doors and windows apply here. If garage windows are not for ventilation, consider permanently securing them. Garage doors should always be locked. Tips on securing garage doors can be obtained from the Madison Police Department or the Neighborhood Watch Block Captain.

#### Neighborhood Watch Participation Levels

I haven't received any calls for information on Neighborhood Watch, although most homes in the neighborhood take part. Before the weather warms up, I recommend **EVERYONE** participate in Operation I.D. and Neighborhood Watch. Let's have a safe and uneventful summer!

For more information, contact Kathi Bresnehan at 251-7399.

## Bicycling Rules: Six Easy Steps to Safety

Nearly 100 miles of bike path exist in Madison and Dane County, with more in the works. Biking provides a means of commuting, fun and exercise. Here are a few tips and rules to ensure the safety of pedestrians, motorists, and bicyclists.

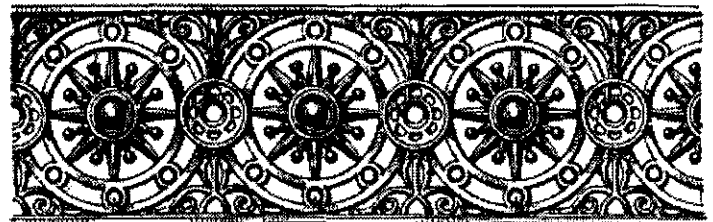
1. License your bike. Bicycles used in Madison are required to have a license to protect against theft. Licenses may be purchased at any fire station, the City Treasurer's office, and some bicycle shops.
2. Do not park or lock a bike to a tree. Trees are often wounded by bike frames and locks, leaving them vulnerable to disease and infestation.
3. Obey all traffic signs and signals. Bikes are considered vehicles the same as any car or truck, and riders are subject to the same rules and tickets.
4. Bicycling on sidewalks is permitted only when no bike path exists, and not in business districts.
5. Pedestrians always have the right of way. Give a clear and polite verbal warning before passing. Always pass slowly and carefully.
6. Get a light. If ever riding at night, cyclists should always have a light.

#### Important Phone Numbers for Cyclists

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| Pedestrian/Bike Safety Coordinator ..... | 266-6225 |
| Bicycle Theft Reports .....              | 266-4275 |
| UW Accident and Theft Reports .....      | 262-2957 |
| Bike Path Maintenance .....              | 266-4711 |
| Street Maintenance .....                 | 266-4681 |

## Greenthumb Opportunity

The planter at James Madison Park needs a few green thumbs, or at least a helping hand. Madison's Park Department will prepare the site for a mid-May planting. Plants have been ordered and are expected to arrive around May 16. Volunteers are needed to help get them in the ground, and help with tending the plot. Come help plant, weed, water, and turn that thumb green! For more information, please call Julia, 251-3849 or Leta, 258-9294.



# Tenny Park

Rick Bernstein

On May 8, 1995, Madison's Tenney Park and Yahara River Parkway became Madison Landmarks 125 and 126. The nominations were prepared by local historic preservation consultant Beth Miller.

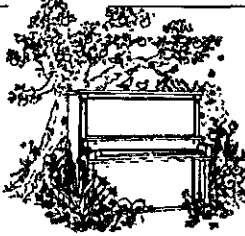
The two parks together cover just over sixty acres. The eastern boundary runs approximately 50 feet from the east bank of the Yahara River, and the western boundary runs along Marston Avenue to East Johnson Street, and then approximately 50 feet from the west bank of the Yahara.

The parks lie at the edge of the area that was the Original Plat of Madison, surveyed in 1836. When work began on Tenney Park in 1900, it was at the eastern edge of the city, and there was very little development east of the Yahara River. The construction of the parks created very desirable residential neighborhoods north of East Washington Avenue and south of Williamson Street, and many new homes were built in these areas between about 1905 and 1930.

Tenney Park was developed between 1900 and 1911. Noted Chicago landscape architect Ossian Cole (O.C.) Simonds created the first design for the park, which called for the creation of a lagoon with three islands of different sizes. His plan was modified after 1908 by prominent Massachusetts landscape architect John Nolen. Nolen's plan called for filling in part of the lagoon to create one large, ten-acre island, and it created large open spaces where people could gather to participate in sports or listen to concerts. Nolen's planting plan called for largely native trees and shrubs, carefully chosen and located to give an unplanned, natural appearance. The Madison Parks Division is currently following Nolen's plan during replanting.


