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Tree Cutting on WPS Property Causes Controversy

Developers of the WPS Property on Sherman Ave. cut down most of the trees in the forest along Tenney Park and the Yahara River during two days around April 8. Without consulting neighbors or the Neighborhood Association or Alder Vedder and after repeated encouragement to communicate before taking action on their development, trees large and small were cut while the forest understory was completely removed.

This act was a shaky start to forming a good productive partnership towards building an exemplary development on the site. Can we still work with Tenney Place Development LLC to bring about a wonderful use for the 8.5 acre parcel? Absolutely. Will it be a simple project to accomplish? No, but it is worth it.

What is commonly described as the WPS property is adjacent to City and State historic landmarked park property. Though most of the site is given up to the building and a parking lot that covers several acres, the forest has provided significant habitat for animals and birds along the river. The park property along the river has been landmarked for its natural, historical, and cultural qualities, and not particularly for the qualities of its buildings, parking lots or sports structures. Like the City easements that mandate a screen of trees and vegetation between the River Parkway and adjacent developed properties, the forest on the WPS

property also provided an esthetic buffer between park and concrete. Most of this was removed during the cutting.

In the neighborhood, some residents will agree with Mr. Campbell that the cutting served to "clean up" the property and their voices deserve to be heard as well. We encourage everyone who is interested to participate fully in working with the developers, city, alder, and neighborhood association. Much of the outcome of this participation will depend on the values and dedication of all who take an interest.

From a natural habitat perspective, much was lost and even more could be restored through parkland dedication and/or cooperative agreements with the owners. It is critical that the natural resource qualities be considered both as assets of the property for the commu-

nity and as part of the economic and marketable values of the parcel.

We can note that hobbies like backyard habitat landscaping and bird feeding are not only the passions of a few naturalists but part of a multi-million dollar 'industry'. For instance, the Mad City Bird Festival is scheduled for May 14-15 in Madison and sponsored by Wild Birds Unlimited. The Festival will include participation by the Nature Conservancy, the Audubon Society, the North American Butterfly Association, Wisconsin DNR, University of Wisconsin, Eagle Optics and Swarovski Optics. We note that the Madison Community Foundation donated more than \$100,000 to the landscaping being carried out in Tenney Park and along the Yahara River. 160 volunteers carried out one planting on Saturday, April 17. This was the result of hundreds of hours of voluntary planning leading up to this and other events. These and other activities all highlight and contribute towards the value of the WPS property.

What's the accounting so far? With the removal of most of the forest we also lost a refuge for mink, opossum and raccoons right on the Isthmus and just a mile from the Capital Square, State Street and among other things, a 50 million dollar Arts District. Will the parcel be developed so we can once again look for flocks of orioles to migrate through the woods in Spring and Fall? Will residents

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Morning Glory by neighborhood artist Bill Redinger
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"I've Got Leavin' on My Mind. . . ."

Two Tenney-Lapham residents, Kristy Larson and Rich Larson (no relation), are members of *The Dang-its* along with Tom Waselchuk, Ken Heim, and Rick Nass. Kristy and Tom handle most vocals. . . . Kristy plays rhythm guitar; Tom, lead guitar; Rick, pedal steel guitar; and Ken is on bass with Rich playing the drums.

Jean Dunn (who 'plays' library books at Lapham Elementary for her day job) recently discussed this musical endeavor with Kristy.

Jean: So, Kristy, how would you describe *The Dang-its* music?

Kristy: Well, it's not simple to do. . . . Tom, who 'runs the show', has been calling us 'Americana/Country' or sometimes 'Alternative Country'. My heart says 'country' but we really don't do any top 40 country and that makes it confusing for some people. Our choices in this band are really a classic

sound, either contemporary writers' work with a classic feel, or classic country works themselves such as Robbie Fulks, Monica Passin or Patsy Cline and Buck Owens. We also play some original songs by Tom or other local artists.

Jean: What can people expect when they come to a *Dang-its* gig?

