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## What is the Future of Breese Stevens?

Breese Stevens Field has been a bastion of soccer for 20 years. This city of Madison Park has been host to state high school championships, collegiate action and top level youth and adult amateur games. Anyone who has witnessed a game there knows the field is first-rate, the atmosphere is superb and players love to play there. Simply put, Breese Stevens Field is one of the finest soccer venues in the state.



Despite an illustrious past, "Breese" faces an uncertain future. This 76-year old city landmark is in dire need of major renovations. This may come as a surprise to the casual visitor. Why? Visitors to Breese tend to overlook its shortcomings

and instead focus on the lush playing surface, the closed-in feeling created by the classic stone wall and the sense of a bygone era. Well, at least that's the way I feel!

One must venture into the bowels of Breese to truly comprehend the decay first-hand. It's ugly. Many

improvements are necessary: compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and other code issues, structural integrity (foundation, light towers), as well as antiquated locker rooms, bathrooms, office space and press box. Conservative

estimates put the price tag at \$1,000,000 or more to correct these deficiencies. Compounding this dilemma is our current state of fiscal distress. Currently, the city of Madison has frozen all capital projects and it is unlikely that major funding will come from public coffers

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## New Coffeeshop Opens on Sherman Avenue

A new business, Urban Market and Coffee House, has sprung up ready to serve bicyclists, bus riders, and neighbors on the old stretch of Sherman Avenue between Tenney and Burrows Parks. When I visited one day recently, I was greeted by Suzanne, one of the owners, and Holly, her assistant. Although they have only been open about six weeks, they have big plans for the sunny, convenient space. Because they are adjacent to Sherman Terrace, they want to serve the needs of nearby apartment and condo dwellers by providing a neighborhood coffeeshop with sandwiches, bakery, and other foods as well as a small market. They already have been found by neighborhood children, who come in on

weekday mornings to pick up a snack before getting on the bus to school. Word-of-mouth, along with their excellent location, has brought adults in as well, and Urban Market is very open to requests for new grocery and convenience items to carry.

The market portion of the business is in front, and along the side of the long, narrow building is the coffeeshop with plenty of tables and chairs as well as a partially separate meeting room with comfortable couches. This separate area can be booked for small meetings or community gatherings. In summer Urban Market and Coffeeshop will begin offering smoothies and ice cream to refresh cyclists and other users of the

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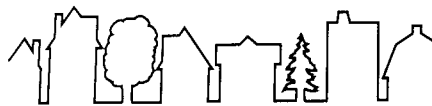


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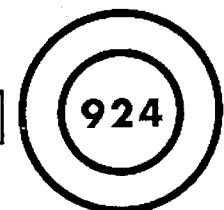
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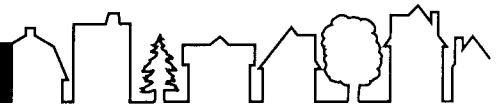
Mayor Sue Bauman will be a guest of the TLNA Council at its monthly council meeting on April 18. You are welcome to come to listen or ask questions. The meeting is in the community room of the Tenney Apartments, 302 N. Baldwin and begins at 7 pm.

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## **2nd District Boundaries Change**

**Q: What's going on with the City Budget?**

A: The City Council won't be able to approve an annual budget until the legislature and the governor make their decisions about revenue sharing to local municipalities. The governor wants to substantially reduce aid to the cities. The council met for the first time to discuss the budget at a special meeting on March 26. At a later date the council will probably have a public hearing. Meanwhile the council is asking citizens to submit ideas to the mayor's office at [budgetideas@ci.madison.wi.us](mailto:budgetideas@ci.madison.wi.us) or call 266-4611. I will send a summary of the city department recommendations to anyone who requests one. Send a request to me at [district2@council.ci.madison.wi.us](mailto:district2@council.ci.madison.wi.us) or 345-8720.