There are a variety of structures in Tenney Park which contribute to the historical and aesthetic importance of the park, including the park's oldest structure, the Prairie style restroom designed by noted Milwaukee architect George B. Ferry and built in 1909 near the intersection of Sherman and Marston Avenues. Four Tenney Park bridges are excellent examples of aesthetically designed pre-1940 bridges (9 of which there are 11 in Madison, such as the Marston Avenue bridge, built in 1912 and designed by City Engineer John Icke. The most recent structure in the park is the Thornton Avenue Spillway, where water from the Yahara River enters the lagoon. Built in 1936, it is an excellent example of a rustic bridge.

The Yahara River Parkway was also designed by O.C. Simonds. work began in 1903—when the river and its banks were marshy and had been used often for dumping dead horses, cats, and dogs—and was completed in 1906. Simonds' plan called for a meandering path on each bank of the river, and




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irregular, natural-looking plantings mostly consisting of native trees and shrubs. Today, the plantings are less dense than Simonds laid out, but remain irregular and naturalistic. Four concrete arch bridges in Yahara River Parkway are good examples of aesthetically designed pre-1940 bridges, and are in keeping with the natural, Prairie School design of the park. They include the 1904 concrete arch bridge over Williamson Street, which may be the oldest automobile bridge remaining in Madison.


The parks are significant for a number of reasons. Both are excellent, intact examples of Prairie School landscape architecture, and representative of the work of the founder of that school of design, O.C. Simonds. In addition, the parks were developed by the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association (MPPDA), a voluntary organization that changed the physical development and environmental character of Madison during its existence from 1894 to 1938. The development of the two parks began an era of tremendous park philanthropy in Madison. Tenney Park was the first in-city park given to the MPPDA; the MPPDA had previously focused on developing scenic drives, mostly located outside the city. Daniel K. Tenney paid for the land on the condition that the MPPDA develop and maintain the park and hold the land in trust for the city. The establishment of the park changed the focus of the MPPDA from pleasure drives outside the city to include in-city parks for the less affluent. The Yahara River Parkway was the first in Madison and the first funded with public subscriptions

rather than large gifts from a few donors.

Today, the Yahara River Parkway provides a direct link between the Tenney-Lapham and Old Marketplace neighborhoods on the north, and the Marquette, Atwood, and Schenk neighborhoods on the south side of the Isthmus. This linkage includes connecting three city Parks (Tenney Beach and Park, Burr Jones Field, and Yahara Place Park), and Marquette Elementary and Georgia O'Keeffe Middle schools.

The City of Madison is currently planning an open space corridor paralleling the Yahara River Parkway. The Parkway corridor would consist of a one-mile long asphalt pedestrian path, eight to ten feet wide, across Madison's Isthmus between Lakes Mendota and Monona.


Last year, the City applied for Wisconsin Department of Transportation funds to undertake engineering studies to determine whether underground crossings could be built across the parkway at East Washington Avenue and Johnson Street. The application was turned down, so the City will look for other funding sources. The City's plans for the open space corridor will continue; Planners would like the process to be completed by the end of the year. Neighborhood residents will have an opportunity to voice their opinions about the public corridor at a planning session sometime this fall.



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# Spring Garden Planning

Lynn Sommers, Master Gardener

For me, spring arrived when I began searching my garage for crabgrass preventer. Considering I am always late applying the preemergent, I don't know why I bother. But each July as I look at those hideous and unattractive clumps, I vow to get it spread on before the seed has a chance to germinate. (Apply the preemergent at the same time forsythia bloom.)

**Getting Ready.** Early spring is a time to finish planning and preparing, but is not necessarily for planting. Bare root trees and shrubs can be planted as soon as the frost melts and the soil is crumbly.

However, many perennials and annuals should not be planted until mid-to-late May. Early purchasing is usually a smart move, but unless the plant is very hardy or placed in a protected area, it can be lost to a late spring frost.