Kristy: I think we always offer people a heck of a good time. People have come to gigs who aren't usually attracted to country music and have been impressed with the level of playing and the energy and intensity of the music. I really love this music and I try to bring that through in my performances.

Jean: Well, I was reading through your promo and it says "Kristy moves effortlessly from the sassy twang of a jumping rockabilly number to the sultry cry of a Patsy Cline heartbreaker." That says it for me!

Kristy: Oh Jean, you are one of my

dearest fans and friends and I guess that's why I wanted you to write this article with me. Heck, I just asked how I could run the band schedule in the neighborhood newsletter and Bob Shaw, the TLNA editor, said we should write a whole article about *The Dang-its*.

Jean: There is quite a neighborhood following for you guys and it's a fun way for groups of neighbors and friends to get together and stay up way too late! So, the next time 'I'm down to my last cigarette', 'I've got leavin' on my mind' and 'I'm feeling 'Crazy', where can I see you next?

Kristy: Here's our current schedule which includes *The Dang-its* band gigs and some 'duo' dates with Tom at Fyfe's, right here in our neighborhood.

THE CORK 'N BOTTLE

The harbingers-of-spring are arriving! (No, not robins... BEER!)

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May 21 & 22	Country Corners	9-1	Great dance floor!
June 15	On the Square at King St.	12-1	Picnic!
June 18 & 19	Country Corners	9-1	Classic Honky Tonk!
June 28	Warner Park	6:30-7:30	Summer evening!
July 23	Brown County Fair	7-11	Depere, WI Road Trip
July 28	Edgerton	7-9	Community Concert in the Park
August 7	On the Square at King St.	9:30-11:00	Farmers' Market

Tom & Kristy Duo it at "Fyfe's"

May 13	6-8:30 (Mark's Birthday)
May 28	6-8:30
June 11	6-8:30
June 17	6-8:30

For further information call Tom Waselchuk (271-7827) or twasel@globaldialog.com or Kristy Larson (255-4427)

1999 Brush Collection Schedule

If your refuse is collected on: Place your brush at the curb by 7:00 A.M. on:

Thursday	The Third Monday of the Month
Friday	The Fourth Monday of the Month

Neighborhood Artists Exhibit Their Art Close to Home

On May 23, Bill and Sharon Redinger will turn their living room and dining room into gallery space. Both Bill and Sharon have exhibited their art in art fairs in Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Illinois for eleven years. (Sharon recently started exhibiting her art in a Colorado Springs gallery.) This will be the first time they are exhibiting all their work in their home.



Violets by Sharon Redinger

Bill's serigraph prints have focused on wildflowers for quite a few years. His serigraph style reduces the basic design elements of his image, eliminating some detail, so the flower and leaves pop forward. Bill defines a serigraph as an original color print made by pressing pigment (with a squeegee) through a "silk" screen

stencil, in this case a non-photographic hand-painted stencil. The word "serigraph" was coined in 1937 to differentiate creative silkscreen work from the more mundane commercial and industrial work of the time.

Sharon has been stuck on painting leaves for ten years. Her close-up leaf images take advantage of bright light in the foreground and dark shadows in the background. Sometimes the leaves are only a vehicle for showing the amazing colors and shapes to be seen when you look close up at nature. Sharon's watercolor style is described as Hard-edge Watercolor Painting. Each wash of color is left to dry before

another is placed next to it. Saturated colors and dark shadows are created by multiple layers of color washes.

The public is welcome to attend this showing at 408 Washburn Place (off the 800 block of E. Gorham) from 1 PM to 5 PM on May 23.

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Wisconsin Income Equity Act Introduced in the Assembly

My first few months in office have been exciting and time consuming. I have had the opportunity to hear from many of you regarding various issues and I am always happy to hear your opinions on matters of concern to you. Since the last article I have been busy with the upcoming budget and have introduced several bills.

