

TENNEY - LAPHAM



Welcome To the 'hood

Welcome neighbors- new and old. Many of you reading this newsletter will be doing so for the first time. To you, I again say welcome and glad to have to have you in our midst. I think I speak for many of the 'old timers' when I say, "You've chosen a great place to live and I'm sure you'll come to agree with us wholeheartedly."

We've got many great things to offer you. There's that rip roarin' Ice Cream Social coming up in a couple weeks. Follow that with our notoriously famous Spaghetti Dinner in October. And then, mark these events on that social calendar: that groovey Winter Potluck in the early new year and finally, think of stacks of steaming pancakes 'cause they'll be coming your way at our Pancake Supper in May.

The Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood

is home to the wonderful Tenney Park and Beach; if you haven't been there yet, take a visit to see what we're talking about. Over on East Johnson Street are many long time neighborhood businesses, stop by to say hello and see what they have to offer. Don't forget East Washington Avenue either. There are many fine places of business located along the street, waiting to serve you.

And, what would a neighborhood be without its neighborhood school. Ours is Lapham Elementary. If you haven't been to the school, stop by for a visit. While you're there, think about volunteering some of your time. A good volunteer is always in demand.

Ah, Tenney-Lapham. It's got a whole lot going for it! See ya in the 'hood.

-David Mandehr

Farms & Neighborhoods: Keeping Both Strong

Editor's Note: This article was submitted by the Dane County Executive for publication.

Because of Dane County's high growth, we have to choose what our county should be like. One choice is worse than now, it's Odana Road times 10. The alternative is an improvement. It's a working countryside where farmers make a good living and villages and cities where most of us can live more conveniently and affordably.

People from every part of Dane County have told me that we are in a race to that better choice. In their and

my opinion, it's time to quicken our pace to keep our cities, farms and villages great places to live.

Farms and Neighborhoods: Keeping Both Strong, is my best effort to intensify our efforts to preserve farming and to improve our villages and cities. My visions for the future are to create new economic opportunities for Dane County farmers and to keep Dane County a great place to live by preventing sprawl. To reach these goals, we must:

1. Keep enough land for farmers to
(see *Farms* page 3)

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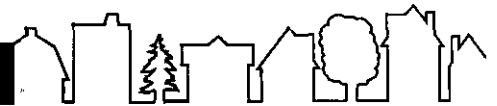
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Check In, Check Out

A lot of people in the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood moved in and out of apartments on August 15. If you were lucky, your new apartment had been vacant for several weeks, and the landlord cleaned, painted, made repairs, and got it all ready for you. By far the more likely scenario is that you pulled up in your U-Haul while the former tenants were still loading theirs. And now, a month after moving, many tenants are still haggling with their landlords to get their security deposits back.

You may like to know that Madison city ordinances do not permit landlords to deduct from security deposits for normal wear and tear to the apartment. They may not deduct for the cost of carpet cleaning, repainting, reupholstering, or washing windows unless there's been excessive damage. With the high renter turnover in our area, and practically everybody moving in and out on August 15, there is virtually no time to clean an apartment after moving out. And landlords may be pressed to make repairs in time, too. This leaves many incoming tenants dismayed at the condition of their new place, and many landlords deducting for the cost of cleaning that neither they nor the outgoing tenants had the opportunity to do.

Says Brenda Konkel, executive director of the Tenant Resource Center, "The law says you're supposed to leave an apartment in the same condition you found it. But rarely is an apartment downtown really clean on August 15." Despite its illegality, landlords commonly deduct cleaning costs from security deposits, and tenants often don't contest this. According to Konkel, the city is notoriously lax in enforcing its

lite letter. Also, your landlord should have given you a check-in form so you can document the state of the apartment when you moved in. If you didn't get one, it's a good idea to pick one up at the Tenant Resource Center, and fill it out yourself. Taking pictures of existing damage can also be helpful.

If you are still working on getting your security deposit back, you might give the Tenant Resource Center a call.

Your landlord should have given you a check-out form, and walked through the empty apartment with you. Your landlord should return your deposit, with 5 percent interest, within 21 days of your moving out. Deductions for cleaning are not legal, unless you've made some excessive mess beyond normal wear and tear. One former Gorham Street tenant told me her landlord deducted \$50 from her security deposit because she had left dust behind the refrigerator. She shouldn't



(Photo by David Mandehr)


tenant protective ordinances. But you can take your landlord to small claims court, and sue for triple damages, plus court costs.