Acclimate plants by leaving them on the porch or patio to soak up the warm sun during the day and cover them at night. Keep the soil evenly moist, not soggy or constantly damp. If starting seeds, remember that damping-off may occur. This state of demise in young seedlings is caused by fungi. Coating seeds during germination with a fungicide or using a fungicide in regular watering should eliminate this problem. Damping-off is also encouraged by soil rich in nitrogen and cold temperatures. Captan and Benomyl are two fungicides used for this purpose.

Now is a good time to prepare containers for planting. Invest in a potting soil mixture or prepare your own, but do not use soil from the garden. The dirt will be too heavy for proper root growth and

drainage, and it may harbor last year's insect and disease problems.


**Plant Selection.** Space prohibits a lengthy discussion of plant marriages - a catch-all term for harmonizing colors and foliage interests. If you know which colors but not which plants you want, perhaps these suggestions will be helpful.

Plan around your life-style. On vacations several times over the summer? Choose early spring and late fall bloomers. Glowing yellow cushion spurge (*Euphorbia epithmoides*-*Polychroma*), blue or white catmint - not catnip! - (*Nepeta*), yellow sundrops (*Oenothera tetragona*) and the ever favorite-creeping phlox (*Phlox*) - *subulata* or *stolonifera* types. The spikes of purple meadow sage (*Salvia superba*) complete the garden nicely.

Fall bloomers have two advantages. They look good from start to finish. Rose-to-rust stonecrop (*Sedum spectabile*-*Autumn Joy*) really lives up to its name. Asters and chrysanthemums come in a variety of colors. I suggest selecting a rubellum type chrysanthemum for a fool-proof mum. These plants are quiet and green until fall.


Round out the garden with grasses and hostas for other easy-to-care for plants. If you want to impress the neighbors, plant some fall blooming windflowers (*Anemone*) but be warned! - these do require fall mulching.

At the office all day? Get up early and enjoy a cup of coffee while admiring the morning bloomers. White or blue flax (*Linum Perenne*) and the magical morning glory vine (*Ipomoea*) are worth losing a little sleep over. Almost every color of the rainbow can be found in the daylily (*Hemerocallis*) and making



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choices can be overwhelming. I advise against planting the wild orange variety because you could lose your yard to them in a few years.

Unwind on the patio and let the day slip into twilight? Plants in white, silver and light blue really come to life during this time of the day. A white moonflower vine (*Ipmoea alba*) has the same dose of magic as the morning glory but is even more spectacular. The saucer shaped flowers open before your eyes and are highly fragrant.

(Both vines are annuals and can be started from seed. Nick the shell and soak overnight before putting into a peat pot.) Other annuals like white and blue salvia, white rocket snapdragons and white cosmos provide a nice spiky contrast to rounded plant shapes day or night. My favorite white annual is a cascading petunia. I strategically place large pots of these as to "light" my way around the patio at night and what a heady fragrance!

Pay attention to fragrance on the porch or patio. Place several herbs in the same large pot. Rosemary, thyme, basil and sage always provide a delightful surprise. These fresh scents can be more inviting than the heavy floral fragrances.

Shopping early is the key. You will know the good from the bad and ugly if you shop early. If you don't and all ugly, wait to buy until August. Don't buy marginal looking perennials in May. They should look and feel healthy. In August, the bad plants will be dead and the ugly plants will still be ugly, but probably half price. With perennials you're really buying a root system for the first season anyway. Half price plants grow up into full and beautiful plants, too.

**Planting** Plan first, then plant. Every time the root system is exposed to air and light, some of the root dies. Go so far as to shadow over the plant as it goes into the ground and water generously. Apply a 2-3 inch layer of mulch, always keeping it about one

inch away from the plant stem. I don't recommend any fertilizer for at least one week. Let the roots adjust and grow out a bit. Then fertilize if desired. Liquefied commercial fertilizer is almost a must for annuals but perennials respond nicely to applications of slow releasing organic fertilizer. Top dress existing perennials in the spring and fall with composted matter, giving heavy feeders like delphiniums an extra dose after blooming. Be careful! Excessive fertilizing will inhibit some plants from flowering.

