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Ready... Set... Grow!

Groundbreaking is held for Lapham Children's Garden

Ground has been broken and come spring, the Lapham School Children's/Community Garden will be ready for its first season of crops. On October 5 a groundbreaking ceremony officially launching the garden venture was attended by Lapham parents



and teachers, members of the University of Wisconsin women's basketball team, and many excited children. After brief speeches by school and university officials and hearty singing by Lapham first graders, sod was turned and examined by small hands for worms and other creatures.

In the days following the groundbreaking, sod was completely removed from the garden site and relocated to the east end for composting. The soil was tilled and sown with a rye grass cover crop.

While the garden rests until spring, the garden committee members will be actively preparing for its revival. Under the direction of University of Wisconsin representatives in biology and education, a group of teachers is developing a garden plan while also dealing with issues such as involving neighbors and

planning summer garden camp sessions.

Questions continue to be welcome and can be addressed to Ken Swift (home-251-4738, work-266-6450) or Margie Dougherty-Goodburn (256-0238).

-Article and Photos by
Margie Dougherty-Goodburn



Ken Swift and Barbara Thompson with some eager young gardeners

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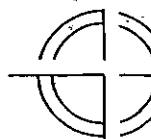
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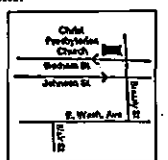


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New TLNA Council Elected at Annual Meeting

Dear Neighbors,

As I write this my bags are packed and when you read this I'll be racking up some of the 15,000 miles on my train trip.

Thinking back to the beginning of October, it was so gratifying to see so much participation at the Neighborhoods Conference. TLNA was well represented and I was able to be involved in a presentation on Zoning, Land Use & Development with Bassett Neighborhood resident Paul Hees, developer Todd McGrath and Brad Murphy of City Planning and Development. Our workshop was able to use as a textbook example the recent project at 1140 E. Dayton (incidentally all units are now sold and I was a guest at their organizational condominium meeting). Next year Madison will have the pleasure of hosting the national neighborhoods conference, *NUSA '99: Building*

Neighborhoods Block by Block on May 26-29, 1999. My hat is off to all who made the recent conference a success as well as the ongoing planning for the future conference. Neighborhood resident Cheryl Wittke and Jule Stroick of the City deserve special praise.

I would also like to thank neighborhood residents Hans and Mary Lang Sollinger for the fundraiser they gave for TLNA. We received over \$1,700 and your ideas would be helpful as we prepare our annual budget. No stranger to controversy, Mary is spearheading an effort to site an IMAX at the Orpheum Theatre on State Street. By chance, the group in opposition to that site is led by neighborhood resident Joe Lusson.

The new council will be seated by your action at the annual meeting. I would warmly thank ALL who have given freely of their time and themselves in this and other years for the betterment of the

neighborhood. Best wishes to the new council!

Recently a friend recounted the words of a neighbor: "we live close together. We must be good neighbors. Courtesy is an avenue we all benefit by travelling whether it's walking the dog on a leash and picking up after it, keeping the noise down, storing the proper place and time or obeying the traffic law as a bicyclist (I could go on); the point is that our actions and non-actions have a tremendous impact on our neighbors. Therefore, let's be good and considerate neighbors!

Hope the spaghetti tasted good - I missed not being there but I hope you enjoyed the camaraderie that is the hallmark of the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood!

-Richard Linster
Departing President

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From left to right: Finn Mallon, Jessica Goodburn, Zachary Cummings, Nicole Cummings, Emily Goodburn, Tirzah Rinzel, Hattie Chamberlin, Mary Zhang, Clara Wittman, Frances Goglio



The Cowardly Lion asks for courage



On the left, the play and on the right, behind the scenes



Finally, they meet the wizard



The Wizard of Oz departs



The captivated audience

Photos by Bob Shaw

...the Wonderful Wizard of Oz

The Dayton Street Players introduced their most recent creative production since "The Purple Goose" – the 1997 Summer Production. This year's audience was treated to "The Wizard of Oz" – produced, directed, revised for backyard production and performed by the children of the 900 block of East Dayton Street.

Directors Nicole Cummings and Jes-

sica Goodburn organized a backyard summer camp which culminated in this September's off-off-off-Broadway performance. The ambitious project illustrated the commitment and talents of fourteen young actresses and actors, ranging in age from 3-12 years.

The two neighborhood performances attracted an audience of well over sixty people (and a few neighborhood pets)

with talent scouts from as far away as New York and England. The dramatic troupe was greeted with acclaim and urged to take their work on the road. The brief tour landed the troupe in front of an appreciative audience at Karmenta Nursing and Rehabilitation Center on September 26.

Wizard of Oz Cast

Hattie Chamberlin	Glinda, Witch of the North
Sam Chamberlin	Flying Monkey
Nicole Cummings	Director, Cowardly Lion
Zachary Cummings	Wizard of Oz
Frances Goglio	Scarecrow
Josh Goglio	Stagehand
Emily Goodburn	Dorothy, Auntie Em
Jessica Goodburn	Director, Wicked Witch of the West
Nathaniel Goodburn	Flying Monkey
Finn Mallon	Flying Monkey
Adam Nelson	Flying Monkey
Jesse Rinzel	Stagehand
Justina Rinzel	Flying Monkey
Tirzah Rinzel	Dorothy, Auntie Em
Baron Wittman	Stagehand
Clara Wittman	Scarecrow
Mary Zhang	Tin Woodman

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Legislation Proposed to Assist Low-Income Tenants

CUL-DE-SAC: You've probably all noticed the reconstruction happening at the East Johnson Street end of Tenney Park near the river. The street now ends at the shelter parking lot and then becomes a bike path to East Johnson. This was one of the recommendations in the Tenney-Lapham/Old Market Place Neighborhood Plan which I requested in last year's budget process. It's also one of the first tangible results of the Yahara Parkway Plan. I believe it will prove to be a great asset to Tenney Park and what was an extremely dangerous traffic hazard on East Johnson Street.