If your apartment wasn't in satisfactory condition when you moved in, you've probably resolved it by now. Talking to your landlord about the problem is the first thing you should do, but follow up the conversation with a po-

have fallen for that. Konkel recalls another tenant who protested at being charged for carpet cleaning; she had hardwood floors throughout. Know your rights. Protect yourself.

The Tenant Resource Center is located at 122 State Street, Suite 310. It is open Monday through Friday from 9-6, and can be reached at 257-0006.

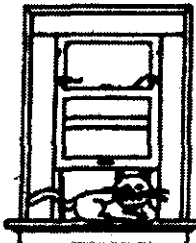
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- 4 Labor Day - All schools closed
- 7 Open House - 6:00-7:00 pm (Lapham)
- 12 School Pictures (Marquette)
- 12 PTG @ 6:30 pm (Marquette)
- 14 Open House - 6:30 pm (Marquette)
- 20 Staff Development - No school (All schools)
- 27 Open House - 6:30-8:30 pm (O'Keeffe)

October

- 10 PTG @ 6:30 pm (Lapham)
- 12 Awards Ceremony - 10:45 am (Lapham)
- 13 School Pictures (Lapham)
- 16 Staff Development Day - No school PM (O'Keeffe & East)
- 19 Photo Retake Day (Lapham)
- 26-27 WEAC Convention (All schools closed)

(Please check with schools for exact times, locations and any last minute changes)

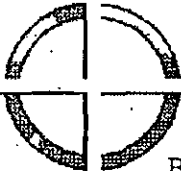
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TouchAmerica: Putting the Arm on our Neighborhood?

I have been listening to a books-on-tape version of Robert Pirsig's *Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance* this summer, most recently as I pulled weeds out of my scraggly "flower garden" out front of 1010 E. Gorham.

It's a cool way to read or reread books because it allows one to do rather mindless work and still be amused or edified. So I was really hunkered down, ever mindful of traffic as I let it all hang out (or some of it) perilously close to both the usual Gorham Street racetrack and a bus stop, but also concentrating on my work and my book when the Official Telephone Taggers began marking "their" territory one more time. I watched as the tagger dude worked his way toward me with his spray-paint unicycle brimming with ugly orange. With

a sinking heart (not to mention creaking knees) I arose and inquired very politely which utility was being marked this time. As I suspected, it was the phone company. I further inquired why they felt the need to do all this graffiti again, since my section of the street has been painted up like a circus wagon with dits and dashes of orange, blue, red, and yellow for several weeks now. The sprayer didn't know much, but said he thought it was Touch-America ("putting the touch on you and your neighborhood!") requesting their services once again.

I prodded, he shuffled. Knowing that the more crowded the "corridors" in our terrace with pre-existent cables and lines and pipes and wires the less likely Touch is to choose our street for their drilling,

I JOKINGLY offered to slip him a couple bucks to make lots and lots of colorful dits and dashes in front of my properties so that it came out looking prohibitively crowded and thus a very inappropriate choice. He looked appropriately shocked and I confirmed that I was JOKING!! He went on pushing his paint wagon and I began to muse about what I was hearing from Robert Pirsig in my ear and what I had witnessed at a public meeting (Thursday, July 13) with our city engineer and spokesmen from the TouchAmerica company.

For those who remember, Pirsig's entire pursuit in *Zen and the Art* is to try to discover the meaning of the abstraction called Quality in daily living.

(see *TouchAmerica* on page 6)

The Great Diaspora

I think I'm going to go out and sleep in one of the hundreds of big yellow trucks nosed into curbs tonite, trying to look as inconspicuous as elephants hiding behind saplings. I don't have to-I'm just doing it to express solidarity with those who are enduring The Night of Living Homelessly. It happens every year about this time, with a much smaller flourish of casting away around Christmas. The problem is that people like me require leases that start on 8/15, but also require people to be out of their apartments on the 14th. This, of course, is not just stupid cruelty.

It allows a few precious hours where

there is more floor space than not and when the new tenants can point out all the excesses of the previous tenants and show that yes, there was TOO a huge hole in the wall before they signed the lease.

After my peaceful slumber next to the giant panda bear my roommate won at the county fair, in the morning, I'm going to order pizza for breakfast and go to the Norris Court grocery for ice cream for lunch. I'm gonna eat like my parents told me never to. I may not brush my teeth at all until the full moon (no, I don't mean the guys partying next door) especially since I think my toothbrush

was tossed out with the kitty litter, which is parked right next to the inevitable plaid loveseat. (How come there is furniture called "loveseat," but so many arguments take place there?) Actually, my husband and I are convinced that a


loveseat we tossed out three years ago has passed the house twice on the top of cars and ended up on the curb next door this year.