This last advice is painful - not for the plant but for you. Pinch off **most** (not low growing) annual flowers directly after planting. Remove those beautiful and long-awaited flowers. This stimulates the plant to produce multiple branches and buds. The actual flower is the end product of the plants life, signaling the plant to stop growing. Deadheading and shearing techniques mid-summer will help produce a second, albeit less showy, flush of bloom. However, there is no need to remove buds from new and established perennials.

Take care of and admire your beautiful garden daily. Don't mourn the loss of a particular passing flower species. With proper planning, preparing, and planting, another equally beautiful flower will come right along.

If you know the ultimate shape of the plant, here are some general spacing rules:

**ROUND:** space the plants as far apart as the plants are wide.

**MOUND:** space between plants should be 1.5 times the height.

**PROSTRATE:** distance should be four times the height.

**COLUMNAR:** interval between should be half the plant height.

**SPIRE:** one third of the plant height between each.

**VASE:** distance between plants equal to plant height.

## Rollerblade Reminders

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- Skate only on bike paths separated from roadways.
- Yield to pedestrians while on the sidewalk.
- Remember to wear protective gear when skating.

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# Lamp House

Joan Bailey

Nearly invisible from East Mifflin or North Butler streets rests a turn of the century innovation. Designed by Frank Lloyd Wright for childhood friend Robert Lamp, the house at 22 North Butler was dubbed as 'a new 'American' house' in 1903.

Nestled in the middle of the block on one of the highest points of the Isthmus, and protected from the street by the buildings that surround it, the Lamp House is one of the best examples of Wright's early work in Madison. Lamp's intention from the beginning was to shield his home from the street while maintaining a large yard to gain a sense of privacy in the heart of the city.

Completed in 1903, the Lamp house was a novel solution to Madison's then downtown housing shortage. The city's population went from 19,164 in 1900 to 24,301 - a 27% increase - leaving numerous students and white-collar workers in need of affordable housing. Developers doubled lots by dividing existing ones in half, and then constructed two and three story apartment buildings.

The Lamp House was originally designed as a one family dwelling with seven rooms and leaded

casement windows. The two-story building was built of white brick, and constructed in a cube shape with a flat roof for a roof garden. Lamp used to keep a lemon tree and a parrot there, along with many canaries in summer. A low concrete wall runs in front of the house with steps leading to the door.

The original interior had red cypress woodwork throughout, built-in bookcases, dining room shelving, a large bay window, French doors, an open stairwell, and casement windows with diamond-shaped panes. The cypress trim ran throughout the house, and was said to open up the space by making the ceilings appear taller.

Legend has it that the house contained an elevator to accommodate Lamp's disability; however, there was none. Instead, it is believed that Wright may have incorporated slightly wider doorways and narrow vertical windows on the stairwells to assist Lamp.

Wright designed other similar cube-shaped buildings at about the same time. These are variations on the Lamp House, and most do not have a roof garden. A concrete house design for the April, 1907 *Ladies Home Journal* was very similar and advertised as fireproof. The Lamp House is also similar to the Larkin Building in Buffalo, New York, which Wright was working on at the same time.

Sources for this article include *The Old Market Place Neighborhood: A Walking Tour*, and *Wisconsin History Magazine*.

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## "IN ALDER WORDS..."

*Barbara Vedder, 2nd District Alderperson*

Greetings, and happy spring!

Very soon you will be receiving a district newsletter. It will be distributed to all residents of the 2nd District. There I will announce a district meeting for the beginning of May with Roger Goodwin, city streets superintendent, as guest presenter. He will explain a new streetsweeping program, which sections of the 2nd District may become sites for. (See cover article of this newsletter for more information.)