TENANT ISSUES: In addition to dealing with stricter code violations and greater enforcement in the Tenney-Lapham area (which I explained in the July/August newsletter), an issue I've been working on is legislation which would enable tenants of lower incomes to have better access and more choice in where to find housing in this expensive rental city. One of the ordinances requires landlords to consider all Section 8 recipients while still using their normal screening criteria for all potential renters. Section 8 housing is presently located in specific clustered areas, creating a ghettoized effect. This would

assist the Fair Share initiative for more mixed income neighborhoods leading to increased diversity throughout the city, which we are already experiencing in the Isthmus area but not everywhere.

The second requires landlords who solely use minimum income standards to also look at any reliable, demonstrable evidence the applicant would provide showing they have the actual ability to pay the rent. Half of Madison renters don't have incomes which equal three times the amount of rent required. They would be able to show documented proof of the same rent to income ratio paid in the past which is greater than or equal to three times the rent. This sole use of the minimum income standard has been documented by the city as one of the most predominant barriers in finding housing.

The Council voted to approve both ordinances on October 6, 1998 but then referred them to the Mayor's office. The Mayor had requested the referral a few days prior to the Council meeting to form a four-hour Housing Summit exploring how to provide better access to rental housing. A design team, consisting of landlords, tenant advocates and city staff, has been set up to organize its process. The summit will be December

9, in the morning as well as the evening, and is open to the public.

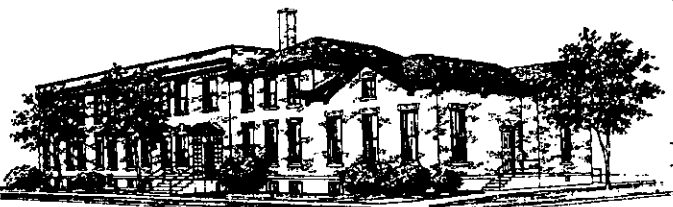
UPDATE ON TENNEY PARK/ALCOHOL: I'm introducing, by request of the Police Department and Parks Commission, a ban on alcohol with permits for Tenney Park at the October 20th Council meeting. It will go to a number of committees, back to the Parks Commission and then the City Council. At the same time, I'm pursuing the formation of a special committee consisting primarily of AODA and UW "experts" as well as both City and County policymakers to investigate alternative, more holistic approaches to problems associated with people with chronic alcoholism on public property. If you're interested in this or any other issues, just contact me.

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On Paying Off that Mortgage

"Mortgage" means "death pledge"
But you made it to ninety.
I bet it feels good
To have it behind ye.
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Fighting with Your Spouse

In the doghouse again?
Well, hope you don't stay bitter
Console yourself that you're still in
a house.
And not in the kitty litter.

Tax Freedom Day

Up until this moment
Your work has been for others.
With social security in such a mess
Now, you're working for your
mother.

Alien Abduction

Your recent abduction
Must have seemed like hours
Sorry you were probed
Without benefit of flowers.

When Love Goes Sour

They say we're all longing to jump
that fence
Where the grass just looks much
greener.
Remember all the places he never
took you.
And take him to the cleaners.

And For That Pause that Refreshes

I hear you've reached that time of
life
But you're not growing older
You're still growing in many ways
Like hotter, colder, hotter, colder.

On Finishing your Dissertation for the Ph.D.

We know it'll soon be gathering dust--
In the library under "Sleepers"
But at least you finally got initialed
"Pile it Higher and Deeper."

Bad Hair Day

Sorry about your hair
But don't think about that
Consider Mr. Clean's plight
Either that or buy a hat.

Inheritance

Come join the reading of Aunt
Martha's will
Of course we are terribly grieving
Not so much that Martha's gone on--
But at the pile of junk she is leaving.

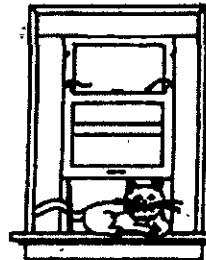
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Since 1992, historic homeowners have saved millions of dollars in state income taxes and, in doing so, have rehabilitated hundreds of historic houses and preserved numerous historic neighborhoods.

Owners can claim a 25% state income tax credit if they carry out at least \$10,000 of exterior repairs, furnace replacement, plumbing, or other work that qualifies for the credit. Applications must be approved by the State Historical Society before work begins.

"Historic Homes" include those houses that are listed in the State Register of Historic Places, either individually or within historic districts, as well as those that have not yet been designated. Owners of homes that are not listed can qualify if, when they apply for the credit, their properties are determined eligible for listing in state register.

Requirements of this program include:

-The property must be located in Wisconsin and must be an owner-occupied personal residence.

-Owners must spend at least \$10,000 on eligible work over a period of up to 5 years. Eligible work includes exterior work, structural repairs, heating or ventilating, or work on electrical or plumbing systems. Site work, interior remodeling, and new construction are not eligible for the credit.