Here is a novel suggestion that would take care of a lot of problems-since apartment furnishings tend to be pretty generic (apart from the occasional elephant-foot umbrella stand); why don't we just simplify everybody's lives and demand that every person simply shift her/his goods to the apartment to the left (not to the right; after all, this is Madison) of his present abode? We could do this in the way that firemen do when forming a bucket brigade-all at the same hour-or the way I have seen people move libraries-a book at a time, hand to hand.

The beauty part of this arrangement is that we could circumvent the vagaries of the Orange Truck Mafia-no more waiting while Neanderthals scratch themselves and hold you in suspense-no more churning differential gears that could yank off your grandma's credenza. Just wait for the new apartment owner

(see *Great Diaspora* on page 13)

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Completion of E. Washington Avenue To Be Delayed

Editor's Note: This article was taken from a press release sent to the TLNA Council.

Our completion of this project has been delayed because of high water along the river. Specifically, one of the sanitary sewers manholes to be connected south of Main Street is flooded by high water. This in turn delays the

connection to the main sewer structure in the pavement of east bound Washington, just west of the bridge.

We cannot wait for the high water to recede. Therefore, Engineering has prepared an alternate plan to defer the installation of some of the elements of the plan until the the Washington/Yahara Bridge is constructed and others to this

fall. The alternate plan will need to be reviewed by the City's contractor, Speedway Construction.

We hope to finalize our procedures at the beginning of next week.

-Larry Nelson, City Engineer

TouchAmerica (from page 5)

His book is far too complex for me to summarize (or even understand at times) here, but what I think I do understand is that while it may be a totally subjective judgment and thus does not lend itself to an Objective examination, the quality of Quality is still alive and well among us-that we know what it is when we are in its presence.

And Quality of Life is one of Madison's (and our neighborhood's) richest assets. So when some entity - any entity, really-whether it be the proposed Arts District or the done-deal Convention Center proposes to make changes, I think we are wise to examine these Trojan horses, even looking them in the mouth (to carry a metaphor) when they threaten to influence the Quality of our life. And if the entity is a for-profit private enterprise, we had better look even deeper down the throat of the beast.

At that steamy first meeting, I was very proud of ourselves. Tim Olsen and Richard Linster were sort of tag-teaming the running of the thing and each made forceful and yet very civil remarks to the representatives of TouchAmerica.

At one point, Richard responded that we had shown ourselves to be intelligent and capable people and did not appreciate the condescending tone of one representative of the company, who apparently believed that we are all still chipping messages on stone here-very content with our quaint lack of technological know-how. The "L-word" (Luddite) even came forth. Richard was quick to point out that we're NOT technophobes or Luddites. He went on to point out that our resistance to their plan to jam their cable down either Sherman or Gorham didn't mean that we have no use for the marvels of modern engineering. TouchAmerica parried with a description of how much money they are being forced to spend to buy top-quality grass-seed and on restoration of those very few squares of concrete which will have to be removed. And of course, all of this will eventually be improving the QUALITY of our existence. To which I say, whoa, I'll be the judge of that.

For example, part of the quality of my life recently has included bicycling. I have discovered an exercise I not only

can tolerate, but one I could develop a passion about. And, to fully engage my passion, I like to take the RBH (really big hill) route to State Street on Gorham. It's just murder when one is out of shape, but it's a little easier if one rides the bike lane and doesn't have to jostle up and down on the sidewalks. If one catches the light at Hancock right, one has a head of steam for the long haul. Or at least one DID until TouchAmerica started their work up and down those blocks. Now, one has to take one's life in one's hands and dodge giant work trucks and barricades, veering perilously close to the banshee drivers of the Race-track. In places, the sidewalk is no longer an option either. So, the Quality of my life has already been affected and they are not even on my block yet.

I know that there has been at least one more meeting about the way in which these decisions concerning our neighborhood and our Quality of Life have been discussed. I have learned a few things about the shocking way in which all of Wisconsin awards permits (see *TouchAmerica* on page 13)

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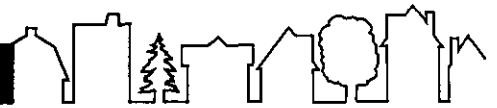
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Greater Madison Safe Community Coalition, Pedestrian Zone Campaign neighborhoods and Madison Area SAFE KIDS Coalition invite all Madison neighborhood associations and Dane County communities to participate in the second annual Walk Our Children to School Week/Pedestrian Zone Campaign.