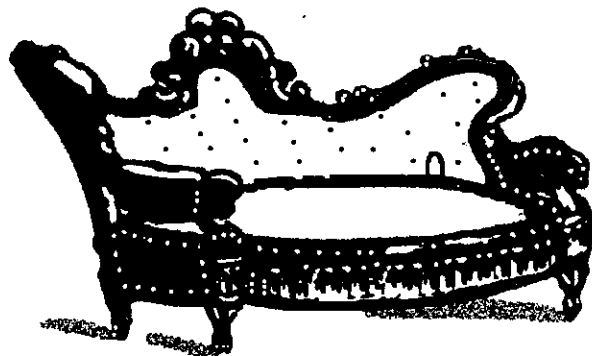
I met with members of the three district neighborhoods, Mr. Goodwin, and Alderperson Judy Olson from the 6th District to gather more information and see if there was any interest in the program. The goals of the program are to limit the amount of pollutants, nutrient runoff, and debris entering our lakes from storm drains and sewer systems, and improve the cleanliness of our streets with more curblineline sweeping. Restricted parking once a week for four hours will be the most challenging part of the program, and may make its implementation impossible in some areas. If you are interested in hearing more, come to the May district meeting, at the Curling Club in Burr Jones Field, 1820 East Washington Ave, at 7 pm. A video of the past meeting is available for anyone interested in learning more about this issue.

In the Ruff...

Dogs will finally be allowed in designated parks as of May 15, 1996. Dogs on leashes can use the following parks: Brittingham Park (from Bassett to Bedford), Law Park, Spring Harbor Park (eastern portion), Yahara River Parkway, Burr Jones Field, and Warner Park (along paths and roadways). Off-leash areas have been expanded in three parks: Brittingham Park (at Broom), Quann Park, Quarry Park, Sycamore Park, and Warner Park (south of the lagoon). Owners need to purchase permits and dogtags in order to participate, or they will be fined. Also, a new stiff fine for non-removal of dog feces is in place. Special waste receptacles will be located in the parks. All of this has

been done to-try to ensure non-abuse of the new privileges and promote dog owner responsibility. Coffee Anyone?

I am happy to see that Pangaea Coffeehouse will be moving into the space formerly occupied by the Whole Earth Coop. It is great to have small businesses not only remain in the East Johnson Street business area but also expand. Good luck with the move and in becoming Madison's first Cyber Cafe! Finally, I received notice in early April, in between two editions of this newsletter, about an April 24th public hearing held by the Madison Pedestrian-Bicycle Subcommittee to receive ideas on projects Madison to improve conditions for pedestrians and bicyclists. If interested, please contact me at 249-8428 immediately to pass on any ideas.



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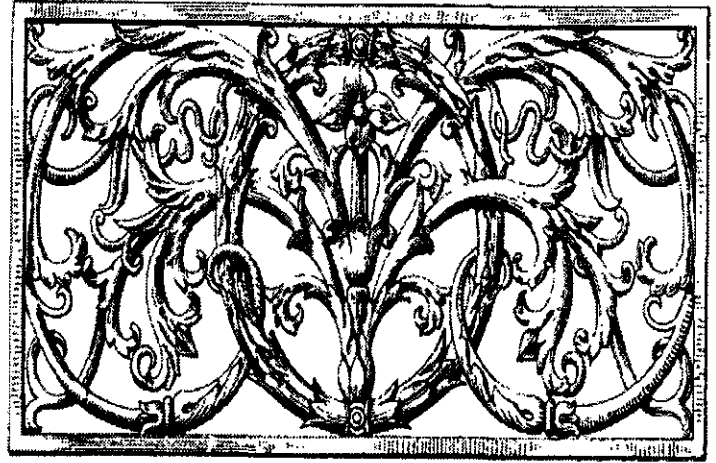
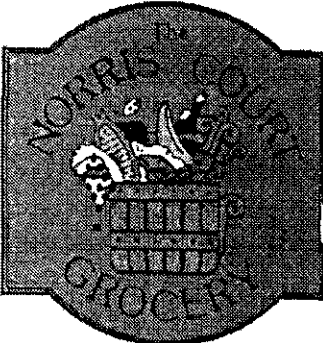
Tues-Fri 6 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Sat. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Sun. 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

# Garden Appreciation Awards

Old Market Place and Capital Neighborhood Associations are sponsoring the 1996 Garden Appreciation Awards for residential, business and public volunteer gardens. Cash prizes will be given for first, second and third prizes. Street front gardens and landscaping, including garden space, front porches, and street terraces or boulevards are eligible.

