

BRINGING IT ALL BACK HOME

Community Education in the Tenney-Lapham area got a boost when CDBG funding of \$15,000 became available to hire a neighborhood resources coordinator. A primary responsibility of this position will be coordinating the use of any surplus space in Lapham School and any other available facilities in the neighborhood.

The person hired will recruit services and develop programs for neighborhood residents and work with other East side and City-wide groups to avoid duplication and to promote organized distribution of services, ideas and resources. Currently a group of neighbors has formed an advisory council which will incorporate to administer the CDBG funds and hire the staff person.

This project was initiated by the neighborhood and will be controlled by the neighborhood. However, its administrative function will be independent of the neighborhood association. Its accomplishments will largely depend on access to the school building and a high level of citizen involvement. Here's how you can help:

- Join the Community Education work group; meet a few times a year to help the advisory council plan,

leaflet, or help with fundraising. No experience necessary.

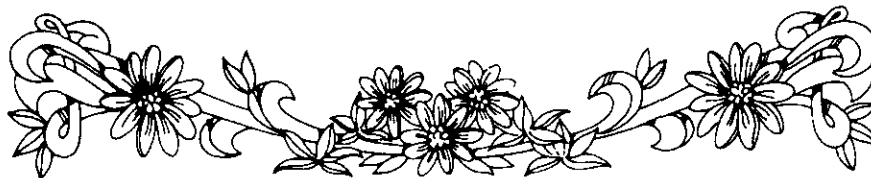
- Volunteer for the advisory council; needed are interested residents from a variety of socio-economic and age groups to plan programs and set goals. No experience necessary—just a monthly meeting and a commitment to building a sense of community.
- Get informed; come to the TLNA meeting Wednesday, March 14, 7-9 p.m. at Lapham School. If you can't attend call Lynn Schmiat, 256-1360 for more information.
- Spread the word; if you have connections with any agency or service whose presence at Lapham would help the neighborhood, put them in touch with the Community Education group.
- Share your resources; can you offer instructions or share a skill formally or informally? Do you have ideas for programming or recruiting resources?

Let us know.

Lynn Schmidt
256-1360

Jim Nelson
256-5673

Tenney-Lapham is the first Madison neighborhood to get this type of project funded. It's an exciting challenge, but **WE CAN'T MAKE IT WITHOUT YOU!**



BELATED THANKS

In the last issue of this newsletter we neglected to mention the special help received from some area merchants in our fundraising for the school closing ad. Belated thanks to the Material World Co-op and the WISVO store for their support of our efforts.

NO FORUMS HERE

Due to scheduling difficulties we are unable to sponsor a candidates forum between now and the general election. We encourage neighborhood residents to watch for announcements of forums in other areas and attend if possible.

SLED INTO SPRING

A final sledding party has been scheduled for the hill behind Christ Presbyterian Church on East Gorham at 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 4. All are invited, snow permitting.

MOVIE SERIES

The Friday night movie series offered at Lapham last month was an overall success. A permanent group is being formed to assess and hopefully continue this program. If you can help, please call Mark Samels, 255-5663.



NEIGHBORHOOD NURSERY SCHOOL

Several neighborhood residents are working hard pursuing the idea of a neighborhood nursery school and resource center for parents, hopefully opening next fall.

Ideally, the Nursery School will be a parent cooperative, located within walking distance for neighborhood residents (although not limited to TLN residents), and will provide a unique learning experience for our children. They plan to spend the summer designing the classroom environment and making the lofts, furniture, games, bookcases and large motor equipment, using recycled materials from the Teachers' Workshop.

The Parent Resource Center, a combined venture with the Nursery School, will be open to all interested people who would like

to share ideas about parenting and offer support to others in this "special career". This center will be run by parents and geared to the needs of its users. Some or all of the following are possibilities:

- Parent/child workshops
- Discussion groups
- Resource exchange for parents
- Swap center (i.e. toys, books)
- Workshops to make materials for kids

As a small group we feel we are needing the input and support from you. If you are interested please help by answering the following questions and sending it back to one of us or returning it at the neighborhood meeting.

Would you like to see a neighborhood nursery school?

What type of program would suit your needs (1/2 day, full day, 2,3,5 days/week, for 3 year olds, 4 year olds, etc?)

What type of location do you feel would be best suited?

Would you considering sending your child(ren)?

What ages are your children

How can you contribute to the creation of such a center?

Do you know anyone else who would be interested (not limited to TLN residents)?

Thankyou --

Barb Flesch
458 Jean Street
257-1003

Martha Nord
456 Jean Street
256-8628

Mary Sukup
1115 Sherman Ave.
257-5671

Nancy Daly
430 Jean Street
251-6531

Jean Huxmann
426 N. Few Street
251-6068

REZONING RATIONALE

The ordinances to rezone a portion of our neighborhood have been delayed and will not be before the Common Council for final consideration until some time in March. Meanwhile, a number of false rumors and distortions have been circulated by opponents of the rezoning. We would like to clarify and explain.