**Q: What's the status of the proposed redesign of State Street?**

A: The Madison Board of Estimates delayed approval of the State St. project pending further information about costs and budgetary restrictions. The lead committee which makes the final recommendation to the city council is the Downtown Coordinating Committee. The Common Council is waiting for the Board of Estimates and the Downtown Coordinating Committee to complete their review of the proposed project. I expect the proposed redesign will come back to the Common Council in May. The big question is: "should

we spend \$32 million on a complete redo of State St., its side streets, the 'concrete park' and Lisa Link Peace Park?" An alternative would be to spend a smaller amount on deferred maintenance (e.g., replacing damaged trees, installing new bus shelters, repairing brickwork and fixing broken pavement). I have insisted that this proposed remake not be rubber-stamped. Instead I have lead the charge to demand that we have complete information and a thorough understanding of this proposed first remake of our city's greatest street. I'd like to hear what you think about this issue.

**Q: How and why did the city's aldermanic district boundaries change?**

A: Much to everyone's surprise, the City of Madison changed its district boundaries a year earlier than usual. This boundary change resulted because a special election was needed in the Spring of 2002 to fill a vacant aldermanic seat. In order to determine which electors could vote in this special election, the Wisconsin Elections Board determined that district boundaries must be based on the 2000 Census.

As of January 1, the new second district is bounded on the east by Fordem Ave and the Yahara River and includes Sherman Terrace and the Camelot Apartments. The South boundary begins at the Yahara river where it continues toward the Capitol on the North side of

E Washington until Webster/Dayton St. (the outer loop) to N Pinckney St. which runs up to E Gilman St. to Wisconsin Ave and then down the lakeside of Langdon St. to West Lakelawn. Consequently, the second district no longer includes the area around East High and Emerson School but now includes part of the Mansion Hill Neighborhood Association and more of the campus area.

**Q: Why does the light at Ingersoll and E Washington begin blinking so early in the evening?**

A: Actually it blinks later than it used to. As a test project, the light was changed to begin blinking at 10:00 pm instead of 8:00 pm. Based on comments from the public during a one-year trial period (ending in about nine months), the transportation department will decide whether to change it back to 8:00 pm, retain the 10:00 pm blinking start or have it begin blinking at a later time. I want to hear your comments. Please e-mail me or send a note to me. (511 E Mifflin St., Madison WI 53703)

**Q: What's going on at Breese Stevens Field?**

A: Cranes have been installing a cell-phone tower. I am a member of a committee that is examining several options for Breese Stevens Field. The committee is considering how the field might be used and repaired. If you have suggestions, please contact me or another committee member. Other subcommittee members include Ald. Judy Olson, Alfonso Zepeda Capistran, Bob Shaw, Ed Jepsen, Eric Bertun, Richard Bernstein and Brad Weisinger.

-Alder Brenda Konkel

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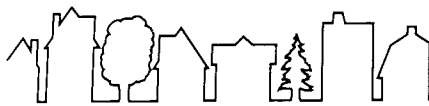
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## Gardening Nourishes Our Sense of Place

*Editor's Note: At TLNA's January Winter Potluck, John Bell accepted the 1st Annual "Barbara Vedder Community Participation Award". Following is the speech he gave in accepting the award.*

Hi neighbors,

When Richard Linster told me I was getting this award, my first reaction was "I am not worthy!" We talked a bit and I decided it would probably be tacky to argue the point too strenuously. But I know there are a lot of people who help make our neighborhood a good place to live and to all of you here tonight or elsewhere, my deep thanks.

Like many of you, I was exposed to gardening for food crops as a young boy in the gardens that my father kept in Wauwatosa and central Illinois. Back then, I absolutely hated gardening. I mean the hot weather, hoeing, weeding, picking bush beans, which I really didn't like to eat anyway. It was awful! Maybe I needed my own space, but years later, with my own plot, I found that gardening could actually be rather enjoyable. And now I find it one of the great ironies of my life, that something so awful then could become a source of so much pleasure and satisfaction.

Lauren and I moved to Sidney Street nearly twenty-one years ago. I tried gardening in our backyard. In fact I'm still trying to garden in our backyard. As most of you know there's not a lot of difference between the soil in our yards and Tenney Beach. Nor was a garden really compatible with four kids, a swing set, various four-legged pets, soccer balls and basketballs, tent sites and all the rest. And anyway, our house casts too much shadow for the needs of food crops.