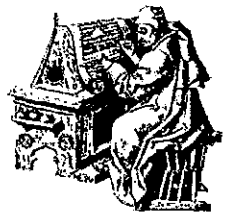
Three master gardeners will choose the winning gardens on Saturday, July 27th, with awards given on the same day. All entered gardens will be photographed. All entries must be postmarked or dropped off by midnight July 13, 1996. No entry fee is required.

For more information, please call 258-9294 or email lhansen@facstaff.wisc.edu.

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# Is Your House a Lead Paint Hazard?

Gigi Holland

Many homes and apartment buildings in Madison contain lead hazards. In fact, every home built before 1978 potentially contains some lead based paint. Homes built before 1950 are even more likely to have lead-based paint in some areas, including exterior siding, porches, windows, doors, bathrooms, and kitchens. In Madison, thirty percent of the homes were built prior to 1950 and eighty-four percent were built prior to 1978. Although the use of lead-based paint in homes is banned, lead continues to be a serious problem. Over eleven percent of Madison children tested positive for elevated blood lead levels.

Scientific studies continue to find that even low levels of lead in the blood are linked to behavioral problems, delayed mental and physical development, and other health problems. Children and adults exposed to large amounts of lead are at risk for diseases serious health effects, even though they do not "look" sick.

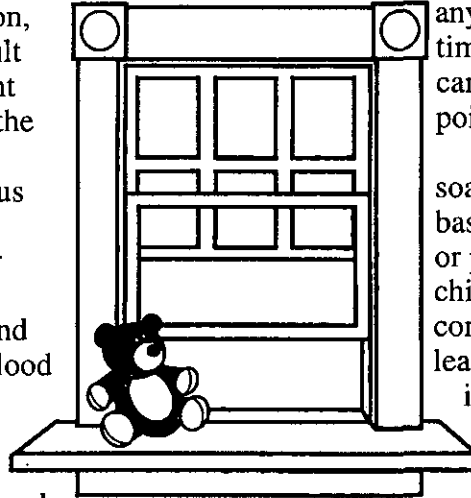
Children six-months to six-years old have the greatest risk of lead poisoning. This is partly due to their

continuous hand-to-mouth behaviors, and that they are more likely to be in contact with lead dust or paint chips. Young children easily accumulate lead, causing damage to their developing bodies. Most cases of adult lead poisoning are related to occupational exposure. Children may be exposed to lead-based paint at home, a friend's house, at day care, or

anywhere they spend a large portion of time. Improper home renovation, day care, etc. are the leading causes of lead poisoning in Madison.

Lead poisoning is preventable. Using soap and water to clean surfaces with lead based paints helps remove lead dust and/or paint chips. If you suspect that your child has been exposed to lead hazards, contact your pediatrician about testing for lead poisoning. Also, free lead screening is available through the Madison Department of Public Health. For an appointment, call 246-4516.

For information about reducing or eliminating lead hazards, call the Madison Department of Public Health. The Madison Department of Public Health is interested in coming to your neighborhood or community group to provide information on lead screening and hazards, and what to do about them.



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For expert advice or help with high or large limbs, try those listed in the phone book under Tree Service.

For detailed do-it-yourself instructions request "Caring For Your Established Shade Trees", Guide Sheet A 1817 from the Extension Service at 266-4619 or check the Public, UW or MATC libraries for books like: *Pruning and Grafting* (631.542 A142), *How to Prune Almost Everything*, (631.542 B34), *The Care and Feeding of Trees*, (634.956 M97).

## East Side Story,

An Original play, written and performed by East High School students will be performed on Friday May 10th at 7:30 pm, and two performances on Saturday May 11 2:00 pm and 7:30 pm at the Barrymore theater. Tickets are available at Green Earth, the Barrymore Theater, and Star Liquor. Charge tickets by calling 241-8633. Admission is \$5.00



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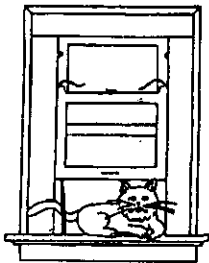
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## Parking/Streetsweeping Meeting

A meeting to discuss curblin sweeping and related parking policy changes will be held on May 6, 1996 at 7 p.m., at the former Madison Curling Club, 1420 East Washington Ave. (Next to the Fiore-Center). There is ample parking in the club parking lot.