WISCONSIN INCOME EQUITY ACT

The Wisconsin Income Equity Act (WIEA), Assembly Bill 161, has been introduced and a hearing was held. WIEA attempts to raise the wages of the average worker by placing limits on the amount corporations receive through executive salary tax exemptions. Simply stated, the Wisconsin Income Equity Act seeks to reduce the income gap by encouraging corporate responsibility. This bill would end our state's practice of subsidizing excessive executive pay.

Under current law, compensation paid to a company's officers and employees can be deducted from its income tax and this deduction for executive officers cannot exceed \$1,000,000. The Wisconsin Income Equity Act changes the \$1 million executive compensation deduction cap by further limiting the deduction to 25 times the company's lowest paid full-time employee. So, if the lowest paid employee makes

\$20,000, the corporation would be able to deduct \$500,000 of executive income. Increases in corporate deductions are now tied to increases in the wage scale. This bill is not an attack on those at the top of the income ladder. Rather, it is our goal to lift up those at the lower end of the economic ladder.

This bill doesn't limit executive pay, and it doesn't tell companies how much to pay their employees. It will, however, send a strong message to a company that wants to receive tax deductions for executive pay. This bill aims to send a message about the values of Wisconsin government. Those who work on the factory floor are as important to the company as those who work in the corporate suite. This is a bipartisan bill that has over 15 Assembly sponsors, and has been debated for an hour on Tom Clark's Wisconsin Public Radio program. This is a solid bill that has statewide support.

CLOSE THE SCHOOL OF AMERICAS

I am also sponsoring a resolution urging Congress to close the School of Americas. The School of Americas is one of the bigger wastes of taxpayer dollars at the federal level. It is responsible for the training of foreign military officers associated with high profile massacres, killings, kidnappings and tortures in Central and South America.

I have seen firsthand the effects of the bloodshed caused by those trained by the School of Americas in both El Salvador and Colombia on Sister City visits. The cost in human and financial terms is significant.

Many religious and human rights organizations support its closure. During the last congressional session, every single member of Wisconsin's delegation voted to close the School of Americas. With three new members of Congress from our state, we need to send a strong message from the people of Wisconsin and the legislature.

WISCONSIN PRISON CRISIS


I have also introduced three bills along with Senator Fred Risser (D-Madison) that deal with the prison overcrowding crisis in Wisconsin. One bill will require that a "prison impact assessment" be filed whenever bills include language to create a felony. The other two bills deal with repealing "Truth In Sentencing" (which eliminates parole) and ending the transfer of prisoners out-of-state.



I will expand on these issues in my next article and have further details on the budget. As always, if you have any questions, comments or concerns please feel free to contact me.

-State Representative Mark Pocan

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Something Stupid

I was a little late already. And to complicate matters, I was driving in that kind of snow that a cabbie friend of mine compares to driving inside a vanilla malt. But I do a lot of driving as a commuter to Whitewater, and over the years, I've learned a few modest road warrior skills. Most people, I believe, are good, safe, and courteous drivers, and I try to be the same. Reports of road rage have made me even more circumspect about reacting to the occasional idiot who drives thoughtlessly and recklessly. My blood may still rise, but I'm less likely than I once was to give the one-finger salute.

But this morning I was late, and I knew that my commuting buddy, whom I rendezvous with at the Park and Ride, wouldn't be able to wait, and I would end up driving in this wheel-gripping weather by myself. So perhaps I rounded the corner where East Wash folds into Blair St. on fewer than all four wheels-only to be confronted with the business back end of a Streets and Sanitation vehicle (indelicately known as a garbage truck) lodged in my turn lane like a larva in a pupae.

I had little choice but to do SOMETHING STUPID. I switched lanes, swerving fast into the left, but without benefit of mirrors. It was either that or crash my shiny Pathfinder into the nasty back end of a sanitary district vehicle. And I KNOW that it was too much to ask to get away with SOMETHING SO STUPID and so I was halfway anticipating the inevitable BLARING of a horn off to my left-but not very darned far off to my left.