Last year's Walk/PZ Campaign was a huge success, thanks to the energy and enthusiasm of concerned neighbors like you. The five "Pedestrian Zone Campaign" neighborhoods associations: Dudgeon-Monroe, Tenney-Lapham, Vilas, Emerson East and Regent, organized a week's worth of activities aimed

at improving driver behavior and keeping pedestrians safe. Pedestrian safety rallies, a UW-Hospital Med flight landing, and coordinated yard sign campaigns asking motorists to "slow down, watch for kids" were just some of their efforts.

Walk Our Children to School Week and Pedestrian Zone Campaign are joining forces again this year to improve pedestrian safety and quality of life of Madison and Dane County residents.

Won't you join us? All Madison neighborhood associations and Dane County communities are invited to participate!

How it works: Neighborhood associations and Dane County communities pledge to organize a day of activities in their neighborhood. Sample Pedestrian Zone activities include:

Walk your children to school, and/or help organize pedestrian safety activi-

ties at your neighborhood elementary school;

Organize distribution of "slow down, watch for kids" yard signs to neighborhood residents interested in posting these signs in their yards;

Coordinate volunteers and celebrities to drive the speed limit in "pace cars";

Organize volunteers to staff "speed boards" that educate motorists about their speed;

Recruit volunteers to escort pedestrians across busy and dangerous intersections;

Work with local police to coordinate volunteer efforts with traffic enforcement.

A Pedestrian Zone Campaign Organizational Meeting will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 12 at 7 pm at Dudgeon Center, 3200 Monroe Street in the Gym (second floor). At this meeting we'll coordinate which neighborhoods-are-doing-what-when during the week of October 2nd so we can coordinate our media campaign, distribution of yard signs, placement of "speed boards" and traffic enforcement by the MPD Traffic Enforcement Safety Team (TEST).

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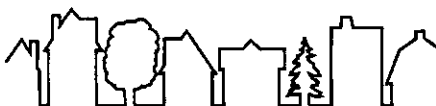
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REMINDER !!

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The State Legislature has concluded its business for the 1999 - 2000 session (please see last issue's article for an overview). Therefore, I would like to take this opportunity to discuss a few projects affecting the 78th assembly district and the role the State may have on the progress of these plans.

First, the East Rail Corridor Comprehensive Plan:

As you may be aware the Madison City Council has passed a resolution to form a planning committee for the future of the East Rail Corridor (ERC). The area to be studied is located between Blair Street and the Yahara River and from East Washington Avenue to Williamson Street.

The potential for revitalization and development of a comprehensive plan is exciting. Together we have the opportunity to create an environment that integrates green space, transportation (pedestrian, rail and auto) and small business development.

As the process moves forward I will work with various organizations, government agencies and citizens and will be an active advocate for state funding for urban green space; through the State Stewardship fund, as well as seeking funding for business development and transportation needs.

This project will take the cooperation of residents with the private business

sector and the local, state and federal governments. I believe that this project deserves our immediate attention and I will work with all parties to see that our common goals are attained.

Second, Reconstruction of East Washington Avenue:

East Washington Avenue is scheduled for reconstruction over the next 9-10 years. We must work together to lessen the impact of traffic "bleeding" into the residential areas of the East Isthmus as the construction occurs.

The timing of the project was determined by the City and I believe that we must work together to facilitate a shorter time-frame for completion of the project and work with the City to develop a traffic calming plan prior to the beginning of construction.

Finally, The Yahara Riverway Park:

One aspect of the Yahara Riverway Plan is developing housing along the Thorton Avenue side of the river. The State Department of Administration currently owns a large white building used to park cars and as a printing facility. The building lies along the bike path just behind Micky's tavern.

This facility is not the best use of this land.

I will work with the DOA to seek an alternative location for this facility, thus allowing new development on the site and allowing the parkway to move closer

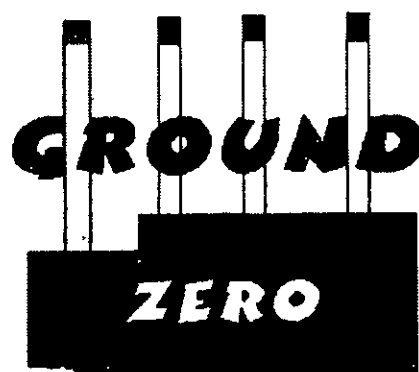
to its full potential.

I wish you all fun and a safe summer. As always, you can reach me at (phone) 266-8570, (e-mail) mark.pocan@legis.state.wi.us or you may write to P.O. Box 8953, Madison, WI 53708.

