



Tenney-Lapham newsletter

November, 1985

EMS Expected to Open by Jan. 1

Since this spring, when the Central YMCA announced it would close its emergency shelter for Madison's indigent men, Shaun Abshere has followed the city/county effort to establish a new shelter. Shaun, an area representative and council member of the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Assn., was recently appointed to the advisory council of the shelter by County Supervisor Kathleen Nichols. The following is Shaun's account of recent developments concerning the shelter.

The Emergency Men's Shelter (EMS) should open as a 75-bed facility at 15 S. Bearly by New Year's Day.

Dane County Executive Jonathan Barry has signed a ten-year lease with the facility's owner, Jerome Mullins, who will soon sign an agreement to operate the shelter with Tellurian UCAN, a local human services program contractor. Tellurian also operates the county's Alcohol Detoxification Unit at 1954 E. Washington Ave.

Both Eloise Anderson, an aide to Barry, and Jerry Houfek, vice president of Tellurian UCAN's board of directors, are confident that they will meet their January 1 deadline. They also believe that the EMS renovation and its operating policies will satisfy neighborhood concerns. And both are agreed on its fundamental goal: to help EMS residents achieve greater self-sufficiency.

Under recent state law, the county must provide the resources necessary to shelter men who are homeless, single and transient. Anderson notes that the county liberally interpreted this law to honor commitments made by the City of Madison when the EMS was its responsibility. This decision increased the county's EMS costs by two to three times the statutory minimum.

Anderson added, however, that the EMS creates two human services opportunities not previously avail-

able to the county. County social service workers will identify residents' needs earlier in their passage through the public assistance system and thus meet those needs earlier. Further, the EMS facility is flexible: within its 75-bed maximum, the county may also be able to meet the transient housing needs of women and families.

Hofek believes that Tellurian UCAN can handle running the EMS. He points to his company's growth during the last ten years: Tellurian has 150 employees, operates six programs in Dane County and will soon open Milwaukee County's Alcohol Detoxification Unit.

Like Anderson, Houfek sees the EMS as an opportunity to provide better and earlier services. He points out that the men who pass through the Detoxification Unit and the men who'll reside at the EMS are often one and the same. By operating both facilities, Houfek hopes that Tellurian will provide a more effective mix of clinical and non-clinical services.

Lynn Haanen, a county supervisor and chair of the county's Board of Public Welfare, supports the EMS arrangements. She is willing to meet with our neighborhood association to discuss its operation and future. Haanen notes that Kathleen Nichols, county supervisor for the Tenney-Lapham area, has publicly endorsed Tellurian UCAN as the EMS operator.

New Lapham CPR Learning Center Offers Basic, Infant Saver Classes

Basic CPR Certification Courses as well as Infant Saver CPR Courses are now being offered by the Madison Recreation Department and Dane County Red Cross at the new Lapham Building CPR Learning Center, 1045 E. Dayton St.

Classes will be offered on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6 to 10 p.m. on a regular basis throughout the year. Students will learn to recognize and respond to infant, youth and adult heart and breathing emergencies. Youths 13 years old or past seventh grade are welcome.

The fee for the four-hour Infant Saver Course is \$10.00, or \$15.00 per couple. The fee for the eight-hour complete Certification Course is \$12.00.

To register, call 233-9300, ext. 252.

Neighbors to Host Caroling, Party

Friends and neighbors will meet for Christmas caroling at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, at the home of Mike Tuten and Carol Huber, 1041 E. Johnson St.

Don't forget to bring your flashlight, and please bring a Christmas "goodie" (cookies, cakes, egg nog, hot cider, etc.) for the party at Mike and Carol's after caroling.

For more information, call Anne Katz at 251-3217 or 256-0029.

Street Decorations, Festival Discussed

Members of the East Johnson Merchants Association discussed plans for holiday decorations, a street festival next summer and concerns about parking in their area at a meeting Oct. 17 at Mildred's Sandwich Shop.

The merchants talked about a cooperative effort to display decorations for Thanksgiving and Christmas, in part to symbolize the cohesiveness of the neighborhood business community and to demonstrate the "tradition, quality and service" it offers.

The festival would include music and other entertainment, food and children's activities, possibly on a closed-off section of East Johnson or Paterson streets and similar to the festivals of recent years by Monroe Street businesses.

