



Tenney-Lapham newsletter

November 1983

Christmas Events



CHRISTMAS PARTY

Thoughts of Christmas before Thanksgiving's even down the hatch? It's never too early to set aside time for the annual neighborhood Caroling Party. This year's event is set for 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 20 at 1041 E. Johnson. Mike Tuten and Carol Huber will open their doors to all off-key altos, booming bases and soaring sopranos. Bring a holiday dessert, and be prepared to sing your friends and neighbors into the holiday mood (Better there than into their closets or basements).



Christ Presbyterian Church (944 E. Gorham) will hold its annual Christmas Party for elementary-age children on Sunday, Dec 11, from 6:30 till 8:00. Come to the Fellowship Hall at the church for games, refreshments, and a good time! For further information, call 257-4845.



Education post open

We still need someone to serve on the TLNA Board as Education Representative, to keep us in touch with matters concerning the schools, day care centers our children attend, as well as with city-wide issues involving education. Someone with a child or children at Marquette or East High would be ideal. If you are interested yourself, or know of a possible candidate, please call Martha Gordon at 257-7061. (A thought: this might be a good way for a parent with children just entering the school system to learn more about it.)

TLNA Board off and running

Your new TLNA Board met for the first time on Oct 13, and it's an impressively qualified and enthusiastic group. You'll find the names and phone numbers of the Board members and Area Representatives in each issue of the newsletter, and we urge you to give us a call with any questions, suggestions, kudos or criticisms you might have.

Or better still, come to our monthly Board meetings, which are open to all Tenney-Lapham residents. We meet on the second Thursday of each month from 7 to 9 at Christ Presbyterian Church, 944 E. Gorham.

We owe a great deal to the people who did such an effective job on the Board last year: thanks to Mike Tuten, Lynn Schmidt, Bob Park, Tom Kasper, Paul Fieber, Judith Blank and the Area Reps! A hard act to follow. With us again this year are Louis Cornelius (Transportation), Margaret Helming for Area C, and myself. Ald. Pam Wrzeski will be an invaluable resource, as always.

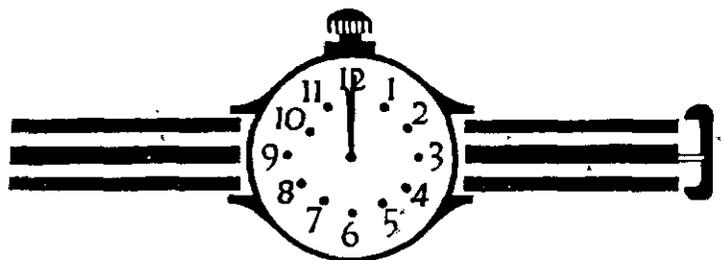
We're looking forward to a good and productive year. With your active membership and participation, we can make it happen.

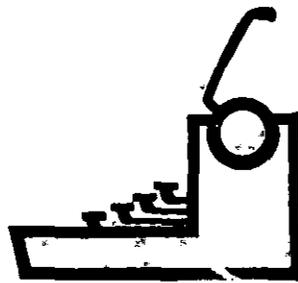
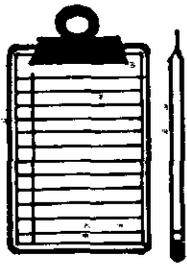
Martha Gordon
President

Do we need TYME?

A number of TLNA residents and local business people have indicated, in an informal survey, that a TYME terminal located in our immediate neighborhood would benefit both local residents and store owners. In order to get one installed, we must demonstrate that enough people would use it to justify the cost of installation. TYME cards, which give you access to cash from your account during non-banking hours, are available through the bank you patronize.

If you would like to see a TYME terminal in our area, please call your Area Representative, or record your signature on one of the sign-up sheets at Norris Court Grocery, Cork 'N Bottle, or Sentry Foods, Inc. Let's get TYME closer to home.





TLNA Board

NEWSLETTER NOTE

After a long and productive stint as newsletter editor, Paul Fieber has handed me the reins for the year (he also handed me a ton of file folders, back issues, billing statements, and probably my fair share of headaches).

Paul will continue to help with typing, and will no doubt provide able moral and technical support as our unpaid consultant. (Since he lives just across the street from me, he has little chance of escaping anyway.)

