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the tenney - lapham

LETTER



Meet your neighbor while spreading holiday cheer by joining the carolling party on December 17. After an early supper at home, head for 456 Jean St. (Nord's), bringing a flashlight or candle. Children are welcome and song books will be provided. The group will set out at 6:30 and return to the Nord's for post-carolling refreshments. If you can help by bringing some goodies, please call Martha Nord at 256-8628. Happy Holidays! We hope to see you on the 17th.



SCHOOL BOARD CLOSES LAPHAM

The Board of Education voted on Dec. 4 to close Lapham School at the end of the current school year. Children from our neighborhood are scheduled to attend Marquette Elementary next Fall.

The Education Committee would like to thank all those neighborhood people who helped us in our effort to save the school by contacting board members, attending board meetings, phoning, leafletting, etc. Though our efforts were not successful, the school struggle has had positive side effects. It has united the neighborhood and given us all a greater sense of community.

Although the school vote went against Lapham, there are some avenues of protest still open to us. Various groups are looking into the possibility of legal action against the school district. Others are working toward

the spring board elections. If two candidates sympathetic to neighborhood schools are elected, the school closing process might be reversed or at least arrested. The Education Committee will continue to explore these and other courses of action.

In the meantime, we must be realistic and prepare for the transition to Marquette. Meetings will be set up through the school to acquaint parents with the program and teachers at Marquette. The question of how our children will travel to Marquette also remains to be resolved. All of this will take time and patience. Above all, the neighborhood must not panic. With or without the school, WE MUST SURVIVE!!

For further information about school-related issues, call Sue Fieber, 251-3909.

NEW PLANS FOR LAPHAM

Community Education -- Lifelong access to learning and growing experiences. Now that we have lost our elementary school, the prospects of increased use of the school building loom even larger in importance for neighborhood residents. Beginning in January, the neighborhood Community Education group will initiate some programs at Lapham on a small scale to help assess the demand for access to the building and to introduce people to services within the neighborhood. We have the support of the city-wide Community Education group, but we need your help too. Due to school district policy we are assessed a permit charge for each use of the building. As a result, we must charge an admission or tuition for most programs. Strong neighborhood attendance at the first few programs may well help us to offer some free services later. We also need a lot of help in planning future programs and looking for funding sources.

Coming January 12, we'll offer Friday night movies. Because of the fees involved, we need good attendance to keep this program going on a weekly basis. So please spread the word. So save on gas or avoid a long cold bus ride and join your neighbors close to home. Get the weekend off to an entertaining and inexpensive start. If you don't have a neighborhood association membership card entitling you to a discount, get one by calling Donna Jackson, 255-7368. You'll get your money back on the first four movie nights alone.

Some time in February we hope to offer an evening yoga class for beginners. Tentatively scheduled for 12 consecutive Tuesday evenings, we need a minimum registration of 12 individuals. The cost for that class size would work out to \$24/person. With each additional class member (up to 20), the cost will decrease. It could go as low as \$12 for the full set of lessons. For further information or to register, call Lynn Schmidt, 256-1360. Class teacher - Jan Kinsolving.

THANKS!!

The Neighborhood Association incurred a rather large bill - almost \$400 - for the advertisement concerning Lapham School. Thanks to all those who pitched in, we are just about able to pay the bill. Very often, when we are discussing activities and strategies at Neighborhood Council meetings, we ask the question, "Do we have enough money?". Financial worries hinder us most in achieving neighborhood goals. If we are to continue our efforts in major issues like transportation, housing, MATC, etc., we will need a much larger financial base. Those who have ideas for fundraisers or want to actively help out, call 255-1638.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

PROJECTIONIST--Show movies at our Lapham movie program, Friday evenings, and get in free. Call Lynn Schmidt, 256-1360.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE--Looking for more neighborhood activities and fun? Offer your suggestions, labor and support. Call Donna Jackson, 255-7368.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE-- There's more to publicity than a newsletter. Find out how you can help us improve communications in our neighborhood. Call Lynn Schmidt, 256-1360.

LAPHAM SCHOOL--

- Math program--You don't have to be an Einstein to help grade math papers. Just compare answers to the answer sheet. Any day, 12:30-1:30 p.m. Call Lapham School, 255-8874.
- Lunch Room--Help calm prevail. Everyday or just when you can. Call the school office, 255-8874.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION--Help fill the gap left when the school closes. Plan projects, research resources, make policies, teach, study, administer, share. We need you, NOW. Call Lynn Schmidt, 256-1360.



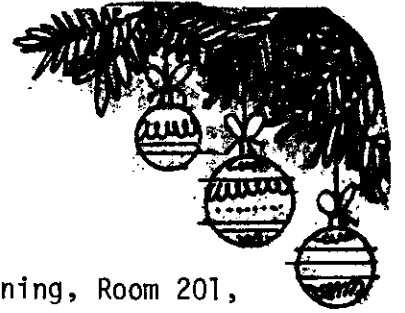
SNOW BRIGHT, SNOW LIGHT?