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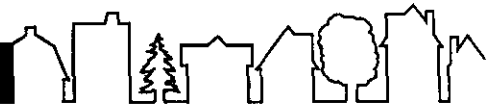
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I hope you've been enjoying our summer and have been making the most of it!

As you receive this newsletter, the Council and a mix of city committees are in the process of examining different aspects of the proposed OVERTURE PROJECT. Given impetus by the donation of \$100 million by Jerome Frautschi, the Overture Foundation was formed and began working on their vision of support of the arts downtown. This work is now approaching decision-making by the City.

I'll preface the following by stating that I strongly support the concept of using this donation for expansion of the arts in Madison. What a tremendous opportunity we have - who would've thought this would ever be possible! However, I have some real concerns about what's happened thus far and what we're about to act upon. The City, especially the City Council, has paid a very passive role in this process. Everything we're scrutinizing has been determined by the Overture Foundation, not the City. Only with urging by a couple alders, including myself, did three town hall meetings occur. More recently, I introduced a resolution enabling the public

to attend the first public hearing on this subject; and the Mayor expects the City Council to vote on resolutions establishing the entire project September 26th. Only very recently have any alders or the public spoken up with questions, concerns and ideas.

Keeping in mind that this is an unprecedented opportunity, one concern is that this chunk of our city-owned downtown, including the Civic Center, is slated to be turned over to the Overture Development Corporation, a non-elected, appointed body governing its functionings. The make-up of the Board of this entity would be comprised of 13 members, only six of which would be city-appointed, with four by the Governor and two by the County. The Corporation will have condemnation powers within the area. It will also have complete control over the functionings of the Overture Project - a very powerful non-governmental body!

Other concerns have been questions regarding costs and benefits. What will be the impact on current arts organizations if the rents for use will be rising; how will this have an impact on other prospective user groups? Shouldn't this be an opportunity to be more inclusive?

And what about the public wishing to attend? Ironically, more people may be excluded because of price barriers. How will the streetscape of the State Street area be affected; will locally-run businesses be able to survive given the rising rents and if not how might this change the character of our central thriving retail area? Since the Overture's declaration, some affordable housing projects have changed their intent to instead become luxury condo developments. What about additional traffic?

Finally, there's the question of location and whether total use of the donation should be confined to the small area of Block 65 or if we should be looking at other sites as well; perhaps spots within the Isthmus? The development might not need to be restricted to one oversized building fulfilling the large performance facility, but include venues for other uses in the arts.

If you'd like more information regarding this subject, future public committee meetings, etc., don't hesitate to contact me at 249-8428 or district2@council.ci.madison.wi.us.

-Barbara Vedder

Farms (from page 1)

farm. We now lose about 5,000 acres of farmland a year. Farmers need fertile land in large areas where farming is the key activity. Farmers have to be able to run their equipment, store and spread manure, harvest early and late, without conflicts with non-farming neighbors.

2. Assist farmers to improve profitability. Farming can't continue if farmers are going broke. Our farm economy is not wholly subject to federal laws and international markets. Dane County, local farmers, and local businesspeople can improve our local farm economy.

3. Have strong cities and villages. We cannot preserve farmland unless most people want to live in cities and

villages with a range of good housing, good jobs, great neighborhoods, and convenient travel, schools and shopping.

Farms and Neighborhoods is built on those three principles. Some of the key recommendations in that 39 page report are:

1. Create the Dane County Agriculture Enterprise Development Center. This Center will be a partnership with Dane County, the private sector, and the state to offer business planning and financial assistance to Dane County farmers for modernizing their operations, processing their crops or commodities, and marketing their products.

2. Work with towns to protect big

areas of land for farming and provide more efficient, conservation-oriented development where necessary. To reach that goal, we should cut potential scattered rural development by 50%. Different towns have already taken different steps to preserve farmland. As examples, York has made its density standard stricter and Dunn is purchasing development rights. We have learned from these and other Dane County towns. By revising town and county plans with public input, careful zoning, and creating agricultural easements, we can protect enough land to have lots of farms thriving through the 21st century.

(see *Farms* on page 13)



I have number of things to pass on to neighborhood residents. The first being that Governor Tommy Thompson announced on 8/15/00 the approval of 71 Surface Transportation Program Enhancement and Discretionary awards and one of them was one of ours.

Projects totaling \$18 million are budgeted to help complete a variety of transportation-related projects across the state including bicycle and pedestrian facilities, bike planning and safety initiatives, the restoration of historic transportation facilities, and community beautification efforts. This included the Johnson St. Pedestrian/Bike Underpass at the Yahara River for a total of \$720,000.