Which is how I got to community gardening. The nearest available plot was on Troy Drive near Mendota State Hospital, and this spring will be my 16<sup>th</sup> as a gardener there. What had been a

buffer zone of the hospital grounds is now a 32-acre community-owned resource park, including community gardens, a CSA farm and a co-housing project. My Troy experience led to work with the Madison Coalition of Community Gardeners, and from that to the city's advisory committee on community gardens. I remain chair of its successor, the city's advisory committee on community gardens, which serves to protect and promote community gardens in Madison.

As I was thinking about what I would say here tonight, it occurred to me that this event has a lot in common with community gardens. We are people with a sense of caring for and belonging to a specific place. Food, recreation, and community—perhaps even an element of spirituality—are all here.

With its density and continuing development, Madison—especially its central neighborhoods—has been a difficult place to build and sustain community gardens. But sometimes I think the greatest obstacle to community gardening isn't so much the scarcity of space as it is our lack of imagination—our failure to recognize the productive potential of what we have.

I know that our plots grow more than food for our physical well being. They nourish our sense of place and community. They exist within the fabric of the city's

political climate, its process of land-use decision-making and the car culture. They're about nutrition, clean water, and healthy soils. Our gardens are a link to anyone who has ever worked the earth for their food—some of them, perhaps, from our own past. And frequently, they exist within a community of gardeners from different cultures, races, and traditions, of different ages and levels of income.

It's a remarkable neighborhood.

Thanks to my family for their support and to all of you here for sharing this evening with me.

John Bell



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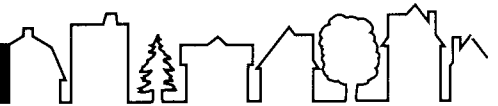


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# The Band is Playing and the Pizza is Hot!

Three cheers for the return of Supreme Pizza! David Pelow has put the shine back into this neighborhood pizzeria and it is worth a visit. The long list of toppings available is mind boggling leaving the customer with a dizzying array of pizza possibilities. Anchovies and artichoke hearts? Pickles and pepper mix? Chicken and cactus? Just about anything you could want on a pizza is there. Pasta dishes, sub sandwiches and soup of the day round out the menu choices.

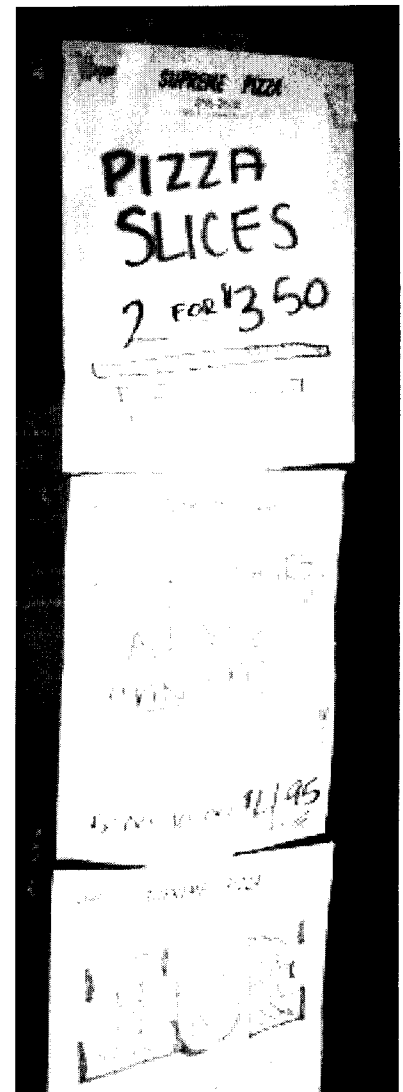
Music is also available for the playing and enjoying. When you visit you may be lucky enough to enjoy an impromptu bluegrass jam session or perhaps some delightful piano playing by a neighbor. Pelow, who has music in his blood and pizzas at his fingertips, is committed to having a piano in the restaurant. Currently a beautiful Cable Midget piano graces the dining room and Pelow invites neighbors to play. "People come in to play all the time!" said Pelow. Often Pelow has his mandolin at the restaurant and plays when inspired or when friends eager to have the aforementioned impromptu bluegrass

jam stop by for a little grub.