Alderman David Wallner heard the merchants express their view that proposed resident parking permits should not interfere with customers' access to their businesses. He urged them to write the city's Traffic and Engineering Department and to work closely with him and TLNA.

Others present at the meeting were Chairperson Teena Browder of The Butcher Shop; Connie Kaeser of Cork 'n Bottle; Vanessa Zakana of Whole Earth Coop; Karen Martin of Hair and Tortoise; Kathy Kiel of Mildred's; Marilee Franke of Burnie's Rock Shop; Jim Cheek of Autobahn; Wil Bremer of Spruce Tree Music; Greg Papendieck of Papendieck Upholstery; and Martha Gordon of TLNA.

It was noted at the meeting that Cheek has received an Orchid Award from Capital Community Citizens. The award is given to "people or projects that enhance the local environment" through "restorations, construction, gardens and citizen action." Cheek carried out extensive remodeling and landscaping of his garage at East Johnson and Paterson streets.

In other neighborhood business news, Tim Newport has purchased the building at 1257 E. Johnson St. and expanded his woodworking shop into the adjoining unit of the building. Another space of about 1,000 square feet is available for rent as a shop or store, and interested persons may call Tim at 251-2441.

Meanwhile, 1259 E. Johnson St. (it seems like part

of Tim's shop but is actually a separate building) has been bought by Mark Medler, who is using it as a warehouse for his imported wicker furniture, baskets and gift items. His business is primarily wholesale and has no regular hours, but individual customers are welcome by appointment or may stop in when they see the shop is open.

Medler, who operated bookstores in the 800 and 900 blocks of East Johnson in the late '70's, is available at his current bookstore at 462 State St., phone 255-8393. He has considered changing the store to a neighborhood gift shop with snack foods, reading materials and a postal station and would be glad for suggestions from T-L residents on what kind of business they might want to have at that location.

As of Nov. 4, the retail spaces on the ground floor of the new building at 831 E. Johnson had not been rented. Realtor Gregg Shimanski, who developed the property with the Tenney-Lapham Corp., said he has had contacts from a number of prospective tenants and was hopeful the spaces would be rented soon.

Police Report Sept. Crime

According to the Madison Police Department's Neighborhood Crime Watch Bulletin for September, the following crimes were reported for that month from the Tenney-Lapham area: nine thefts from automobiles or residences; 14 thefts from businesses; three burglaries; and no reported cases of sexual assault or child enticement.

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The Madison Community Health Center at 1133 Williamson St. believes medical care is a right, not a privilege. It offers a full range of medical services on a sliding scale fee, and no patient is denied health care for their inability to pay.

Founded in 1972, the center has become known as an "alternative" health center. In fact, most of the medicine practiced at MCHC is standard Western medical care delivered by M.D.'s and nurse practitioners. But in other respects the center differs from the area's other health care providers.

The center's staff of eight see themselves as a worker-controlled cooperative. They maintain its day-to-day

operations while relying on a number of volunteers—office workers, doctors, lab technicians, nurse practitioners and advocates—to carry out the center's programs.

MCHC promotes a non-hierarchical relationship between its workers and patients, who are encouraged to feel comfortable and expressive at the clinic. Staff members believe that mind, body and environment are invariably related both in health and illness, and a person's whole life is considered in prescribing treatment.

The center also recognizes the value of other non-traditional forms of medicine not offered at the clinic as potential remedies for its patients.

The center's work is educational. It seeks to demystify health care and to inform the community about patients' rights and the ways people can take responsibility for their own health care.

Patient services are offered at three weekly clinics. The Monday morning primary care clinic serves people who need ongoing care and want a continuing relationship with their providers. A Tuesday evening general clinic is available for people who don't need extensive evaluations or care for chronic problems, and the women's clinic on Wednesday evenings is staffed by women exclusively for the health concerns of women.

MCHC provides nutrition and herbal consultations, low-cost psychotherapy, counseling on chemical dependency, sex therapy, chiropractic care, massage and counseling. The clinic is also working to develop a low-cost referral network with sympathetic medical professionals in the Madison area.

Madison Community Health Center's phone number is 255-0704. The center's staff welcomes calls from anyone willing to volunteer their labor or offer suggestions on sources of funding.