Governor Thompson said that, "Along with enhancing the state's transportation network, completion of these projects will promote tourism, boost the economy, and make our local communities even more attractive for residents and visitors."

We say thanks to all of the local folks, city staff and elected officials who worked with people at the state level to make this one happen. The enhancement and discretionary awards represent federal Surface Transportation Program funds distributed to local public sponsors with most of the awards requiring a 20% local share.

The funded projects were evaluated based on federal and state eligibility criteria, metropolitan planning organization priorities and recommendations made to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation Secretary by a ten-person review committee. Committee members included state lawmakers, officials from several state agencies, and private citizens.

This is good news for all of the near Eastside neighborhoods. The pedestrian/bike underpass will prove to be both an added safety feature for residents and a nice aesthetic touch to the Yahara Riverway.

Speaking of safety, remember The Pedestrian Zone Campaign/Walk Our

Children To School Week coming in October. Look for the accompanying article from Cheryl Wittke, of the Greater Madison Safe Community Coalition, included in this newsletter. Having a walkable, safe neighborhood, such as ours, adds to the enjoyment of living here. So join us for Safe Kids/Walkable Neighborhoods: Walk Our Children to School Week/Pedestrian Zone Campaign October 2 - 6, 2000.

Here is an item that can relate to the safety and enjoyment issue. In our neighborhood at the moment, the issue of where dogs are and are not allowed, or should and should not be allowed is a subject of some disagreement, particularly in the case of Giddings Park. As far as I can see, Giddings Park is not a City park where dogs are allowed at this time. Apparently the sign designating the status of dogs at Giddings has been torn down so I contacted Si Widstrand, the Parks Commission staff contact, to clarify the point for me and neighborhood residents.

Mr. Widstrand responded that there are four off-leash dog exercise areas in the city. Their distances from Lapham are: Brittingham 1.5 miles, Quann 3 miles, Warner 3 miles, and Sycamore 4 miles. He reported that there are 12 designated on-leash areas in the city, the closest being Yahara River-Burr Jones and Demetral. He also said that it was his belief that the Parks staff and committee would be interested in new off-leash locations where there is a neighborhood consensus and staff thinks it can work. However, he went on to say that the committee's highest priority is to find a west side site, because the far west edge of the city is now 7-8 miles from the nearest off-leash area at Quann Park.

If you have feelings either way on this issue, please contact me or any member of the TLNA council or the Parks Dept. at 266-4711.

Information about areas in parks (including Dane Co. parks) that allow dogs ('free' or leashed) can be found via the

City Park's website at http://www.ci.madison.wi.us/parks/Parks_Gen/geninfo.htm

At last months TLNA Council meeting, two motions pertaining to the routing of fiber optic cables at Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood were passed unanimously.

MOTION 1:

To recommend the city adopt new policies to insure the prior notification of residents affected by the installation of any private utility lines or other construction. This policy should include: requiring the city to provide reasonable prior notice to affected residents or requiring private companies to provide prior notice to affected residents as part of the permitting process; and require the city to hold a public hearing prior to any permit approvals.

To recommend Alderperson Barbara Vedder draft and introduce an ordinance to this effect or aggressively pursue a change in city policy to this effect.

MOTION 2:

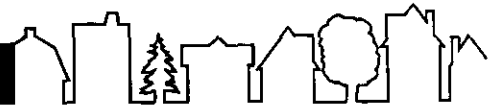
That fiber-optic routes be placed in non-residential areas if at all possible and appropriate.

We hope that these motions plus the response by neighborhood residents to incidents occurring during the recent utility work in our neighborhood will prompt the city to bring their plans to the neighborhood with enough time to allow for input by us and give us an opportunity to voice our objections when we feel it necessary.

-Tim Olson

REMINDER !!

The TLNA Neighborhood Council would like to remind neighbors of the importance of controlling their pets. Please be CONSIDERATE of both your neighbors and your pets. Thanks!



The Flood of 2000, or Why Madison Needs a Storm Water Utility

Editor's Note: The following article first appeared in the Williamson-Marquette Gazette and is reprinted with the author's consent.

After the Great Flood of 1996, when much of the Williamson-Marquette Neighborhood and many other areas of Madison experienced flooding and sanitary sewer back-ups, the City Engineering Department launched a study of the City's storm water infrastructure (manholes, inlets, storm boxes, greenways, shoreline protection). Low lying areas of the Isthmus where flooding problems have been persistent were closely studied. Results of the study showed a need for \$5.75 million to modernize Isthmus storm water infrastructure. The City applied to the Federal Government for funding to support this work. The request was turned down.