-Applications must describe all of the work to be carried out and the project must not destroy the historic character of the property.

-The maximum tax credit that an owner may receive per project is \$10,000. Unused credits may be carried forward for up to 15 years.

-Owners must retain ownership and must not carry out additional work that may harm their houses' historical significance for a period of five years or they must pay a portion of the tax credit back to the Wisconsin Department of Revenue.

Because projects must be approved in advance, Jim Sewell, the program's administrator, says that the best time to apply is before the start of the construction season. "Scheduling contractors is always difficult because of Wisconsin's short construction season. Too often, we see projects where the contractors want to begin work, but the owners haven't yet applied for the credit. By statute, if the contractors begin before we approve

the work, the owner does not get the credit for that work."

This program has become increasingly popular, particularly in historic districts, such as the Nakoma Historic District of Madison and the West Washington/North Hi-Mount Boulevards Historic District of Milwaukee. Even so, its popularity has not yet peaked. According to Sewell, even though the program has more than doubled over the last three years, there are literally thousands of historic home owners who qualify. According to Sewell, the process of qualifying for this program was designed to be as simple as possible and a recent polling of applicants confirms that average homeowners have no trouble in applying for the program.

To receive application materials, contact Jim Sewell by telephone at 608/264-6490; by mail at the Division of Historic Preservation, State Historical Society, 816 State Street; Madison, Wisconsin, 53706-1488; or by e-mail at jim.sewell@ccmail.adp.wisc.edu. Because of the anticipated demand and limited staff, Sewell suggests that you first request an application package. Then, if you have any questions, you should contact him to discuss the details of your project.



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But wait, what's the missing link here??? You got it if you answered "you take a bag with you to clean up the poop and you pick up the poop and properly dispose of it." Congratulations for closing the loop on poop!!!

As a non-pet owner I have been vexed and troubled by pet owners who let their pets use my yard as a toilet and, more disgustingly, don't pick up the pet's "calling card" and leave it for me or someone else to discover! This is not only rude, disrespectful and un-neighborly, it is against the Madison city ordinances. These ordinances are as fol-

lows and are printed here as a reminder to all pet owners:

"The Scoop on Poop"

The following Madison General Ordinances pertain to your responsibilities for cleaning up after your dog. Dog feces can pose health risks to people and pets. The fine for violating any of these ordinances is \$86.50

-ALWAYS carry equipment sufficient to clean up your dog's feces whenever you and your dog are off your property. (Ordinance 7.322(2))

-Do not allow your dog to defecate on any property, public or private (except your own property), unless you immediately remove and properly dispose of the waste. Ordinance 7.322(1)

-Do not allow dog feces to accumulate on your own property. (Ordinance 7.37(8))

Further information about Madison city ordinances controlling pet waste can be found at the city's web site <http://www.ci.madison.wi.us/> or at the Dane County Humane Society's web site <http://www.humanesociety.dane.wi.us/DOG CARE.HTM>.

So, please all you pet owners, be considerate of your neighbors—clean up after your pets! Your efforts in keeping

a clean neighborhood will be very much appreciated, especially during the upcoming winter months. Remember your responsibilities as pet owners! Close the loop on poop!!!

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Public Safety a Priority in 1999 County Budget

County Executive Kathleen Falk presented the 1999 budget to the County Board on October 1. She had two goals for the budget: to limit spending in order to control property taxes and to improve county services and programs. The proposed budget holds the levy-funded expenditures to a 2.86% increase. This is less than the 2.9% combined rate of inflation and population growth for Dane County in 1998. This cuts the property tax rate from \$3.62 per thousand to \$3.51. Or approximately \$12 for the average home in the Tenney/Lapham neighborhood.

Some of the priorities addressed in the proposed budget include:

-Public Safety: the guiding philosophy is that the key to having a safer community is improvement in programs that prevent, respond to, and deter crime.

The District Attorney will gain office space on the first floor of the City/County Building, funding for additional clerical staff and for a major quality improvement study. This is an effort to insure that police officers across the county and the Assistant DAs spend more time on the beat and in the courtroom and less time on routine paperwork. Funds will be provided for a pilot program for 25 women in the Dane County Jail. It will provide employment services, treatment, and family re-integration in order for them to care for their children and become more productive citizens. Funds will also be added to the budget to maintain the Dane County Drug Court.

-Better Opportunities for Elderly and Youth: 60 additional Community Options Program (COP) slots have been

added to assist older and disabled persons to remain in their homes. The Living Wage Initiative raises the wages of personal care givers to \$8 an hour in an effort to reduce turnover and attract quality applicants to this work. Funds are being added to improve nutrition services, to provide for an additional Elder Abuse Specialist, and to develop an 800 number for information and referral services for older adults and persons with disabilities. In addition to funding for youth resource centers, \$30,000 has been added for respite for families dealing with troubled children and \$60,000 to maintain the very important Birth to Three program for families caring for disabled children.

-Preparing for the Future: The reserve account for the County will be increased by 1% in anticipation of any negative changes in the economy. There are also several initiatives to promote the gradual implementation of Design Dane and additional dollars for the purchase of land for parks and green space. The capital budget continues the Criminal Justice Center Project. It provides for land acquisition and the initial planning and design of the facility. This is an item for which I would really like your advice, the choices are a scaled down model that would include a Juvenile Detention Center and courtrooms and an expanded version that would replace the existing courthouse.