Music is just a fringe benefit to this neighborhood eatery. The food is what it is all about. Check out all you can eat spaghetti every Thursday. Pelow and his crew serve up delicious spaghetti, hunks (no demure slices here) of garlic bread and sauce for \$4.95, including tax. Pelow is committed to serving the neighborhood and supporting the community that supports him. "I'm here for the long haul" says Pelow. This generous proprietor is happy to be back in the neighborhood after working at Supreme Pizza 10 years ago.

So do trot on down and and bring the kids. There is bound to be something wonderful cooking up at Supreme Pizza, 912 East Johnson Street. Open Weekdays 11:30 a.m. - 11:00 p.m., Weekends 2:00 p.m. - late, call ahead for carry out or delivery 255-2200.

-Lisa Nett



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## A Building Rises; Will She Wave Back?

I'm watching a high-rise go up. I've never had a chance to do this before. Last year, going to school in Kenosha, watching the day-to-day construction of a high-rise condominium building was something I simply didn't have the opportunity to do.

Kenosha is a very nice little town, but its construction market has yet to include things like high-rises. I think the hospital downtown has ten stories. Mostly, though, its downtown is defined by two-story antique stores and greasy-spoon-type diners, the kind of restaurant

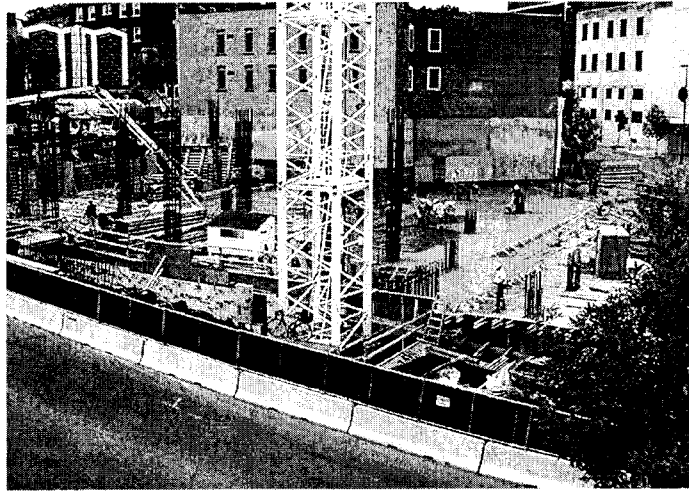
where the same group of elderly men has congregated at the same place for twenty years, and has no intentions of moving.

I guess watching high-rises being built wasn't on my list of Things I Want to Do when I was living in Kenosha. Now I know that's because I didn't know what I was missing. This year I've been living on East Gorham Street, and from the entrance to my apartment, which is on the rear of the building, I've been getting a postcard view of a high-rise condominium building go through all its stages of construction. I would now highly recommend the experience to anyone.

When I moved to Madison in September, the structure was nothing but three levels of poured concrete and a lot of tarp. But as the months progressed, the building rose upwards quickly, and I became more and more interested as every new story was layered over the last one. It's strangely fascinating to see how this works—the construction of each new level is preceded by the erection of a bunch of steel beams, the concrete is poured into shape for the roof, and then the walls are put in, so by the end of a couple days you have a pretty good idea

of what the whole thing is going to look like, windows and all. At least that's how I think it works. I'm not actually up there, and I don't watch every minute of the construction, so I might be wrong.

I can see the building from where I

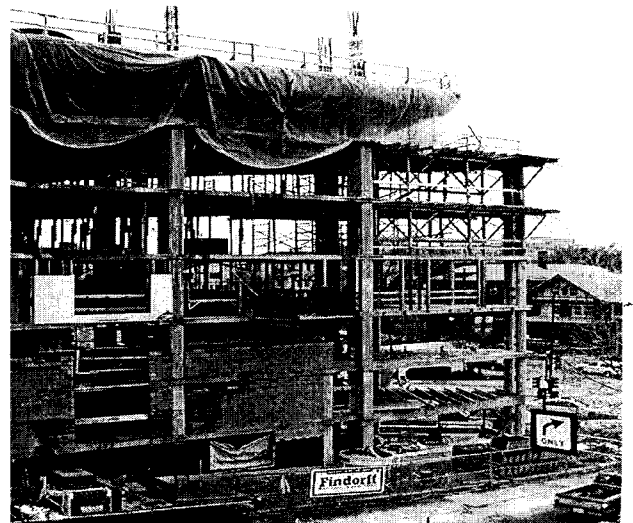


work, too, on Williamson Street. It looks much squatter from there than it does from my apartment, but it's still impressive. From the angle I have at work, the sun sets directly behind the Square every evening, and you can see the sunset through the top three floors because they're not complete. They're all still just girders and plywood.