In the intervening years, Madison has completed some targeted work to prevent a recurrence of the 1996 flood damage. To stay within a \$1 million annual city-wide storm water management budget, however, this work has been incremental, and a great deal remains to be done. At the same time, land within the watershed is under constant development, removing it from the area available for natural drainage.

According to City Engineering's storm water expert, Mike Dailey, we are losing ground. When I spoke with him recently, Dailey said that our ability to manage storm water within the urban area and to maintain good quality ground water is slipping. "The \$1 million we spend annually is about a third of what we need," he said. Dailey pointed out that during this year's protracted rain events, Madison experienced flooding problems where we never have seen them before. "We are only keeping up with the 'worst of the

worst' problems," he said.

Proposed Storm Water Utility: This is where the proposed Storm Water Utility comes in. At present, funds for storm water management are collected through the property tax and are part of the General Fund. This means that owners pay for storm water management according to the value of their property and not according to usage. It also means that tax exempt properties, which make up 30% of the property of Madison, do not pay for storm water management at all. However, the City has proposed to begin collecting a storm water management fee based on usage. This "Storm Water Utility" would operate in a manner similar to the Water Utility which charges a fee based on usage.

Where the Water Utility measures usage via a meter, the Storm Water Utility would measure usage according to the amount of paved (or roofed) area on a lot. For the average residential property, a standard formula would be applied to calculate the fee. For commercial properties, the amount of paved or impervious surface would be measured by reference to digitalized aerial photographs. The City Comptroller estimates that the average homeowner would experience about a \$20 drop in costs related to storm water management. (The Mayor, for instance, currently pays \$55 a year for storm water management on her residential property tax bill. This amount would be reduced to approximately \$35 under the new proposal.) Tax-exempt properties would begin to pick up their share of costs, a commercial properties would pay according to the amount of impervious surface. This

means that the East Townes of Madison would pay for the amount of water shed by their vast sea of surface parking lots and single-story, flat roofed buildings. Charges would be included in the six-month water bill.

Would this change result in a permanent \$20 decrease in money charged to homeowners for storm water management? If what Mike Dailey says is true, and we are collecting far less for storm water management than we need, then I believe the answer to this question is "no." To protect public and private property from flood damage, in the future we will need to collect more for storm water management than we have been collecting. However, I also believe that if property owners see that the storm water fee is charged in a fair manner, according to usage, and if we see that the antiquated storm water infrastructure of the Isthmus is being updated to manage flood water effectively, citizens of our central neighborhoods, and hopefully the peripheral areas as well, will support modest increases.

If you have questions or concerns on this or other matters, please contact me. My phone number is 245-0557 and my e-mail address is district6@council.ci.madison.wi.us.

-Judy Olson,
District 6 Alder

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Right to the Night

Editor's Note: The following article is from the Good Neighbor Lighting Group.

I remember black night skies
As a child I'd feast my eager eyes
On the universe as it appeared
With profound amazement I would veer
Far beyond my earthly sphere

It was fun to contemplate
Precisely what would be my fate
How was I to know back then
My favorite pastime would soon end

What thief, you ask, took away the night
Who would have the power to dim stars
so bright

If you said impossible, I'd say, quite
right
But, alas, a thief did steal the night

Stole it surreptitiously
Worked at it quite steadily
Almost went unnoticed, you see
Until one day I happened to be
On a highway that was being built
I looked up and saw lights on giant stilts

It was then it finally dawned on me
Why I could no longer see
My way past earth to eternity

Fools, thieves, I began to shout
You have no right to blot it out
To my surprise a chorus chimed in
Of people who remembered when
Black night skies were lit by suns

We will not wait to go on vacation
To view the stars from another location
We demand you give back our right to
the night
And we promise to never give up the
fight

Nostalgically we remembered when
A street light was a welcomed friend
The bulb beneath the scalloped shade
Cast useful light that would never fade
The bright stars in the sky above
Those were the fixtures that we loved

Now sodium vapor spots
Shine down on all the parking lots
Homes, highways, schools and parks
No one can escape the hot

Glare of the relentless yellow light
Oh please give back the peace of night

For those who don't mind paying the fee
For all of the electricity
For those of you who still believe
Lighting the night will deter the thieves
The joke is on you, plain as can be
Bright lights only help thieves to see

For those guilty of stealing the night
This is what shall be your plight
You must live, work, eat and sleep
Under bright yellow lights a hundred
feet deep

For those of us who yearn to see
Our way past earth to eternity
Take this pledge here and now
Hand over heart, just say, I vow
To fight the light that pollutes the night
With determination until every constel-
lation
Can be seen again with the naked eye
Until we take back the pure night sky

-Karen Salvator

Wendy Cooper Gallery Announces New Fall Shows

The Wendy Cooper Galery announces a new show, *off the wall . . . where patterns come to life*. The show features artists michelle grabner, ariana huggett, nancy mladenoff and yumi janairo roth. It opens September 2 and runs through October 7. An artist's reception will be held on Saturday, September 9, 5 - 8 pm.