Editor's Notes

Special thanks for their help with this issue of the newsletter to Shaun Abshere and Martha Gordon.

Shaun, a recent appointee to the advisory council of the new Men's Emergency Shelter on Brearly Street, has provided us another good update on the city's and county's efforts to relocate that facility from the Downtown YMCA, and we are grateful for his concern and involvement with this vital service.

Martha, past president of TLNA, continues her concern for the aged and people of all ages with notes on assistance for household chores and education. To say that the newsletter wouldn't happen without her help is something of an overstatement, but not by much, and the copy she and Shaun have written has undoubtedly made this a better newsletter.

We are also appreciative of the neighborhood business community for its advertising and financial support of the newsletter, who printing costs are too often a close match for the TLNA treasury. We trust that the merchants share our belief that being a good neighbor is good business, and that Tenney-Lapham residents will patronize those stores which support the neighborhood association.

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Wallner Details Survey Results

During this last week of October, the City Council is well on its way to shaping the 1986 budget, prior to final approval before Thanksgiving. Within the last few weeks, I've circulated a 2nd District survey to ask residents a series of questions about the budget, 2nd District issues and city-wide concerns. Because of budget restrictions, I was only able to print 1,500 copies of this survey, which would cover about half of the 2nd District.

Two neighborhood associations circulated the survey with their newsletters, and I've dropped off copies in the Tenney-Lapham area at The Butcher Shop and Whole Earth Co-op. I've also hand-delivered several hundred copies around the Tenney area and gave out copies at the TLNA annual meeting, but because of newsletter deadlines and printing limitations, I haven't been able to hit the entire TLNA area.

I do have about 100 copies left, so give me a call if you'd like me to mail you a copy, or stop at the two businesses mentioned above.

Although I'm still getting in surveys each day, and I haven't yet tallied the final results, some preliminary trends have begun to unfold throughout the district.

Bus Pass Increase

By about a 2-to-1 majority, residents oppose the \$4 bus pass increase proposed in the Mayor's budget. Many people have recommended a \$0 increase for the pass on the grounds that it's unwise to put the burden on the bus system's most faithful users. A \$2 increase seems acceptable to those favoring any increase.

Overall Budget Level

There is strong concern to keep budgetary increases and property taxes down, and to improve the city's delivery of services. By a slight majority, voters favor increasing city spending from three to four per cent,

in line with the current rate of inflation.

Police Foot Patrols

A strong majority favor police foot patrols in high crime areas. I've been advocating this approach along the East Johnson business area and in the district's major parks like Tenney.

East Washington Blvd. Beautification

There should be \$50,000 in the city's capital budget for this project, which has received solid support from area residents, merchants and the Mayor's office. The fund would be set up on a rotating basis for future years, to improve the appearance of the city's major boulevards like East Washington.

I'll be working with businesses and neighborhood representatives this winter to review Parks Department plans for tree planting, new shrubs, etc. Any TLNA resident interested in working on a small committee to review these plans should give me a call at 256-2958.

A more detailed account of this survey will be available later this year, when all returns are in. But so far, I'm impressed with the thoughtfulness and specific suggestions you've provided. Several excellent ideas have been proposed for me to work on, especially regarding traffic problems.

There are several other key items that I've been working on to get into the new budget. These include:

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Curb/Bike Path/Crosswalk Painting

I've been pushing to get more money into this category, and there is now \$50,000 in the budget for this important traffic safety issue. The city in previous years had cut most funding for the painting of curbs, bike paths and crosswalks.

Tennéy Park

Weather permitting, the park's two volleyball courts and reseeding of the areas on the beach side of the park should begin this fall, and more money is in the Parks budget for additional work next year.

Roof repair work on the shelter, repair work on one of the park's bridges and a sailboat launch site behind the beachhouse are also in next year's budget. Working with TLNA's parks representative, I'm hopeful that these repairs and additions can be completed next year.

Other New Items

Congratulations to Jim Cheek for his Orchid Award from Capital Community Citizens, and to Shaun Abshere on his appointment to the advisory council of the Men's Emergency Shelter. TLNA had originally extracted a pledge from the Mayor's office to allow the formation of such a council, so that the neighborhood would have in-put on matters of concern such as the shelter's hours, curfew, etc. My thanks to 2nd District Supervisor Kathleen Nichols for her support of Shaun's appointment.