This building is called the "Capitol Point Condominiums." It's fourteen stories tall, and it's only with a deeply-felt sense of disappointment that I report it looks like that's as tall as it's going to get. I realize that 14 stories is plenty tall for the Capitol Square, and that any more would probably be in violation of a zoning ordinance, but watching this thing go up has become outright addictive. I keep hoping that I'll wake up one morning and the developer will have stuck on another level during the night.

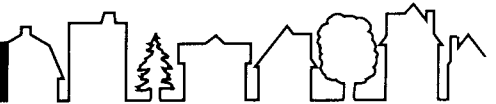
To avoid sounding like some sort of sick fetishist, I will say that here is one

complaint I have: I don't like the color the developer chose for the brick. Most of the building is already coated with sissy-looking, cream-colored bricks, and it's simply not the color I would have chosen. Not that anybody's asking me, or that I know the first thing about architecture or urban design or am qualified in any way to make such judgments, but I've always thought bricks should be, well, brick red. And I know, incidentally, that Milwaukee used to build most of its structures with cream-colored brick, and that it still has the nickname of the "Cream City," but I reluctantly stick with my opinion. Don't get me wrong; Milwaukee is a splendid city, and I have nothing against its predominant color. I've had some very nice times there. It's just that I don't like the cream color specifically for the Capitol Point Condominiums. Besides, for some reason, Milwaukee always shows up in my memory as various shades of gray.



But the cream-colored bricks aren't nearly enough to make me stop liking the building. I still like its height, which magnificently fills in a hole in the skyline I didn't even know was there. I like its shape, which is triangular and hip and reminiscent of the Flatiron building. I like watching the tarp that still covers the upper levels billow in the

## Street Scenes



wind.

I think this world-class aesthetic appeal is the reason I don't mind that the building will surely attract yuppies to the neighborhood. I mean, I know yuppies will move into it. This type of place is built for yuppies, and I guess for empty-nesters, maybe, but instead of the usual working-class resentment and that smug feeling of moral superiority I get when I see things that are built exclusively for the well-off, this time I simply feel a sense of indulgence. "Aw, let the yuppies have their stuff, it



doesn't hurt anybody," is the closest I can come to putting this strange, unprecedented sentiment into words.

To be sure, as I was doing research on the building, I did feel an occasional twinge of envy. On the developer's Web site there were diagrams of all floor plans (up to 5000 sq. ft.), complete with decks and a room called a "powder," which I guess is a half-bath, and real photographs of the views from these apartments. The views were amazing. These people are going to have some seriously inspiring vistas to look out over as they cook dinner, do housework, do drugs, have ritual sacrifices, or whatever else it is that members of the condominium-buying class do with their free time. I just wish I had any sort of comparison— I live in a basement which 20 years ago was converted, very hastily it seems, from a typical water-heating, mold-gathering cellar into a halfhearted attempt at an apartment. The place is still having an identity crisis.

Because my place is a basement apartment, we have no deck to look out

over anything from. There's a little wooden structure just outside our door on which you can smoke cigarettes, but don't try and lean against anything, because for some reason none of the railings are actually attached to any of the other ones. Plus, and I think my roommate Andy would find this funny,

we do not have "generous ceiling heights (that) range from 9 to 11 feet." Andy is six feet four inches tall. The top of his head is exactly eight inches lower than our ceiling, except where the water main goes across the hall, and there I believe he actually has to duck. Eleven-foot ceilings would be like a dream come true for him.