As any "community activist" knows, volunteering for such a job requires hard work, a few extra hours, inky fingers, a bottle of aspirin, a social do-gooder conscience, and a pinch of masochism. After editing the Dunn's Marsh neighborhood's newsletter for several years, I can attest to the accuracy of the above recipe.

But without readers, a few volunteer writers, Monday morning critics, and loyal advertisers, a newsletter like this becomes an exercise in journalistic one-hand clapping--and just about as much fun. So let us know you're out there. My able assistant, Bob Kann, and I will be waiting to hear from you. Got a gripe? A brilliant solution to a neighborhood problem? The itch to get involved? An ad to keep us afloat? An artistic or poetic talent that you'd like to put to good use? Give me a call at 256-2958, or call Bob at 257-0958. I'm located at 450 N. Few and Bob's at 462 Marston if you have something for us. Just drop it off or stick it in the mail. Our newsletter is really your newsletter.

David Wallner, Editor

"Walk" Safely



BALDWIN - EAST WASHINGTON CROSSING

Marquette Middle School students who cross at Baldwin and East Washington daily on their way to and from school are reminded that the "Walk" lights there have been repaired, and that they will have plenty of time to cross safely if they remember to push the "Walk" button. Students who walk home via Thornton, across East Washington towards Washington Square, should be reminded that there is no traffic signal there. The walk to and from school coincides with rush hour, and students should either stick with the "Walk" intersections or be extremely careful. The Traffic Engineering Dept. and the Madison Police are monitoring this situation, but the bottom line seems to be that the students themselves must take the responsibility for their own safety.

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Included in the 1984 City Budget is an allocation to the Tenney Lapham Corp of \$65,000 for a redevelopment project on the 800 block of East Johnson. Our original plan, based on some ground-work done by the neighborhood association two years ago, was to purchase and rehabilitate the building at 821 Johnson. Home of the Cork N' Bottle Liquor store and the new Fleur de Lis flower shop, it is currently owned by a partnership headed by Dick Van Roo of Flagship Realty. The building also has 4 three-bedroom apartments in addition to the 2 commercial spaces.

The availability of another building on the block, at 835 E. Johnson, is opening up other possibilities. This building is a large 2 unit (2 bedrooms each) that is sitting vacant and is owned by the notorious Marvin Marcus.

The uniqueness of this second property is that it sits on a very large lot, which could conceivably be put to use for either parking or as a building site. Neighborhood business people have been very vocal about the need for more parking.

Meanwhile, the Madison Mutual Housing Assn is tentatively interested in the 4-6 residential units for purchase and conversion into cooperatively owned apartments.

While there are lots of people involved and decisions to make over the next month or so, the fundamental issue is the long term business development strategy for this neighborhood. Important questions to consider include:

- * Is an offstreet parking lot at this site possible, necessary and cost effective?
- * Will neighborhood ownership and control of one or more buildings assist in improving the business climate?
- * What impact will a proposed mini-mall shopping center at the corner of Fordam and Gorham Streets have on businesses on the 800 block of E. Johnson?

If you have any thoughts or opinions about these questions and the tentative development plan, please tell us. Contact Mark Koppelkam or Char Thompson at the Tenney-Lapham Corporation office, 258-9060

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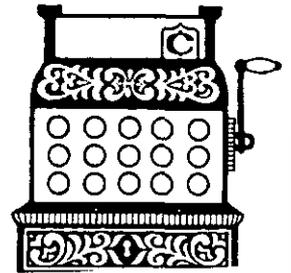
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Treasury Update



Last year TLNA raised money in three major ways: membership, the Pizza sale, and the neighborhood resale. Our major annual expense is the newsletter. Last year TLNA also contributed to the Lapham Playground, and sponsored two free events--the Summer Picnic and the Singles Party.

For fiscal '82-83 TLNA sustained a net loss of \$147.13. However, due to an accumulated surplus our financial status remains sound. To keep it this way we need your support.

Judy Ann Jones
TLNA Secretary/Treasurer

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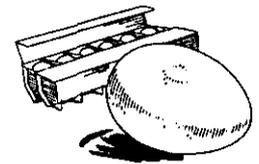
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FREE DELIVERY



NOTES FROM THE SUPE'S KITCHEN

This is the busiest time of the year for all County officials. Both the budget deliberations and the labor contract negotiations are underway. In a neighborhood where 44% of all persons working outside the home are public employees, and almost every adult pays taxes, the conclusion of both activities are important and close to home.