This is going to be a rough year for the budget, as usual. In the six years I have been on the County Board there hasn't been an easy budget. Your help with the decisions that will be made is always welcome and I hope you will give me a call at 255-8913.

-Supervisor Judy Wilcox

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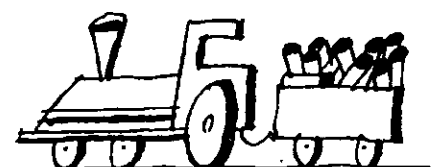
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Problems at Reynolds Park Tennis Courts Provoke Neighborhood Action

At the 24 September meeting of the TLNA Council, two neighbors of Reynolds Park spoke to the Council and described many of the problems that they were seeing happen at the tennis courts atop the pumping station in the park. They talked about finding broken glass and trash strewn about the courts, seeing people drinking and sleeping on the courts after park hours, being awakened by arguing and yelling coming from atop the pumping station and finding damage done to the tennis nets to such an extent that it made the courts unusable. One of the neighbors reported that she had called the police a number of times in response to the disturbances.

After hearing the report, President Richard Linster was asked if he knew if

any of the people who had been responsible for many of the problems recently happening at Tenney Park were identified as participants in the Reynolds Park problems. He replied that he had checked with Madison Police Capt. George Silverwood and had been told that there were a few people who had been involved at both parks. Further discussion by members of the council addressed actions that the Council and neighborhood could take to respond to the current problems and thwart the rise of any new ones.

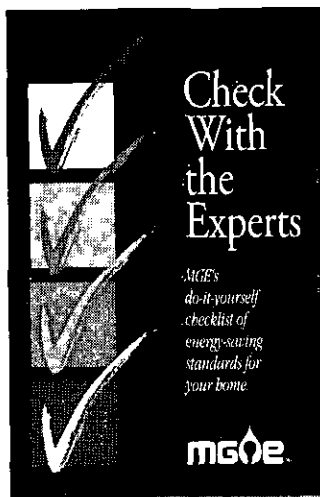
One of the neighborhood speakers offered to be responsible for locking the access gate and unlocking it if some type of locking mechanism were secured for

her to use. Richard Linster stated that the Parks Department had told him, when he talked with them about the problems, that locking the courts at night after park hours would be acceptable. A motion was made by David Mandehr, seconded by Kathy Bresnehan and passed by the Council authorizing TLNA to purchase a locking mechanism for the tennis court gates if the city had none for that use. After the vote, the neighbor volunteered to be responsible for securing the court gates.

A check with the neighbor three weeks after the initiation of the locking action revealed no further problems.

-David Mandehr

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A Brief History of Lake Monona How We Can Help Ensure a Bright Future

Imagine it's 1866. The question of the day: should Madison become a university town, a center for government, or an industrial city? While citizens debated the subject, Madison's first successful resort—the Lakeside House—opened its doors on the shores of the then-pristine Lake Monona, where Olin Park is today. A testament to how clean the lake water used to be is that ice harvested in winter was shipped south and used in iced drinks.

The clear and appealing lake on which the Lakeside House was built played no small part in the success of the hotel, which attracted people from all over the Upper Midwest, and even as far away as New Orleans. This was impressive, given the transportation options of the time.

Coincidentally, 1866 also marked the year city officials removed the capitol lawn outhouse and replaced it with an indoor water closet. This seemingly unrelated event heralded the beginning of the end of the health of Lake Monona.

Many Madisonians followed suit and achieved indoor plumbing by about 1885. To accommodate them, the city built a sewer system but couldn't afford a processing plant; the raw sewage was simply dumped into

Lake Monona. A long, intense public debate followed about whether dumping raw sewage in the lake would affect the lake's water quality.

By 1895, little doubt remained that a direct relationship existed between dumping of sewage and the deteriorating lake condition. The stench became unbearable on hot summer days. Weeds and algae flourished in the lake, and the city commissioned what was perhaps the first lake weed-cutting machine. The public stopped swimming in Lake Monona and they stopped eating its fish. Building a sewage processing plant became the city's top priority. Several attempts at building an effective processing plant occurred, but they failed, and partially treated sewage rich in nutrients ended up in the lake for decades. By 1936, most of the sewage was properly processed, but it wasn't until 1952 that none of the effluent generated in Madison was discharged into the lake. In the 1970s and 1980s, more work occurred to eliminate upstream discharges from smaller communities into the chain of lakes connected by the Yahara River, and now there is no significant point source of sewage entering Lake Monona.

So, why hasn't Lake Monona returned to its former pristine state? Why do so many people lie on the beach in the summer, but only a few venture into the water? Why do we still need to cut lake weeds? The answer is simple: weeds and algae in the lake grow abnormally fast because excess nutrients are entering the lake through our storm sewers.

Susan Jones, Watershed Management Coordinator for the Dane County Lakes & Watershed Commission, explains further: "Sedimentation, weeds and algae growth are the major water resource problems in Lake Monona. These problems are caused by the phosphorus and sediment in the water that runs off of all the paved areas around the lake, and in water flowing in from Lake Mendota. The 1992 Yahara-Monona Priority Watershed Plan estimated that urban runoff carries 3,939 pounds of phosphorus into Lake Monona each year from pet waste, fertilizer, leaves, and grass clippings." When it rains, all of these things can be washed off of lawns and sidewalks into the street, where they are quickly transported through the storm sewers directly to the lake.