Wendy Cooper also announces the beginning of the Scott Fields' Duet Series at 8 pm on Friday, September 8. Composer, guitarist, Scott Fields and Argentine composer, saxophonist and clarinetist, Guillermo Gregorio will compositions by each musician. I's improvisational, free jazz of a high order. Admission is \$6.00.

On October 14 and running until November 11, will be *Objects Transformed* featuring the works of Natasha Nicholson, Mark Lorenzi, Martha Glowacki, and Mary Alice Wimmer. *Objects Transformed* will run in conjunction with an Elvehjem Museum installation titled *Cabinets of Curiosity* with the same artists.

The next meeting dates for the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association Council are Thursday, September 21 at 7 pm in the community room of the Tenney Park Apartments, 302 N. Baldwin Street and Thursday, October 19 at 7 pm at Christ Presbyterian Church. You are welcome to attend and discuss any issues of concern to you. For further information, call Tim Olsen at 255-9358.

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Diaspora (from page 5)

to check out the place, put the new stuff exactly where the old stuff sat (I mean, how many variations could there be for the basic bed and dresser?) and enjoy the slightly different view. Boards and bricks for bookshelves will be already in place.

I remember it all fondly-one year I moved four times when roommates kept getting married and/or jailed. (Hey, it was the late sixties-we were prisoners of conscience.) Actually, I remember it with great pain. Okay, a mixture. Save me a place next to the cab of the truck, please.

-Gay Davidson-Zielske

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TouchAmerica (from page 5)

these decisions concerning our neighborhood and our Quality of Life have been discussed. I have learned a few things about the shocking way in which all of Wisconsin awards permits without even getting any (or much) money back. And that work can proceed BEFORE any residents have been contacted or notified. I know that TouchAmerica has conceded one point and hired a local engineer to help site the project. But nobody still seems to know where they intend to route it now. And if somebody does know, he or she

isn't willing to tell those of us whose Quality is already being affected.

Let's keep asking those nosy questions, shall we? We pay lots of money to try to catch and clean up after the outlaw taggers who take it upon themselves to "beautify" our neighborhoods nightly. Let's not allow OFFICIALS to foolishly do the same thing in the name of progress without asking whether this is a Quality decision. Besides that, Day-Glo orange and yellow just don't go with my color schemes.

-Gay Davidson-Zielske

Farms (from page 13)

3. Work with cities and villages to make them better. We can make them better by helping local governments and developers implement good redevelopment, with market studies and an Urban Expeditor position.

I have worked hard to make Farms and Neighborhoods flexible, fair and comprehensive. It is flexible with options for local governments and developers to meet practical countywide goals. It is comprehensive in that it tries to address the issues affecting our farming. It is fair because it calls for just about everyone to make changes and receive benefits. Farmers will be able to improve their business and have se-

cure areas to farm. Towns, villages, and cities will have profitable, better growth than they have now. Developers will have assistance in taking on projects that improve the livability that fuels their business.

Nothing I've outlined in the report is easy but nothing is impossible. We have the smart citizens, the political will and the time right now to act. We've done hard things together: reforming a welfare system; passing a major parks referendum; improving vital services to kids and seniors. We can do this together too.

-Kathleen Falk
Dane County Executive

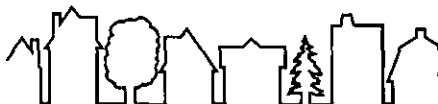
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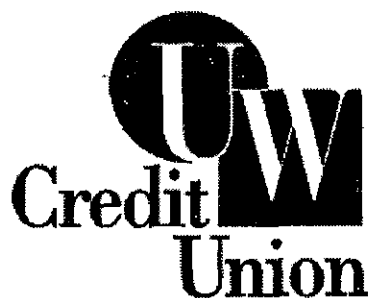
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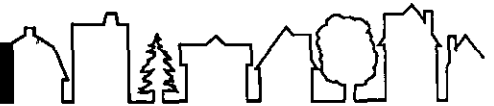
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