Just for the record, I don't want anyone to feel sorry for us. We're college students. Our living situation is supposed to be comparable to that of war refugees, or moles. It actually feels kind of cool to be my age and living in an apartment in which important parts of the toilet regularly break, or where, if you throw a pencil towards the ceiling, it sticks. This is the time to be living in squalor, and we're happy with it.

But looking up for the past six months at the Capitol Point Condominiums growing bigger and bigger keeps me constantly reminded that not everyone lives like this. Some people live in houses with heaters that do not require pliers to turn on and off.

The future Capitol Points Condominiums residents are almost certainly members of this lucky group. And I realize that there is middle ground between a decrepit basement apartment and a luxury high-rise condominium, so I suppose that by comparing the two I'm painting the social classes of the United States, or at least of Madison, in black and white. I don't want to do that. Also, I don't want to forget how much fun watching this building go up really has been. Despite the admittedly leftist viewpoint which makes me suspicious of the very idea of luxury high-rise buildings, and bourgeois phrases like "acoustically engineered building," or "sweeping views," I still think that fourteen stories of windows lit up at night is a beautiful image.

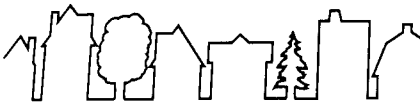
Incidentally, our mayor, Sue Bauman, belongs to that fortunate group that has already purchased one of Capitol Point's 68 units. I hope she takes no offense to my referral of her and her future neighbors as "yuppies." I used the word only the nicest way. And I hope Ms. Bauman enjoys her new status as a downtown resident and luxury condominium owner. She will be occupying a building to which I have grown very attached in these past six months.

And in another six months, instead of looking at an empty hull of a building, standing empty but full of promise, I'll look up and see crowds of people out on their decks. It will be a building brimming with life, with couples entering and exiting at street level, groups meeting and chatting on the promenades, windows being thrown open for fresh air. Maybe one of those windows will be opened by the mayor, eager for a breath, or a moment's stunning view of her Isthmus. Maybe I'll see her, recognize her, and wave up to her. Maybe she'll wave back, congenially.

As long as she's not performing a ritual sacrifice at the time.

-Connor Wood





## Poetry with an Attitude, Right Here in Madison!

I don't know about you, but I grew up dreading poetry units in my literature classes. Teachers would yammer on about allegory, metaphor, and meter. My eyes would glaze over and I'd be lost. Years later I've discovered the root of at least some of my early aversion to poetry: I'm a "doing" learner and I was being taught poetry only through my eyes.

But can poetry be transformed into an active form? It sure can, and is, right in your own backyard! Madison is experiencing a surge of poetry open mics, slams, and other venues in which poets and spoken word artists take to the stage and engage their audience's every sense for three to five minutes at a time. It's awe-inspiring and lots of fun.


Last summer I inherited a very lively, monthly, all-chick open mic called SCRAWL. In the last few months we've settled into a regular time slot, 8 pm on second Saturdays, and location, Java EsCafe at 14 West Mifflin Street. We

aim to create a safe place for word geeks of the female persuasion to share their passion for a well-turned phrase, a gut-churning diatribe, or a playful haiku. Andrea Musher, Madison's Poet Laureate and a neighbor in the Tenney-Lapham area, has even taken a turn at our mic! And it's not all poetry. We've also been blessed with the presence of talented storytellers, singer/songwriters, and actors.

April is National Poetry Month, so why not celebrate? Drag out that poem of unrequited love you wrote in high school or air that new piece you've been honing. Join us for SCRAWL, 8pm on April 13, at Java EsCafe. Always free and open to women, men, girls and boys of all ages.

For more info about SCRAWL, write [scrawlgirl@yahoo.com](mailto:scrawlgirl@yahoo.com) or call me at 251-1861. For a comprehensive guide to Madison's poetry scene, including contests, readings, open mics, workshops, and other related activities, visit [www.madpoetry.org](http://www.madpoetry.org).

- A.B. Orlik

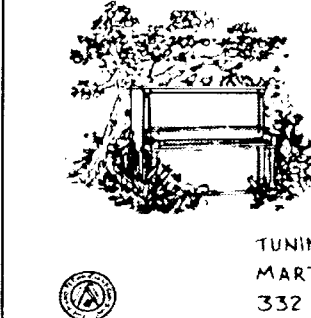


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**Breese Stevens** (from page 1)

in the foreseeable future.