No renters will be "kicked out" of their homes because of the rezoning. All existing uses which are legal under the present laws can continue despite a change in zoning. This is called "grandfathering". Questions have arisen because the city zoning department recently said that there are a large number of illegal parking uses that have been ignored until now. These people could be evicted because of the present parking ordinances; not the rezoning. Furthermore, the City will be doing an inspection of the neighborhood for parking compliance soon whether or not the rezoning is passed.

A change in the off-street parking ordinance has been introduced. It would legalize many present illegal uses. Alderman Murdoch has also introduced at our request a change in the enforcement code. Under our proposal, wherever an area is rezoned to a more restrictive designation, compliance with parking regulations, (and/or eviction of illegal tenants), would not be enforced until the expiration of any current lease, or twelve months after the rezoning, whichever comes first.

As explained in the survey sent out last September, this rezoning will not lower the population density or reduce the number of unmarried adults in our neighborhood. It is an attempt to keep any more buildings from being divided into smaller units and to preserve the social diversity that helps make our neighborhood an exciting place to live.

All the living units in our neighborhood, approximately 1700, received a hand-delivered questionnaire, and 683, or 40% returned them completed. 64% of the respondents were renters and 73% live in the rezoned areas.

The critical question was whether the person supported the plan as a whole. 65.2% said yes, 23.4% said no, and 11.4% were uncertain. In other words, the vote was more than 2 to 1 in favor. We tallied people by whether they owned or rented, how long they have been here, how long they planned to stay, and how

many living units are in their home or apartment. In all cases, no matter how we separated these respondents, a majority said yes, and, in most cases, the tally was at least two to one in favor of the rezoning.

There was more support from those who lived here longer, but how long they planned to stay did not have a significant effect.

SELL YOURSELF

We would like to begin to list services our neighbors have to offer in a classified ads format in future newsletters,

If you have services that you would like to perform (and you're a neighborhood resident) such as: babysitting, snow shoveling, etc., please fill out the form below.

Please be specific as to availability (part time or steady), charge (if any) or any other qualifying information.

Your ad should follow this format:

Service Offered - e.g. odd jobs, crafts lessons, house sitting, etc.

Name -

Phone - a.m. & p.m.

Times Available -

Charge (if any)

Explanation - Be as specific as possible to avoid unwanted calls

Send your ad to: Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Newsletter, c/o Rulseh, 1247 E. Johnson #6, Madison, WI 53703

SO WHO CARES?

So you don't have children of your own or they have grown and left home. So the upcoming School Board elections leave you cold. Well, they shouldn't. The next School Board will be making decisions on such issues as major expenditures for athletic facilities, community access to closed school buildings, and the choice of a new Superintendent, not to mention the on-going school closing issue. So take a closer look; that election could mean a whole lot to you.

REGULAR APRIL MEETING

Pam Wrzeski, newly elected alderperson of the Second District, is looking forward to meeting you at the April neighborhood meeting. Several issues crucial to the neighborhood will be coming before the City Council this Spring. (Rezoning, disposition of the Lapham School building, etc.) Pam will be available to hear your concerns and share her own ideas on these and other city issues. Plan to attend!! (County Supervisor Judith Blank and State Representative David Clarenbach have also been invited and will attend if their schedules permit.)

DATE: Wednesday, April 18
TIME: 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
PLACE: American Legion Hall
116 N. Few Street

FUN RAISER / FUND RAISER

A major fundraiser and fun raiser in being planned for the beginning of June. An auction and resale are in the works. But it won't "work" unless you give some thought now to setting aside Spring cleaning items you really don't need or want.

Now is your chance to get rid of those miscellaneous things around (and cluttering) the house. If you've anything you want to discard, please call 255-1638 and someone will pick them up.

FORUM ON REZONING

At our last neighborhood meeting, many people asked that we schedule a separate gathering to further discuss the rezoning of portions of our neighborhood. In response to this request, we will be holding a community forum on the proposed rezoning from 7:00 pm until 9:30 pm on Wednesday, April 11th at the Lapham School Auditorium.

In order to give everyone a chance to understand the facts surrounding the rezoning and also give everyone an opportunity to say what's on their mind, we've structured the meeting as follows:

- 7:00 - 7:20 pm... explanation of the proposed rezoning by a representative of the Housing Committee and the Plan Department.
- 7:20 - 7:40 pm... questions about the rezoning and clarification of any ambiguities
- 7:40 - 9:30 pm... discussion and comment on the rezoning. We will first give any person wishing to speak one opportunity to do so, with a time limit agreed upon by everyone. After each person has had one chance, others may speak again so long as time allows.

REPAIR MONEY ?

If your property sustained damage due to the heavy snow and ice accumulation this past winter, you may be eligible to receive low-interest loan money being made available in this area. For further information call the Small Business Administration, 252-5261.