What can be done to help improve the quality of Lake Monona? If you

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own a dog, the Lakes & Watershed Commission recommends either flushing the waste down the toilet, or burying it four to six inches deep. By keeping pet waste out of the lake, you're also making the lake safer since such waste carries bacteria. If your neighbor owns a dog and leaves dog waste on their lawn, a simple phone call to Animal Control at 267-1989 will result in the city leaving a brochure that explains to them how to properly dispose of it, or you can talk to them yourself.

If you use pesticides or commercial fertilizers, consider not using them. Many lawn problems stem from the wrong grass type being planted, and/or compacted soil. Chemicals won't ever solve those problems but will drain your pocketbook year after year as your lawn becomes addicted to them.

Do you live in a neighborhood with lots of trees that shade your lawn, and your grass doesn't grow

well? Your lawn was quite possibly planted with full-sun grass seed before there were big shade trees around, and it will never grow well. Learn how to establish a new lawn (autumn is the best time for this), and reseed it with shade seed. This isn't as difficult or expensive as you might think. UW Extension (262-3346) has a publication entitled "Lawn Establishment" (A3434) that can help. Or hire someone to do this; you'll probably save money in the long run, and you'll have a healthier lawn that doesn't need chemicals.

You'll also create a healthier environment. The EPA reports that 95% percent of lawn care chemicals are possible or probable carcinogens. And the National Cancer Institute reports that children living in households that use pesticides are 6.5 times more likely to develop leukemia.

Finally, leave your grass clippings on your lawn after mowing; this will return healthy nitrogen to the soil. If

you rake your leaves to the street edge for pickup, make sure they stay out of the gutter and off of sidewalks. Alternatively, leaves and grass compost rather well together.

Now imagine it's 2010. The city had hoped to build a pool 20 years ago, but it never happened. Instead, citizens took it upon themselves to learn how to maintain healthy lawns without chemicals, composted their yard waste, and pet owners flushed their pet waste down the toilet. Lake Monona and other lakes are now enormously popular. More beaches have been established. And more people now swim in the lakes than lie on the beaches!

-Jim Winkle

Jim Winkle lives in the Bay Creek Neighborhood. You can contact him at 259-1812 with any questions.


Much of the historical information for this article came from David Mollenhoff's wonderful book MADISON: A History of the Formative Years.




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Full Preservation of Orpheum Theatre Gains Momentum

On October 12 over 250 people attended a public forum in the State Historical Society to hear two groups present their vision for the future of Madison's Orpheum Theatre. One of those groups, *Preserve the Orpheum*, formed in mid-August in response to plans of the Madison Idea Foundation to install a sealed IMAX box theater in the auditorium of the ornate 71-year old Orpheum.

At the forum, *Preserve the Orpheum* confirmed that while they do not oppose a downtown IMAX, they definitely oppose the construction of the IMAX "sealed white box" in the Orpheum. The 4-story box would all but completely destroy the Orpheum's historical interiors while creating a limited use facility. *Preserve the Orpheum*, a volunteer group of concerned citizens, believes that full preservation of the Orpheum will provide greater economic and artistic benefits to Madison. This will keep the door open to future multiple uses. If

the 1,800-seat auditorium were altered for an IMAX, there would be no going back to its original grandeur.

Preserve the Orpheum proposes restoring the theater and greatly expanding its programming to include film classics, a café open even when films aren't showing, children's films on Saturday mornings, possible partnerships with the UW's film archives, and senior centers downtown as well as in outlying areas, and possible live entertainment.

Thanks to strong community support, *Preserve the Orpheum* has made great strides since its formation, including:

- gaining the support of Henry Doane, owner of the Blue Marlin and Tornado Club restaurants, who has made an offer to purchase the Orpheum and fully preserve it
- over 3,500 petition signatures
- editorial support from the Wisconsin State Journal
- a letter of support from six Madison alderpersons and seven Dane County

Supervisors (including support from many downtown business owners)

-letters of support from Historic Madison, Inc. and the Madison Trust for Historic Preservation

-formation of an advisory board, including local business owners, elected officials and others with expertise in theater management

-membership in League of Historic American Theatres


-an application for a National Trust for Historic Preservation grant (for feasibility study)

Doane has proposed immediate improvements including a new sound system and restoration efforts that would begin with the facade and marquee. *Preserve the Orpheum* will pursue the creation of a non-profit "friends" organization that will work in partnership with Doane to raise the funds for complete restoration. Arrangements will be made to guarantee that the long-term economic viability and full restoration will be maintained and protected for generations to come.

To get involved or make a donation, you may write to *Preserve the Orpheum*, PO Box 3191, Madison WI 53704-0191.

-Joe Lusson

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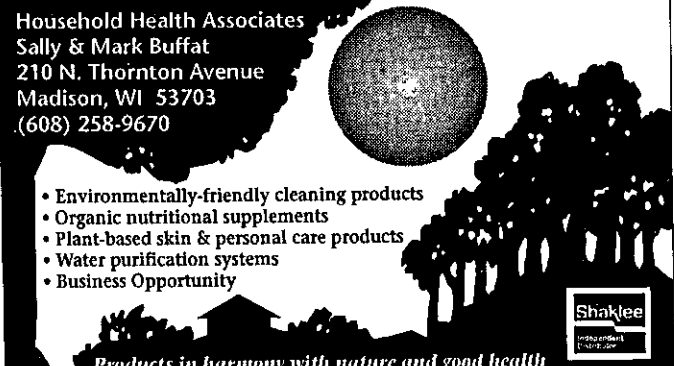


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457 Sidney	3	2	5	\$153,000	\$149,000
1140 E. Dayton, #204	2	1.75	14	\$154,900	\$154,900
1319-21 E. Johnson	2 Unit		1	\$191,000	\$191,000
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1050 Sherman	6	2.5	97	\$399,000	\$370,000
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Conference Focuses on Developing Strong Neighborhoods

At the October 3 Neighborhoods '98 conference at Monona Terrace, several TLNA members participated in workshop panels. Following are the comments of Alan Crossley and Ed Jepsen regarding the workshops they participated in.