Further, revenues generated by Breese do not cover the maintenance and staff costs to operate the facility. Over time Parks Division funding has not kept pace with the number of new city parks; consequently, facilities that operate in the red strain an already tight budget.

The Common Council established the Breese Stevens Neighborhood Planning Committee for the purpose of investigating the future of Breese Stevens Field. A resolution charged the Committee to undertake the following:

1. Investigate the future of Breese Stevens Field through a focused neighborhood planning process;
2. Determine if present uses can be better served at an alternate location;
3. Determine if neighborhood scaled athletic programming may better serve the area;
4. Investigate which portions of the facility are most significant to its historic designation; and
5. Report to the Common Council their recommendations, including a fiscal note.

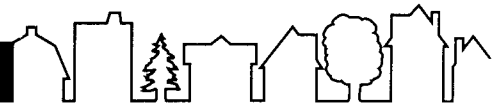
Plans call for the Committee to make recommendations by the fall of 2002.

Members of the Breese Stevens Neighborhood Planning Committee are citizen members Eric Bertun (Chair), Rick Bernstein, Ed Jepsen, and Bob Shaw; alders Brenda Konkel and Judy Olson; park commission member Alfonso Zepeda-Capistran; and Brad Weisinger of the Park Planning Staff.

The Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association Council will be discussing Breese Stevens at its May meeting which you are welcome to attend. If you have ideas regarding the future of Breese Stevens, you can also contact any member of the committee or come to the public hearing that will be scheduled for the late summer/early fall.

- Eric Bertun





## Desperate Times Are Coming

"Where have all the children gone?" may well be a lament heard echoing through the breeze in Tenney Park on future sunny days. School budget cuts threaten the foundation of our neighborhood. When Lapham School reopened, it was a flower in our garden and our neighborhood has been in bloom ever since. Look on our streets, on Baldwin St. and Elizabeth and Sidney and Jean St. and see the kids at play. Good schools and good neighborhoods and communities are inseparable. Without the confidence we have in our schools how many bicycles, tricycles, scooters and slides would be laying about? How many footballs, basketballs, and frisbees, and kids with backpacks boarding a bus would we see on our streetscapes? Kids and their toys are emblems of American community. Of course, they are not the only valuable part. Our seniors, singles, professionals, families without kids, are all important. But it's children that make a community triumphant in spirit. We have such a community. Without good schools, things could change. State revenue caps are forcing the Madison School District to decimate itself. Under the present funding formula it's only a matter of

time, and not much of that, before our schools self-destruct.

Since 1993 revenue controls have forced the school district to cut over \$17.5 million in funds, and next year, according to recent estimates, the district will be required to cut another \$7.5 million. Growing special education, and other federal and state mandated programs that are only partially funded will further and substantially deplete the resources available for regular education students. What has already happened to Madison School District resources is bad enough. What is worse is the increasing revenue shortfall in coming years, and, moreover, the failure to consider any solutions. Art Rainwater, our school superintendent has urged "a comprehensive review of school funding in Wisconsin in preparation for the 2003-05 biennial budget." He adds, "it's critically important that we not further reduce funding to K-12 schools", and calls the present funding process, "a never ending move toward bankruptcy."

Art Rainwater is warning us about the worsening school district revenue crises. In the din caused by the state budget crisis, will the warning be heard at all? Not if his is the only voice

speaking out. One has to wonder where are the voices of our leadership? Our schools are being slowly debilitated. Where is the voice of Ray Allen, a prospective candidate for mayor? Does he want to be mayor of a city with bankrupt and failing schools? Why is his voice not heard screaming out to save our schools? What about Juan Jose Lopez? Where is he other than using his pen to sign off on budget cuts? It may not be fair to single out individuals because we are all to blame, but they are prominent citizens with a first obligation and duty to protect our schools. The mechanism for funding schools in Wisconsin is untenable. Yet, there is no effort under way to change it and not much of a complaint from those we put our trust in.