BLA-A-AT! went the horn. SHUCKS! (or something to that effect) I said to my STUPID self. ZIP! I steered back into my rightful right lane. The driver I had cut off whizzed past me. "THANK YOU," I shouted to the Great Automotive Gods who had spared me the embarrassment of getting caught doing SOMETHING SO STUPID. (I'm reminded of something my son Alex said once when he was about to be disciplined - "How come when I do something wrong I always get blamed for it?")

But I was not to get off so easily. Ahead, through the muck, I saw the light turn red. Turning a matching color, I

crept up slowly beside the offended party. I had no choice. I couldn't stop fifty feet back to avoid confrontation. Still, I slunk down in my seat as low as I could, (which is pretty low considering that I am the height of an average ten-year-old kid.)

Peripherally, I saw the offended driver gesticulating. (If that light is not the longest one in all of Madison, it must come in second, by the way.) All right, I thought, I've run out of other places to look, I'll be the brave little engine and take my punishment. I looked. I pointed to my own STUPID, self-slapping my forehead in "mea culpa" fashion. The driver leaned toward me, not four feet away, rolled his passenger side window down. (How BAD will he scold me? I wondered.) He mouthed "It's okay!" and he made the "OK" sign with his right hand and smiled. Then the light turned green. It was my first incident of "road nicing". And, you know what? I think it has been more effective than any screaming fit he might have had.

Sometimes, you just gotta love living in this town.

Gay Davidson-Zielske

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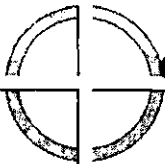
Join Christ Presbyterian Church this June for Vacation Bible School

We, your neighbors at Christ Presbyterian Church, would like to invite you to have your children join us for Vacation Bible School for five afternoons in June. Our church, which is located on the corner of Gorham and Brearly Streets, hosts many Tenney-Lapham gatherings and serves other community groups.

The dates for Vacation Bible School are Monday, June 21 through Friday, June 25. Children ages 4 years through 5th grade will fill our church building with laughter, energy and curiosity from 1-4 PM. This year, our children will explore "The Fisherman's Story." Each afternoon we'll look at a story in the life of the fisherman Peter. The rest of the afternoon is then spent in activities involving dramatic play, art, lively music,

creative snacks, and discussions of the day's Bible story.

Mention you saw this in the Tenney-Lapham Newsletter and receive the early bird discount (the cost is just \$10 per child with a maximum cost of \$25 per family.) Deadline for registration is Monday, June 7th. We will be happy to mail a registration form or provide specific information by simply calling the church office at 257-4845. Our office hours are Monday-Friday 8:30-5:00, or please leave us a voicemail message after hours.



Christ Presbyterian Church

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Have you seen us on the corner of Gorham and Brearly Streets with our beautiful view of Lake Mendota? Our spacious facility is used by many community groups for meetings and programs throughout the week. One of our special programs is Excel, a tutoring outreach for high school students on Monday nights. Volunteer cooks and tutors are always welcome.

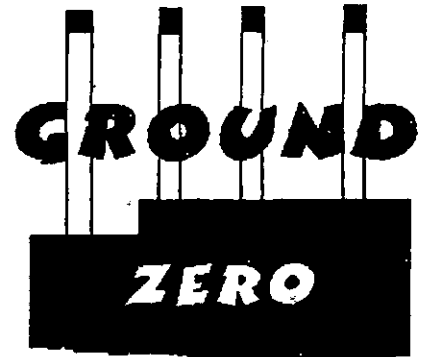
Our worship services are at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings. We offer an extensive Christian education program year-round for all ages, from 9:00- 9:50 a.m. On June 6 we begin our Summer worship schedule. Our worship time will change to only one service at 10:00 a.m. Every Sunday, children, youth and adults can be found in every corner of our building.

You are welcome to join us for worship, special events, or just stop in to say, "Hello." If you are interested in receiving our weekly newsletter, *Tidings*, please call Mick at 257-4845.