Issues presented by the budget with special significance to our neighborhood are:

1. Weed cutting on the lake: Barry's funding recommendation was lower than preceding years. An amendment to make double shift cutting during the worst two months failed in Finance Committee. If you want to support this addition, call me or other members of Finance.

2. Purchase of the Neurological Center (DeTox): Contingent upon sale of the Lakeview Building, this plan was proposed by Barry. However, key supervisors felt the issue was too complex to handle during the budget. It will remain as an item for debate afterward. Supervisor Dick Wagner (District 6) and I have requested that a committee including residents from District 2 be created to review the worthiness of the purchase. I would appreciate suggestions and volunteers.

Other proposals that have stirred up a lot of community interest are:

1. Deletion of the Youth Commission and its staffer;
2. Cuts to PICADA, a drug and alcohol abuse prevention agency;
3. Cuts to the Commission on Aging;
4. Contracting out of certain work currently performed by county employees.

At this time all but some of the contracting-out proposals appear to have a good chance of defeat.

It is approaching the end of my first term and I want to thank you all for the privilege of being your County Supervisor.

Kathleen Nichols

FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM LAPHAM SCHOOL

Neighbors who are eligible for the cheese, butter, and other commodities distributed monthly at the Lapham School auditorium are advised that for the month of November, it is likely that no supplies will be available. We don't know why; we're looking into this.

If you have questions, please call "First Call For Help" (246-4357 or 241-5100).

If you are truly in need, and want someone to speak for you, call 257-7061. But try the above-listed numbers ("First Call for Help") first. Staffers there can direct you to other sources of surplus commodities.

The federal Food Distribution Program, offering surplus commodities such as cheese, butter, rice, flour, powdered milk (and honey when available) is being run this year in our area through UMOs (United Migrant Opportunity Services, Inc.). Eligible households can collect commodities - the quantity varies according to household size - at the distribution site at Lapham School. Commodities are available on the last two weekdays of each month. Distribution begins (if the truck arrives on time) at noon, and lasts till 5 p.m., or as long as supplies last.

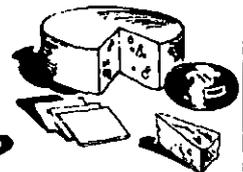
All the commodities are delivered and distributed by volunteers. On Oct 27, participating volunteers represented such agencies as Energy Services Inc., Community Action Commission, Wisconsin Nutrition Project, and the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Assn. The Christ Presbyterian Church in our neighborhood has expressed an interest in providing volunteers in the future.

At the Oct 27 distribution, there was much concern about the delay in the arrival of food. Many elderly people, workers, mothers with small children, etc. were forced to wait 1½ hours, some missing appointments with doctors, work deadlines and so forth. Some had to leave without food because of the limitations of special bus schedules. All volunteer workers present found this outrageous and there were plans to draft a letter of protest (a mild one, merely asking that the distributors let the site know if the truck will be delayed).

Martha Gordon

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Church offers aid from Bassett fund

The Session of Christ Presbyterian Church took action recently to create a fund to perpetuate the ideals and concerns of Norman Bassett for people and groups with special and particular needs. The purpose of the fund is to support financially, with out-right grants, innovative and creative ideas as generated by Christ Presbyterian Church or the local community at large, in keeping with the generosity and Christian concern of Norman Bassett.

Norman Bassett was a civic leader in Madison. He was chairman of the board of DEMCO (Democrat Printing Company) which grew from a small mail order house to the country's third leading national supplier of materials to schools and libraries.

Norman Bassett made unique contributions to the social and cultural life of Madison. He donated a rare book, "The Innocents Abroad", by Mark Twain to the University of Wisconsin. He also donated seventy-seven works of Ernest Hemingway to the University. In 1964, he was elected President of the Madison Art Foundation, and he signed the lease for the old Lincoln School to be used as the Art Center. Bassett stated, "Culture is, in essence, a community concern. We are confident that in the years to come, the Madison Art Center will grow to mean a great deal to the people of Madison."