The lot will not be swept during the meeting. ☺

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# TLNA President's Report

Richard Linster

In this and the previous article I have put a name to each committee and its activities. These folks are neighbors just like you, and could use your help in continuing to make things happen. Contact them and become a part of the community.

**Parks/Playgrounds** is chaired by David Wallner. Take a look at Reynolds Field, particularly the corner garden at Dayton and Paterson, or Tenney Park's new equipment and butterfly garden near Johnson and Marston. Notice also Filene Park's extension with all new landscaping, plantings, and benches, and Giddings behind Christ Presbyterian Church. Also, the Welcome Garden between Johnson and Gorham just west of Baldwin Street and the project begun last year at Brearly and Gorham are worth a look. Hats off to the dedicated folks who accomplished all this work.

**Publicity** is chaired by Tom Sullivan, and produces the newsletter and other information sources. Look over and read through the newsletter, and take a moment to imagine all the work, thought and care that Tom and Others put into it issue after issue.

While **Safety** is the newest TLNA committee, Kathi Bresnehan has lost no time in providing residents and the association with information, and a closer relationship with the Police Department and other agencies in an effort to make this a safer community.

Over the years, the **Social Committee** has organized events such as the Annual In this and the previous article I have put a name to each committee and its activities. These folks are neighbors just like you, and could use your help in continuing to make things happen. Contact them and become a part of the community.

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## MAY

- 4 Tenney Park Clean Up
- 6 7 pm Street Sweeping Informational Meeting
- 7 7:30 pm Common Council Meeting
- 8 Madison Bike-To-Work Day
- 9 5-7 pm Isthmus 2020  
7-9 pm OMPNA Board Meeting  
7-9 pm Low Cost Maintenance Seminar
- 12 *Mother's Day*
- 14 7-9 pm TLNA Council Meeting
- 15 *National Bike-To-Work Day*
- 17-19 Commencement Weekend (UW)
- 21 7:30 pm Common Council Meeting
- 23 5-7 pm Isthmus 2020 Meeting
- 27 *Memorial Day*

## JUNE

- 4 7 pm Concert in the Garden (Olbrich Garden)  
7:30 pm Common Council Meeting
- 11 7-9 pm TLNA Council Meeting
- 13 5-7 pm Isthmus 2020 Meeting  
7-9 pm OMPNA Board Meeting
- 14 *Flag Day*
- 15 5 pm Deadline for the July/August Newsletter
- 16 *Father's Day*
- 18 7:30 pm Common Council Meeting
- 26 7 pm Concert on the Square

# Tenney Park Spring Clean Up

Dave Wallner, TLNA

The Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association is planning a Tenney Park clean-up from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 4, with May 5 as the rain date.

The clean-up is an annual event scheduled as a follow-up to local Earth Day activities. In the past, participants have picked up the beach, the park and along the Yahara River. Leftover fall and winter debris such as pop cans, plastics and other garbage will be the main targets. TLNA residents have done a great job in the past of turning out to help.

Laura Prindle, city parks outreach coordinator, promised to provide garbage bags and tools. Volunteers should bring gloves, a rake and at least one garbage bag in case supplies run short. Check-in will be at the park shelter between 9 and 11 a.m. Free coffee and donuts will be provided. In past years the park clean-up has been a family affair, so don't hesitate to bring the kids. Scout troops are also invited to help.

In other park news, efforts to improve Filene Park continue. Filene is a small overlook just east of the river along Sherman Ave. right next to the boat launch. Benches and new plantings were put in last fall, and one large new tree was also planted. A more thorough plan is underway to include more trees and plantings. TLNA resident Bob Shaw and others have already pledged their time to improve this lovely scenic space. It offers one of the finest views of Lake Mendota in the entire city.

The Parks Dept. will be doing a study of the historic Tenney Park bridges to see what repairs are needed and to determine future costs. And at the Tenney playgrounds on the island and the beach, city crews are working to improve the safety and locations of the playground swings.

If you've got ideas about improving Tenney Park and would like to get involved in the above items, contact me throughout the coming year David Wallner, TLNA Parks Chairperson, 256 2958.

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