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Ballots Cast	2498	2755	3402
% Turnout	74%	89%	48%
	30%	33%	14%
Justice of the Supreme Court			
Shirley Abrahamson	648	801	395
Sharren Rose	71	63	46
Madison Mayor			
Susan Bauman	482	567	260
Eugene Parks	223	291	198
2nd District Alderperson			
Robert Gibbons	231	321	122
Barbara Vedder	478	539	330
Lottery Credit Referendum			
Yes	465	542	286
No	206	282	154
Buying Park Land Referendum			
Yes	617	819	436
No	88	60	40

TLNA Plant/Seed Exchange

Amy (257-8262) would like something flowery or ground coverish for a very shady front, next to the sidewalk.

Bob (255-3486) has seeds to give away of many kinds of annual vines.

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It Was a Dark and Stormy Night in April...

What a great time to hold a meeting about a sewer project! The meeting was sponsored by the TLNA council for two major reasons: to discuss progress on the Thornton Avenue sewer project which is intended to provide significant relief from sewer overflows on the isthmus and to consider options for Thornton Avenue once the sewer work is completed. Attendees included representatives from Great Big Pictures, the Mullins Group, Marling Lumber, TLNA residents/council members, former members of the Yahara River Task Force, Alders Barb Vedder and Judy Olsen, and Larry Nelson from the City Engineering Department. Due to the extent of the discussion and the complexity of the issues I will restrict the summary of this meeting to the discussion relevant to N. Thornton Ave.

At a similar neighborhood meeting last December, city staff indicated they hoped the sewer reconstruction project would begin this spring and be completed by the fall, 1999. The project has been delayed because of engineering considerations regarding the most feasible route for the sewer line through Burr Jones Park. The park was a former ash and cinder dump site and this material is not the most favorable construction material. DNR and Corps of Engineer permits will also be required because the sewer line must cross under the river. Larry Nelson indicated construction would only begin when all of the permits were obtained and the engineering finalized. We will keep you informed through the newsletter when the details of this project are final.

Larry Nelson indicated the city will be finishing the bike path through Burr Jones Park (between Thornton Ave and Johnson Street) this year. We appreciate the City's attention to this segment of its bike trail system.

The majority of the meeting was devoted to considerations of the fate of Thornton Avenue once the sewer work is completed. The discussion centered

around the letters exchanged between the neighborhood association and Yahara River Task Force members with the City Engineering staff. The former parties were encouraging the City and the major landowners to think creatively and holistically about the impending sewer project, E. Washington bridge reconstruction, E. Washington repaving and the goals of the Yahara River Parkway project. Specifically, they were requesting the City and landowners consider the following options:

1. Encourage the businesses to work together to enhance traffic options within the blocks bounded by Dickinson-Dayton-Thornton-E. Washington.

2. Request City Engineering staff to consider all available city owned properties in this area as potential traffic access points.

3. Encourage the City and businesses to think about the ramifications of the loss of Thornton Ave when the E. Washington bridge is reconstructed. In essence, only repave/patch essential portions of Thornton Ave given the impending loss of this street to the E. Washington Bridge reconstruction project in 2-3 years and consider alternative ingress and egress points for the businesses. Except for Great Big Pictures, the businesses were not in favor of closing or reducing the extent of Thornton Avenue.

Larry Nelson indicated his preference was to repatch the road to its current width. He also was not in favor of using the existing right of way owned by the City between Thornton and E. Washington as a (temporary or permanent) replacement for Thornton Avenue. The TLNA council members indicated disappointment with this response given the private encroachment on this public right-of-way and the lack of a clear showing that this alternative would be any less safe than the current N. Thornton Ave-E. Washington intersection.

Mr. Nelson had recommended in his

letter to the neighborhood and at the meeting that the sewer project could be split. He suggested leaving the portion of the sewer project between the railroad tracks and E. Johnson Street undone until the issues of cul-de-sacing N. Thornton Ave at E. Johnson Street was resolved. He suggested forming a street improvement district to consider this street work. An official Public Works hearing will be held on April 21 to discuss this issue. The results of this hearing will be reported in the following newsletter.