If the snow is too heavy for you to handle call Rent-A-Youth. They will try to find people to do your walks at a minimal fee. If you are a renter and not responsible for shoveling snow, call your landlord.

City ordinances recently raised the fines for failure to comply to \$20-\$30 for a first offense and \$30-\$50 for any subsequent offense.

Let's all pitch in to make the sidewalks safe for our neighbors during these winter months.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS



- December 17 Caroling Party, 6:30 p.m., 456 Jean St.
- January 8 Plan Commission Public Hearing regarding re-zoning, Room 201, City-County Building.
- January 12 MOVIE, Classics Night, "Blue Angel", Marlene Dietrich. 7:45 p.m. Lapham School Auditorium. Admission: Adults, \$1; TLNA members, \$.75, Children under 12, \$.50.
- January 16 Neighborhood Community Education meeting, 7:30 p.m., 1127 E. Gorham(Schmidt's). New members are welcome!
- January 18 Publicity Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m., 1127 E. Gorham(Schmidt's). New members needed.
- January 19 MOVIES, "Antonia", and "Kurt Vonnegut", 7:45 p.m. Lapham School Auditorium. Admission: Adults, \$1; TLNA members, \$.75,; Children under 12, \$.50.
- January 26 MOVIES, Kids Night, "Really Rosie", "The Red Balloon", and "Where The Wild Things Are". 6:45 p.m. Lapham School Auditorium. Admission: Adults, \$1; TLNA members, \$.75; Children under 12, \$.50. Children must be accompanied by an adult.
- February 2 MOVIES, Comedy Night. "The Rink", Charlie Chaplain; "The Dentist", W.C. Fields; "The Music Box", Laurel and Hardy". 7:45 p.m. Lapham School Auditorium. Admission: Adults, \$1; TLNA members, \$.75, Children under 12, \$.50.

*** Please note that there is no smoking of any type allowed in Lapham School

CLIP AND SAVE

COUNCIL CORNER

The TLNA wishes to welcome our alderperson, Don Murdoch, back after his recent illness. Already back to work on behalf of residents of this district, Don is again displaying great responsiveness to the needs of his constituents. Our heartfelt wishes for his continued recovery and growing strength go out to Don and his family.

WRZESKI TO RUN

Pam Wrzeski, 406 N. Ingersoll, has recently resigned as Co-Chairperson of the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association. She will devote much of her time to her campaign for the 2nd District alderperson position. As of this printing, Wrzeski is the only announced candidate for the post. Donald Murdoch has announced that he will not run for re-election this Spring.

MATC -- AGAIN!



IT'S BUDGET TIME

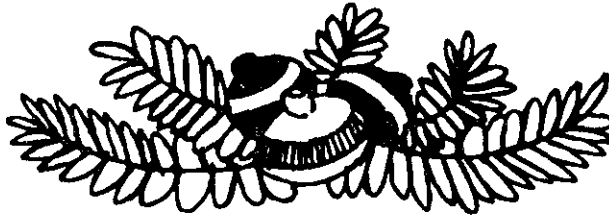
MATC--it's not dead yet, folks! As the Mayor's office postponed action on its own resolution to authorize a study of alternative ways of killing campus construction on the Burke site while promoting construction of a central city campus, the Center for Public Representation, acting as attorneys for Capitol Community Citizens, filed an action to enjoin the entire site selection process.

One of CCC's principal grounds is MATC's failure to consider split-site alternatives. If they prevail, the environmental review process will have to be re-opened and a split-site campus based on the Northeast E. Washington Ave. site will be in the running again.

We'll just have to wait for the wheels of justice to turn. In the meantime, we have already heard city staff proposing new site concepts for the central city, some of which would be even worse for our neighborhood than the unified campus. Bear with them.

The Common Council is in the process of approving a \$58 million, 1979 City Budget. There are projects in the budget which pertain specifically to our neighborhood:

- Greenway and Highway landscaping on E. Washington Ave. from the Yahara River to the Square.
- Construction of a permanent intersection at Gorham-Brearly-Sherman. A bike path will also be included at the intersection.
- Project to plan and design a traffic bypass through the extension of Fordem Ave. to E. Washington Ave. along the Railroad corridor.
- Renovation of the third floor of Lapham School for the City Health Clinic on the East side. (This space is already being rented by the Health Department.)



Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association
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JOIN THE ASSOCIATION

_____.I'd like to join the Tenney Lapham Neighborhood Association.
Contribution is \$1.00 per person & is attached.

Send to Donna Jackson, 430 Sidney St., Madison, WI 53703

OR CALL Donna at 255-7368.

NAME _____ PHONE _____