East Johnson Merchants Association

I recently attended an excellent meeting with this up-and-coming organization, and many plans are underway to make the Johnson Street area a better, safer, more attractive place to shop. A steering committee is being formed to set up a neighborhood festival next summer, organized by merchants working with the TLNA.

We also discussed the issues of parking, police foot patrols along Johnson and the possibility of getting city and University support for a marketing study to

encourage people to shop in this area. John Urich of the city's Planning and Development Department has been invited to the group's next meeting, to lend advice and support.

Traffic Concerns

Traffic Engineering is now studying two traffic problems in the Tenney-Lapham area. Both problems were brought to my attention by calls from area residents.

The first concerns speeding commuters who use Few Street as a cut-off to avoid the Sherman/Gorham corner during morning rush hours. Residents have requested a No Left Turn 7-9 a.m. sign at Few and Sherman, and a traffic count is now being conducted.

I've also heard from parents concerned about speeders using Baldwin in the mornings at the same time children are boarding a school bus at Sherman/Baldwin. Although the city has eliminated use of Children at Play types of signs (on the theory that they don't work and create a false sense of security), I've asked that Traffic Engineering look at that corner to study visibility problems, for turning motorists and pedestrians alike. I'll also be contacting the police for more traffic enforcement along Sherman during rush hours.

One Final Note

Since this will be the last TLNA Newsletter of the year, I'd like to wish you all a happy holiday season. Thanks to your efforts, patience and concern, my first six months as your representative on the City Council have been extremely enjoyable and productive. Keep up the good work.

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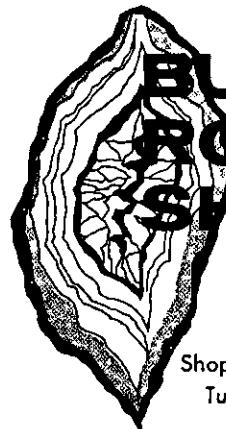
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Teena Browder Leads T-L Civil Defense Effort

In these times of nuclear peril, it's good to know that there's someone nearby, watching the skies and ready to direct our safety in the aftermath of the bomb.

Teena Browder, who with her family operates The Butcher Shop and Cork 'n Bottle on East Johnson, is just such a neighbor. Spurred to action by a Madison-Dane County Civil Defense manual published in 1956 which she discovered some four years ago in her parents' attic, Teena is the Tenney-Lapham air warden and director of Civil Defense preparedness. Following the guidelines of the manual, Connie has provided us a model of vigilance and appropriate response to nuclear catastrophe.

Teena is a member of the Ground Observer Corps, "the eyes and ears of the Air Force" and the twin of the radar network. Each night she or her husband, John, climb up onto the roof of their shops with binoculars to scan the skies.

"Actually, that's the reason we bought this building," she noted. "We supplement the machines, filling in the gaps to look for bombers and other odd things in the sky."

At home, their bomb shelter is located behind the furnace, with three dressers for the other walls and plywood with an inflated and filled child's wading pool on top for added protection. As per the instructions in their manual, the shelter is stocked with a seven-day supply of food (Teena recommends a brisket of beef or a brace of pheasants and will be glad to select a suitable wine for your own shelter menu); flashlight; portable radio; gas masks (a precaution against sub-microscopic particles); and plenty of soap and water. Brooms, shovels and rubber gloves are kept handy to minimize contact with radioactive particles.

Teena and John also drill regularly on a special radio signal.

"We run outside, throw ourselves to the ground and put a jacket over our head," she explained. "That's why in summer I'm wearing at least a light jacket to protect exposed parts of my body."

Quoting from her manual, Teena says it's essential that citizens trust the authorities in the wake of a nuclear attack.

"Trust implicitly in the government and local officials. Don't rush outside unless you have a Civil Defense job. If asked for a blood sample, give it. And be open to take any vaccinations we may request."

Teena offers herself for home workshops and seminars on nuclear preparedness. Check for details at the shops, and if you're there when The Big One drops, duck under a desk or table. But don't ask admittance to Teena's own shelter.

"You let one in, it just snowballs," she observed. You have to draw the line somewhere."