The TLNA council has taken a position to oppose partial completion of the sewer work if it will not provide significant relief from sewer back-ups in our neighborhood. Mr. Nelson was informed of the TLNA position at the meeting.

Mr. Nelson further recommended that no position on the fate of Thornton Avenue be taken until the E. Washington corridor study is completed. There was general agreement that the variety of interests and the complexity of the issues surrounding these inter-related projects makes decisions about a preferred set alternatives difficult. As with all big projects the devil is in the details.

-Ed Jepsen



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Ideas Needed for TLNA Community Service Committee

For the past year and half I have been active with the residential zoning advisory committee. That process is now winding down and (hopefully) close to a positive resolution. The report from the committee has progressed through several standing committees and received the support of all them. By the time this newsletter is published the common council should have made a decision on whether or not to make the zoning ordinance changes proposed in the report.

Thanks to the persuasive powers of the TLNA council, I have agreed to chair the community services committee, though I have only a rough idea of what the role of the committee is. At this point I am looking for any and all suggestions regarding community needs that the community services committee could address and, of course, am eager to hear from people who are willing to be active members of the committee. I am particularly interested in hearing from those of you who have been with the

committee in the past.

One community concern that seems appropriate for the committee to address is the growing problem of graffiti in our neighborhood. While this is a problem with no easy answers, there is evidence that quick removal is the best deterrent to further graffiti. The community services committee could both assist in and coordinate cleanup efforts in the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood.


As you may be aware, the city recently allocated funds to develop a "graffiti clean up crew." While this is certainly an encouraging step, it should be clear that the problem is much bigger than anything that can be solved with a couple of additional city employees. Besides that, the situation calls for more strategies than mopping up after the troublemakers, though the importance of this step should not be minimized.

Public awareness, education, and observation are all needed. With effort and communication it may even be possible to rechannel the creative but misplaced

energies of some of those producing the graffiti. There are a lot of unknowns and uncertainties surrounding this whole issue, but the one thing that is certain is that if concerned citizens don't take the time to sit down and develop an active and coordinated intervention, the problem will only get worse.

If you are willing to be part of such an effort, or if you have other ideas for the community services committee, please call me at 251-1358 or e-mail me at rjkinder@students.wisc.edu. Your participation is needed and appreciated.

-Bob Kinderman
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Thanks for Your Election Support

When you read this article, the new Common Council will have been inaugurated and had its first meeting. I'd like to take the time to thank everyone who exercised their right and voted in the April election. I also thank my constituents for such resounding support and look forward to continue working together with you in the upcoming two years.

The Yahara Parkway Plan continues on its way with the recent establishment of the Yahara Parkway Implementation Subcommittee of the Parks Commission which will be meeting quarterly or as needed including Ed Jepsen, former co-chair of the Yahara Parkway Task force, representing the Tenney Lapham neighborhood and myself as alder among a group of seven people.

Other work linked with this project includes progress in the sewer reconstruction through Burr Jones Field and along Thornton Avenue from East Johnson Street across the Avenue to the Main Street bridge. North Baldwin Street will also be reconstructed with

new and larger capacity stormwater and sanitary sewer pipes installed, together with the actual reconstruction of the street itself. All of this should lead to significant alleviation of flooding problems in some chronic locations, notably that of properties just west of Tenney Park as well as areas on the south side of East Washington Avenue. Work on North Baldwin Street should begin in May.

The former WPS property also is undergoing discussion. By the time of this writing, there will have already been an initial meeting of some Tenney neighbors together with myself, current owners of the property and city staff regarding this project for housing. For those unfamiliar with the site, it's the property across from the Yahara River locks and Filene Park along Sherman Avenue. It's also located adjacent to the Yahara Parkway and city parkland. One of the issues involved in our discussions will be the wooded area belonging to the property owners alongside the parkland. Watch for more information regarding a


larger neighborhood meeting with property owners for the near future. Also watch for notices regarding a series of meetings with the Parks Department concerning parkland along the Yahara Parkway, including issues dealing with the sewer work, reconstruction of East Washington Avenue, the Master Plan for Burr Jones Field and landscaping along the river.