Neighborhood Beautification

I had the good fortune of participating in the recent Neighborhoods '98 Conference as one of a panel of speakers on the topic of Neighborhood Beautification. I had the formidable job of describing the many public gardens in the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood in a matter of only 10 minutes. But I was able to do it, in no small part, thanks to the efforts of Bob Shaw, who provided me with some slides and a little history of our neighborhood gardens.

It was eye-opening for me to appreciate the labor of love that the many public gardens in our neighborhood represent, and how many there are: the Tenney-Lapham Welcome garden between Johnson and Gorham, the Butterfly Garden at Tenney Park planted by my family, the Reynolds Park perennial garden and vine garden courtesy of Bob Shaw and others, the Giddings Park garden planted and maintained by Rob Latousek and Brian McCormick, the Castle Place garden thanks to the vision of Angela Vitcenda, and the Curtis Court plantings of Karen Banazek. We are truly blessed to have such a wealth of beautiful gardens in our neighborhood!

As a participant in this workshop, I was also able to see the handiwork of other neighborhoods in Madison. Daniel Kerkman, president of the Indian Springs Neighborhood Organization, described a Tree Swallow nest box project that their neighborhood conducted in an effort to reduce the mosquito population. Janice Friis described her efforts in creating the Esther Beach flower garden in the Waunona Way neighborhood. Leta Hansen gave a great

overview of the beautiful public gardens in the Old Market Place Neighborhood and described in great detail their Garden Appreciation Award program and Canal Garden Tours. Nancy Dott described the trials and tribulations of trying to establish a prairie in Hoyt Park. And Heather Mann, executive director of the Urban Open Space Foundation, gave a wonderful presentation on the Foundation's efforts to work with the neighborhoods and city on the Yahara River Parkway Project.

All in all, an interesting session, and a great conference! Stay tuned - *Neighborhoods USA '99*, a national neighborhood conference, is coming to Madison, May 26-29, 1999. Mark your calendars!!

-Alan Crossley

City of Madison and its Neighborhoods

I always, or almost always, enjoy meeting people face to face, especially if my prior encounters have been restricted to phone conversations. Well, I had an opportunity to meet some of the faces of city staff that went with those dulcet, or almost always, voices at the City of Madison sponsored conference called *Neighborhoods '98: Strong Neighborhoods, Strong City* on October 3 at the Monona Terrace. I was a panelist on the "City of Madison and its Neighborhoods" session and it proved to be a fruitful exchange.

I believe the City of Madison has a deep commitment to its neighborhoods based upon my nine years of TLNA experience. City staff have been helpful and, even if we disagreed, they took the time to listen to my position and patiently explain theirs to me. I encourage you to call city staff if you have concerns or compliments about City policies or activities.

The take home message was that neighborhood associations with strong,

broad based support from their members get things done! Personal visits, mail, email and phone calls to city staff and elected officials from an informed and committed membership along with strong leadership from the alderperson make a difference. For example, the Vilas Neighborhood was noted for its ability to add stop signs and tougher traffic control measures and negotiate with Edgewood College because of its sophisticated use of the political processes.

Concerns were raised that poorer neighborhoods and newer associations have difficulty because they are not skilled in using the levers of government or lack staying power to see issues through to completion.

Some participants felt that strong associations can manipulate the process and drain resources from areas of the city in need of major assistance. Others wondered if neighborhood associations should be required to pass certain thresholds before the city recognizes them (e.g., number of members, nature of board, etc.). An important issue was how do we get these organizations to truly represent the diversity of their residents (i.e., students, renters and minorities) rather than focusing on the long-term homeowners who typically form the core of most associations.

Neighborhood associations need not always rely on the city either! Neighborhoods can set up baby sitting co-ops, sponsor social events and work with resources within their area to address problems. It was also pointed out that city staff, holding to a narrow definition of their duties or excessively worried about setting precedents, may not see the negative ramifications of their decisions on the quality of life in neighborhoods.

It really was a lively and open forum. It was a great way to spend a dreary wet Saturday. Sorry I didn't see you there!

-Ed Jepsen

Street Sweeping Experiment Nears Second Anniversary

Have there been those days this fall when you've gotten out of your car at night, looked up at the terrace sign and asked yourself if you'd be on the right side of the street after eight o'clock in the morning? How about those mornings when you've come out of the house, looked



at your car and blurted out, "Oh man! They got me again."? Have you asked yourself what the reason is for the city not letting you park your car in front of your house or building during certain times of the day between 1 May and 15 November AND you're nowhere near the Square or the university? If so, this article may be of help with these and other questions that you have about the City of Madison's street cleaning experiment.