Help Available to Aged, Disabled For Home Maintenance Chores

For some older homeowners or renters, the fall and winter seasons can bring serious home maintenance problems. Leaf-raking, storm window installation, sidewalk snow clearance, weatherization, general repairs--these come with the Wisconsin season, soon to be upon us.

If you need help with these jobs, and if you're a senior citizen or a disabled person, there are services in your area to assist you.

For chore services, call *Independent Living* at 251-8400, or call the Near East Side Coalition of Older Adults at 257-3322.

For information about weatherization and fuel assistance, call the Community Action Commission at 266-9720; or Project Home, Inc. at 258-4801.

For general information, please don't hesitate to call *Martha Gordon* at 257-7061.

Winter Aquatics, Fitness Classes at Lapham, East High Schools

This winter's aquatics and fitness programs at Lapham and East High Schools will begin throughout the month of January and early February.

Programs at Lapham include Infant and Pre-School Recreational Swimming, Infant and Pre-school Instructional Swimming, Older Adult Aquatics, Adaptive Aquatics and Fitness Workout classes.

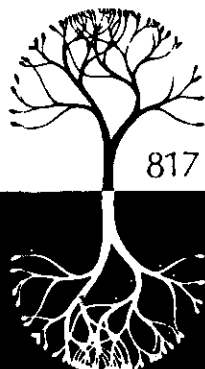
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Entertainment, sociability and a nutritious noon meal are the featured activities. Invitations are extended to the Lapham Busy Bees, Lapham Nutrition Program participants, members of the Living Enrichment/Lapham exercise class and all Tenney-Lapham neighbors age 60 or older.

For reservations, call 255-0147.

The Lapham senior center is the site for foot care clinics for Madison residents 55 or older who are not diabetic.

Toenail trimming will be provided by Visiting Nurse Service staff from 2 to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 4. The cost is \$5, and you are asked to bring your own towels. Appointments may be made by calling 257-3322.

The clinics are co-sponsored by the East Madison/Monona Coalition of the Aging, Near East Side Coalition of Older Adults and the Visiting Nurse Service.

Please note that the Independent Living nutrition sites will be closed on Thanksgiving and the day after but will serve dinners as usual at noon on Dec. 24 and Dec. 31.

Anyone needing another place for a meal on dates that the nutrition sites are closed should phone First Call for Help at 246-HELP.

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Howdy, TLNA neighbors.

This newsletter kicks off my stint as president of the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association. It is my sincere hope that my term will be as productive and fruitful as those of my predecessors.

One of my biggest goals as TLNA president is to put more of the streets in our area into the Neighborhood Watch program. Richard Linster has taken a big step forward by getting his neighbors on Sidney Street to sign up with the program. The 1200 block of Elizabeth Street has also joined, and Linster will be glad to help you organize your block as well. His phone number is 251-1937.

Some good news for all of us! In a recent conversation with Daniel Stapay of the city's Parks Department, it was confirmed that we're finally going to get our volleyball court. In fact, two of them. One will be a sand pit, located between the beach and the locks on the north side of Sherman Avenue, and the other a grass court on the island in the park.

A note on the board meetings. November's will be at my house, 455 N. Few St., at 7 p.m. on the 21st. Preceding the business portion of the meeting will be a public presentation by the group Beyond War. Anyone and everyone is welcome.

If you're still raking leaves, the city's Sanitation Department notes that there's an ordinance against putting them in the gutter--they can clog the storm sewers. The garbage collection crews would prefer that you put your rakings into trash bags, but you may put them onto the terrace between the street and the sidewalk.

I've gotten word that the Bassett Fund has seed money available to be used on a neighborhood program to benefit youth or the elderly. If anyone has any thoughts on the matter, give me or any of the other board members your ideas.

David Mandehr

Notes from the Education Front

The school year is well underway for Tenney-Lapham students of all ages, from pre-school to university. Early morning observers will note the walkers, the bikers, the car-poolers, the bus waiters, all on their way to . . . wherever our children and young adults spend their school days.

So attention students! We would like to share with the neighborhood ideas and impressions of school, notes about special events, stories about sports victories, concerts, social occasions and anything you've seen, heard or done in school that you'd like to share with readers of the newsletter. How about profiles of teachers, classmates or courses you feel deserve recognition? Or advice to students who will be entering your school or your grade next fall?

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