Finally, on a different issue, a second set of neighborhood focus meetings has been finalized regarding the consultant's study for the reconstruction of East Washington Avenue, looking at possible scenarios for the work. There will be a second and final public information meeting on this very important project sometime towards the middle or end of May. This will be the last opportunity for residents to take in firsthand information and also give input. If you're interested in this, make sure to check the newspapers and other media or feel free to call me about a definite date.


-Alder Barbara Vedder




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Neighborhoods USA Conference Welcomes Youth

Madison is hosting the 24th Annual Neighborhoods USA Conference this year, from May 26th to May 29th, and the TLNA is sponsoring two youth passes for the conference. NUSA is the nation's largest grassroots neighborhood association, boasting more than 1,100 members. Hosting this conference is a feather in the cap of our city. It is an especially important opportunity for Madison's neighborhood organizations to participate in discussion, learning and sharing expertise at a national level and become even stronger partners with our community. Most of the sessions and conference activities are being held at Monona Terrace.

One of the most positive aspects of this conference is that it solicits the involvement of youth between the ages of twelve to eighteen (with adult chaperones) to take part. The conference of-

fers sessions particularly targeted to youth, including a get acquainted session, an outdoor Leadership Training Institute held at Olin Park, and sessions on the relationship between neighborhoods and schools, girl neighborhood power, youth and the arts, school safety and neighborhood beautification. Several of these sessions, including the get acquainted session and the youth leadership training session, are being co-led by our own Jim Dunn.

The TLNA board has approved the funding of passes for two youths from the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood to attend the conference and any sessions desired. We would like to solicit names of young people who would take maximum advantage of this opportunity, so if you know a young man or woman who is active in the community and might enjoy and benefit from the con-

ference, please contact me via phone or email. We will be awarding the passes in the next three or four weeks.

Improving the Lapham Playground

One of the areas in which the TLNA Education Committee will be focusing over the next few months is the feasibility of a partnership between the community and the Madison Metropolitan School District to improve the Lapham playground. Much of the playground equipment is old and in disrepair, especially the wooden play structures which are no longer maintained by the district. The grounds themselves are not well laid out and are also in poor repair. One need only visit other playgrounds in the city, or even the Dream Park in Monona, to imagine the possibilities. With the new



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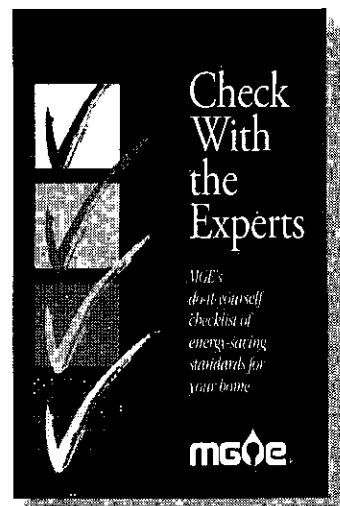
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The first question that one might ask is why the neighborhood association or any other element of the community should help to fund a playground that is supposed to be maintained by the district. There are at least two good reasons. One reason is that our community has a long history of partnering with the district to improve our school (of course, the community and the TLNA were instrumental in helping to have the school reopened in the first place). In many ways, large and small, including financially, the community and the neighborhood association have contributed to making Lapham the superb school it is. We recognize that a strong school is a cornerstone of any commu-

nity, and right now the playground is one of the areas of biggest need.

But there is perhaps an even better reason. In a neighborhood full of children, the Lapham playground is truly a community playground, and effectively the only one we have. As such it is an extremely important asset to our children, and not merely when school is in session. Drive by the playground any day of the week and you will see it in use.