The Norman Bassett Gallery was established in the art center and was renamed "The Norman and Sally Bassett Gallery" when it was moved to the Civic Center. Bassett contributed generously to the University of Wisconsin School of Education and established a grant to set up a "school without failure approach" to equip teachers for special education. He contributed to the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, United Way, Madison School District, Vilas Park Zoo, YMCA, YWCA, hospitals, schools, and churches. His will was the largest charitable gift in the history of Madison to 21 tax exempt organizations. His will stated, "The benefiting

organizations are challenged to use the generous gifts wisely for the betterment of all."

In keeping with Bassett's wishes Christ Presbyterian Church set aside a portion of the Norman Bassett legacy to use as the principal for the compassion fund. The fund is administered by a committee appointed by the Christ Church Session. The committee has up to \$5,000 per year to disseminate in outright grants to agencies or individuals. Projects may be fully or partially funded on a one time or ongoing basis. Requests are accepted for projects needing small amounts of money or for larger grant applications.

The three categories for funding are single event projects, ongoing/long term projects, and immediate need projects. Application deadlines for single event projects are Jan 1, Apr 1, July 1, and Oct 1. Deadlines for ongoing projects are Jan 1 and July 1. Immediate need projects have no time frame; applications will be processed as quickly as possible.

The kinds of applications that will be considered and are appropriate for funding are projects that reflect a creative approach to any area of investigation into solving human needs or the development of individual potential, benefit an ethnic minority or disadvantaged people with special or particular needs, enhance the quality of life for people in the local community individually or collectively, or meet a special need where there are no other funds available. All persons or agencies desiring to apply must complete an application form describing their project goals, specific objectives, and financial requirements. A personal interview is also required with a follow-up evaluation upon completion of the project.

Anyone desiring further information can write to The Norman Bassett Compassion Fund, Christ Presbyterian Church, 944 E. Gorham St., Madison, Wisconsin 53703.

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Looking for a way to really open your doors and share some good will during the holiday season? How about opening them to a foster child?

According to the recent Neighborhood Exchange newsletter, Dane County is experiencing a drastic need for foster homes. In fact, there has been a 10 percent increase this year in children needing foster homes. During difficult economic times, families face additional inter-personal stress, increased child abuse, drug or alcohol-related problems, and personal problems within the family leading to a growing dilemma. According to the Neighborhood Exchange article, 20 children now need foster homes. A single person or a married couple capable of giving good care are eligible. Foster parents are paid for providing care according to a child's age and need. A training program is offered to prospective foster parents prior to placement.

For more information, contact Deena, a foster care recruiter, at 249-5351.



Help!

VOLUNTEER CORNER

Have you felt an urge to become active in your neighborhood's activities but didn't have the time to get too involved? Well here are some open volunteer positions that require a short-term or limited-scope commitment. If you're interested in any, please call the contact person for more information.

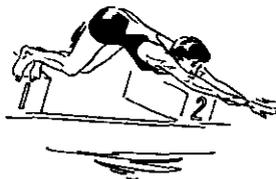
- * Childrens Christmas party at Christ Presbyterian (Rev. Jack Johnson, 257-4845)
- * Neighborhood Watch Program block organizer (Mike Tuten, 255-2833)
- * Monthly surplus food distribution at Lapham School (see article elsewhere). (John at 251-6116)

ANNOUNCEMENT

The LAPHAM CARD CLUB, which meets on Fridays from 1 to 3 p.m. at the INCREASE LAPHAM SENIOR CENTER, 1045 E. Dayton St., now has transportation to the Club available.

Interested persons over 60 who wish to play bridge, euchre, 500 or table games such as cribbage or scrabble on a Friday afternoon at the old Lapham School Cafeteria should call the Near East Side Coalition of Older Adults at 257-3322 by 11 a.m. on Thursdays. The Coalition will arrange transportation to the Friday Card Club on the Independent Living Bus.

The Lapham Club is co-sponsored by the Madison School/Community Recreation Dept and the Near East Side Coalition. For more information, contact Mary Scheideler or Roberta Paterson at 257-3322.



Recreation Programs

Madison School Community Recreation wants to remind us of the many programs available this year both at Lapham School and East High. These include aquatics and recreational swimming, adult leisure classes and activities (including Friday card parties), special recreation, and much more. For more information, call 266-6070, or drop in at the MSCR office at Lapham, 1045 E. Dayton

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