This fall marks the second anniversary of the City of Madison's expansion of street sweeping into the 2nd Alder District as a means of addressing the increasing amount of organic matter that was finding its way into area lakes via the streets and storm sewers. The original purpose of the the street cleaning that

is done in our neighborhood and the 6th District (Marquette neighborhood), was to "impact those areas where street cleaning activity had been unable to get to the curb," according to Roger Goodwin of the City Streets Department. When asked how the program began in our neighborhood, Mr. Goodwin responded, "we looked for districts where cars could be removed from the street to facilitate sweeping." Another reason for choosing the Tenney-Lapham and Marquette neighborhoods was that unlike districts further out from the city center which have the storm runoff empty into settling ponds, our street runoff goes directly into the lakes.

Asked about differences the program has made, Mr. Goodwin said that the biggest difference was more debris collected per curb mile compared to other

districts. "In an evaluation of the effects after the first year in the 6th District, we were able to more than double the amount of debris that was collected." While Goodwin feels that the prevention of this material from entering the lake should have an improvement on the lake's water quality, he said that there have been no water studies done to verify that.

In connection with the program evaluation done after year one, the Street's Department also conducted a survey of the effects of the sweeping activity. 40% said they were excited about what they were seeing happening with the streets, 40% thought it was a good program and 15% reported that they disliked the program mostly due to the inconvenience of the parking restrictions and the parking tickets

In response to the question about plans for the program in the future, Mr. Goodwin said that he would like to expand the sweeping into the near west areas of the city. Again he repeated, "we want to impact those areas where we have been unable to previously get to the curb with our sweeping."

-David Mandehr

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Changing Traffic in Tenney-Lapham

The Speed Waves Program has again been active in Tenney Lapham Neighborhood and throughout Madison. In our neighborhood, laser radar (lidar) has been used as a Madison Police Department "Speed Waves" enforcement tool on at least five different dates in the last couple of months. Most recently, on September 30th, the Speed Board — conventional radar combined with a large digital display operated by community volunteers — was set up just two blocks in front of a lidar Speed Waves trap for outgoing traffic on E. Johnson Street. Even though oncoming drivers could see the flashing lights of police cars ahead as they passed the Speed Board, at least three squad cars were kept continually busy pulling over speeders.

On the 24th of September, 33 tickets were written on E. Johnson St. and 8 in just one hour along Sherman Ave. On the 16th, 38 tickets were written in the neighborhood and on the 27th of August, 34 tickets. Earlier in August about 40 tickets were written in one day. Our Central District Police Captain George Silverwood reported that the writing of more than 150 tickets in our neighborhood targeted the beginning of the school year as a critical time to reinforce safe and civil driving. On one of these dates, a speeder set a new, albeit distressing, record in the neighborhood; 62 mph in a 25 mph zone - as clocked and tick-

eted by the Speed Waves Program.

The City of Madison has made use of Speed Waves funding from the federal government to contribute towards enforcement efforts as part of a three-part attack on speeding and other dangerous driving. The other parts of the effort are education and engineering (multimodal transportation construction, signage and traffic lights).

One of our neighborhood transportation ideas is that one day the police will mount a major traffic surveillance and enforcement effort and no one will get a ticket. This will happen because everyone they observe will be driving, biking, and walking in a safe, considerate and civil manner. Wouldn't that be wonderful?

Naysayers are likely to respond by saying, "That's a real nice idea, but it is simply unreasonable."

In fact, we know very well that our driving culture in the U.S. is not about to change overnight because of our efforts. And we know even more about what is unreasonable. We know from the "City of Madison 1997 Crash Report" that collisions cost us more than 60 million dollars a year. These figures only count those crashes that police responded to; crashes on private property and those only reported by citizens are not included. In one year, twenty-six hundred people were injured, one hundred thirty-seven were incapacitated and

four died within city boundaries alone. Is that reasonable? Would we find those figures reasonable if they were the result of any other single cause? - one disease, one civil calamity, one disaster?

Not all that long ago, people thought it was reasonable to tell drunk drivers to "just take it easy and drive straight home". Slowly over time, and with the prodding of groups like MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Drivers), we have learned to account the deaths, injuries and destruction due to drunken dangerous driving as unacceptable. Even though the percentage of alcohol-related traffic deaths in the U.S. has been reduced from 50% to 37%, of the more than 40,000 who die, we certainly do not find these losses "reasonable".

Why would anyone expect us to tolerate losses to communities caused by speeding and other dangerous driving?

We now know that about 30% of the traffic crashes and 12,000 traffic deaths that occur in the United States are speed-related (NHTSA: National Highway Transportation and Safety Administration). We know that all the airbags and seatbelts in the world do nothing to protect pedestrians, motorcyclists and bicyclists outside of vehicles. We know that speeding traffic drives the value of adjacent properties down. Is it reasonable to expect us to subsidize growing volumes of speeding traffic with our quality of life in neighborhoods? (Traffic volume grows at a rate of 2% each year in Madison - much faster than population growth.)

We know that photo radar is tremendously effective in making bad drivers accountable and in improving driving behavior in general. And all of the whining about privacy on public thoroughfares can be put in perspective by contrasting it with the voices of the relatives and friends of the thousands of people who predictably die every year - enough people to fill our largest sports

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stadiums. Who would offer to speak to them about photo radar threatening the rights of drivers?

Public and peer pressure that forces all drivers to see speeding as dangerous, threatening and unacceptable is the most important influence in finally bringing about significant change.