The Lapham playground serves a surprisingly large area, if you think about it. Consider the area bordered by Gorham street to the north, East Washington Avenue to the south, the Yahara river to the east, and downtown Madison to the west. The playground choices for children in this area are Lapham or Reynolds Park. While Reynolds park has a nice field, the play equipment is hardly worth a notice, and even worse since the wonderful swing set that used to be there was torn down and replaced

by a completely inadequate setup with two small swings. The facilities at Reynolds are not exactly the kind that inspire the minds and bodies of most children, and a trip past the Reynolds play area followed by a trip past the Lapham play area will show you how the kids are voting! The only worthy neighborhood parks in the area, Tenney and James Madison, are across busy streets and a long walk for the many children in the central near-east area.

Therefore it helps to think of Lapham as more than just an average school playground. That is why it is a priority, and why I will be asking your help sometime over the summer to see what we can do. Ideas, comments and suggestions are more than welcome.

As always, to discuss these or any new ideas or issues, please feel free to call me at 251-5929, or email me at paaza@concentric.net.

-Pete Nelson

Education Committee Chair

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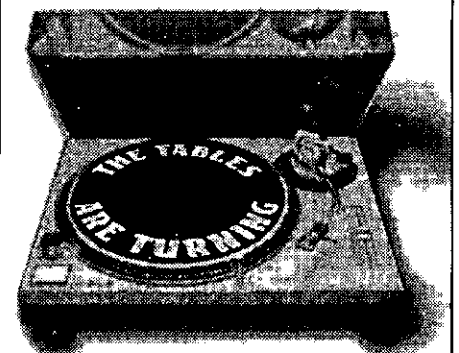
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Tree Cutting (from page 1)
 again be able to walk along the woods and see the flowers blooming that flourished on the ground beneath the trees: the wood violets, trout lilies and Solomon's seal? Will people come to walk, fish, boat and feed the ducks along this part of the river and be able to find their own protected refuge from the cityscape? Before the cutting, people enjoyed being surrounded by river, park land, lake and woods; now they have an open vista of a parking lot and abandoned buildings. What's the best we can do now?

The WPS developers took us by surprise, had contractors work hard through the rain and wind, and greatly improved their view into the parkland that residents have supported with taxes, and protected and nurtured for the last one

hundred years. We're told that this was carried out with good intentions. Some of us felt very angry in response to the cutting of the trees and shrubs. We have now communicated and shared a detailed history of planning for the site with elected officials and city officials. We are setting up meetings with the developers and had some coverage by the media. Alder Barbara Vedder is taking a significant role in these meetings and work. A significant event in the history of the site took place in May of last year when Ed Jepsen organized a meeting on the property. Anyone who is interested has had and will continue to have an opportunity to find out how much we do care about what happens at the WPS property.

And we can move on from here. So let's do that. Let's all work together to

make sure the development becomes a showcase for what is possible along the Yahara Parkway and for the City of Madison. We, the neighbors and neighborhood, are committed to working hard in a cooperative productive development for the betterment of the whole community.

-Tim Olsen
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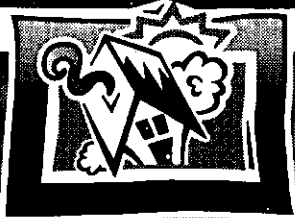
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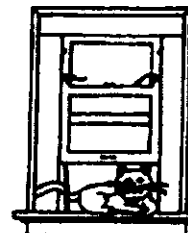
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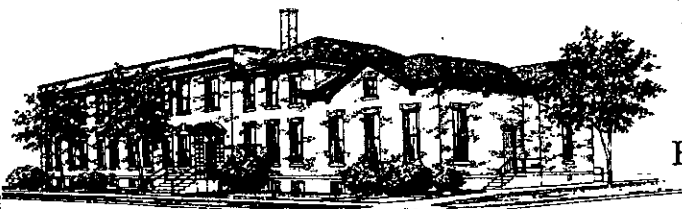
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