Pressure that builds to convince people to drive more safely and carefully is something that we can all contribute to in ways large and small. The following are actions that will bring about changes for the better. Again, calming traffic and changing the behavior of drivers will not happen quickly, but it will happen through perseverance and by determined effort on many fronts. By first taking the initiative ourselves, and showing our commitment to safer and more civil driving behaviors, we are best able to engage cooperation from others, including our city government. Residents have found it helpful to:

* Pace traffic as you drive by passively adhering to posted speed limits. Start traveling earlier and reduce both risk and stress by maintaining a comfortable buffer of space between you and the cars in front. If other drivers are rude, ignore them and allow them to forge ahead towards their destiny - hopefully a solitary one.

* Stop for pedestrians in marked and unmarked crosswalks as you drive or bike. Check for traffic behind and around you and flash your brake lights as necessary to inform others of your good intentions. Wave pedestrians on

and bask in their warm thanks and appreciation. Stopping is a seldom practiced courtesy reinforced by a generally ignored state law, but you can help change all that.

* Call and thank private companies and public institutions when their vehicles drive through your neighborhoods at safe speeds.

* As pedestrians, wave to and thank drivers who stop for you to cross the street. Everyone deserves kudos for this one.

* Stop and thank police officers in the neighborhood for enforcing laws against hazardous driving (and for their other many good works as well). They will likely be surprised and definitely encouraged. Writing tickets is not the most personally rewarding part of their job. Besides, we have some outstanding neighborhood officers who are also good listeners and educators.

* Use the Speed Board to increase driver's awareness of their speed on your street. This is a large electronic sign that uses a radar gun to display current speeds of traffic to drivers. Call Tom Walsh at City Traffic Engineering (266-6526) to procure the speed board for your street, school or neighborhood area.

* Call the Speeders Hotline at 266-4624 to report traffic violations of any kind. Once you have learned to provide the necessary info including type of violation, where, when, license number, vehicle description, occupant description and any other distinguishing char-

acteristics, you can skip the introduction message by just pressing the # key. If your info matches up, (particularly license and vehicle) the city will send a nasty letter to the driver. This probably works best for drivers when: 1) the driver cares in the least, 2) when the car is registered in a parent's name, or 3) when the driver has a restricted license and the car is in the wrong place at the wrong time.

This is just an introduction to changing the behavior of drivers and bicyclists for the good of everyone.

There are many other ways to be involved in changing how people and things are transported through our neighborhood to enhance both quality of life and commerce. This article has concentrated on individual actions.

Historically, our neighborhood has been very innovative in developing effective means to accomplish its goals. The Drive 25 campaign, working cooperatively with City Transportation Engineering, media and public relations events, and establishing productive relationships with those who carry out the least appreciated work of enforcement are a few examples. There is much more to do and many opportunities to participate through the neighborhood Transportation Committee and other venues. If you have a dedicated desire to make the neighborhood better, call and we'll hook you up with people who share your enthusiasm and have resources to work for change. Traffic pressure will continue to grow rapidly in any case. (More than 100,000 vehicles per day pass through the Isthmus already.) New infill development, particularly along the Yahara corridor and near E. Washington will have significant effects on transportation patterns. You can sit back and just watch or you can delve in and get to work. The bigger issues require larger commitments and more organizing — and they have the potential for more dramatic benefits. It's up to you.

-Tim Olsen, Transportation Chair

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Holiday Art Fair Returns to Tenney Nursery

The ninth annual Holiday Fine Art and Craft sale will be held once again at Tenney Nursery and Parent Center on Saturday, November 21, 1998 from 9:00-5:00. Tenney Nursery is located at 1321 East Mifflin Street, one block north of East Washington Avenue, behind Fyfe's Corner bistro. Free parking is available.

The show features new works by 15 Madison area artists, with some designed especially for holiday gift giving. Several of the professional artists in the show are former Tenney parents or are currently teaching art at area schools. Visitors to the art show will have a chance to check out the school, enjoy free refreshments and there will be a special children's art activity area featuring spin art and face painting among other fun projects for children to explore while their parents shop at the art show. There will be a \$1.00 fee charged for children to participate in the children's activity area. The nursery is also sponsoring a bake sale with many wonderful homemade treats for sale.

This year's unique collection of art works will include: "Rooms with a View", 3-D miniature original watercol-



Julie Sutter-Blair, a new artist this year

ors by Laura Meddaugh; surreal ceramic animals by Chris Rademacher; one of a kind fiber people, animals, and wall hangings by Kathy Pickett; mixed media jewelry by Sue Werner; stained glass by Cheryl Brown Rodgers; handmade paper creations by Keely Phippen; colorful and functional ceramic art works by Gloria Van Dixton; batik clothing and framed works by Susan McMullen;

origami greeting cards and unique wall pieces by Ruth Anne Bessmann; fleece hats, Christmas stockings, purses, pillows, and hand-painted home furnishings by JW Ross; botanical drawings and etchings by Julie Sutter-Blair; wildlife stained glass by Gail Sharpe; chenille scarves and hand-woven items by Jes Nutter; painted and beaded coil baskets by Mary Terrones; and decorative boxes by Sharon Nicholas.

The Holiday Art Show and Sale promises to be one of the most exciting and dynamic representations of women's art in the area and a great opportunity to see an

outstanding early childhood program. The show has a long history in the Atwood neighborhood and moved to the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood a year ago to accommodate more visitors. This is a great place to shop for one of a kind, handmade holiday gifts in a pleasant setting. The artists have also made a donation to Tenney Nursery, which is a nonprofit parent cooperative, offering a variety of toddler and preschool programs.

-Karen Natoli

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