Gone are the good old days of contested school board elections and a contentious school board honestly debating the merits of every dollar of expenditure proposed. Where are Nancy Mistele and Mary Jan Rosenak? Thompson's revenue control plan made them unnecessary. How surprised I am to pine for their presence. Each year now the budget is cut without debate and without being able to consider the consequences. And the funniest part about it is that the process of destroying our schools began in the boom times when there were countless millions of dollars for everything else.

Returning taxing authority to local school boards that must defend their spending proposals to the voting public is the only democratic, constitutional, and sensible way to finance public education. No imperative is greater for a community, and at no time greater than it is now, than the education of its children. We must insist on a return to local control of our schools. We must try to save our schools. What's more important? Good schools and good neighborhoods are inseparable.

-Joe Brogan

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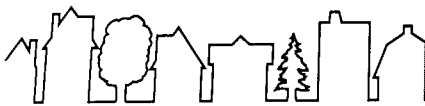
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## Wind Chimes as Urban Noise

When you live in the city you have to put up with some noise. Like the ambulance racing down East Johnson Street at 2 a.m. or the bus that stops and takes off on Baldwin Street at 5:30 every morning.

But there are other noises sources that we have decided, as a community, are unnecessary and intolerable. Like boom boxes on buses. And wind chimes.

"Wait. Did he just say 'wind chimes'? Lumped together with boom boxes on buses? That cute little tinkling sounds in the spring breeze?"

That clanging and clinking. Incessant clanking. So loud that your neighbors can hear it in their bedrooms with the windows closed. Clang! Clang! Clink, clang! Day and night. When you're sitting in your back yard on a summer evening. Clink-clang-clang! Or in your

dining room, over a quiet dinner. Clink-clink! Clang! Clink, clang, clink, clang!

We here in the '03 Zip Code like to think of ourselves as a sensitive lot. A community of good neighbors. Some of us don't use gas lawnmowers and we scrupulously pick up our dog doo. We wouldn't think of throwing a loud party. Sometimes we even shovel the neighbor's walk. But some of us seem to think nothing of getting in our neighbor's face with the chink-clang-clang, clang-clang of our wind chimes.

One solution is to put these things inside your house. I know a woman who keeps hers hanging in the doorway between her kitchen and dining room. That way whenever she's in the mood of a little clank, clang-clink she can just walk by and give it a whack. And it all stays within the privacy of her own home.

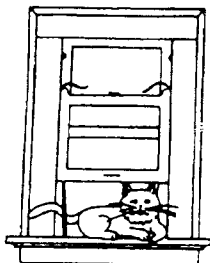
- Ron Blascoe

## Artists Needed for Neighborhood Art Walk in July

The 1st Annual Tenney-Lapham Art Walk will be on Sunday, July 28 in the afternoon. All neighborhood artists are welcome to exhibit their home studios and art work. (Sales are encouraged.) The Art Walk will be a self-guided tour to each artist's home with the help of a neighborhood map printed in the next Tenney-Lapham Newsletter. Please contact Sharon Redinger if you are interested in being in the Art Walk (256-6282, billred@juno.com).

-Sharon Redinger

**CORRECTION** - The winter newsletter stated that the Avenue Bar has been in the neighborhood since the 1970's. Actually, it has been in the neighborhood since the 1950's. The original proprietor was Joseph F. Keyes, a long time Tenney-Lapham resident who lived on Marston for many years.



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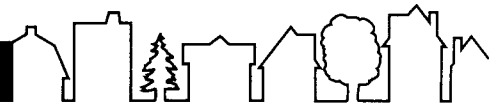
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**SAFETY CHALLENGES IN 2002**

Already in 2002 the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood faces some challenges that may be attributed to the increased density in the area. The usually calm winter was marked with various break-ins and robberies, including some on Sherman Avenue in late January. While not all of these were covered in some of the police summaries that circulated, there are reports of prowlers and several attempts to enter houses while residents were inside. If nothing else, neighbors should lock their doors, even screen doors to deter this.

In fact, neighbors may want to be careful with their porches and yards. Neighbors found this winter that things left on porches, from children's toys to brooms and shovels were not just taken, but destroyed. People using power tools in the street to extricate locked bikes from signs and posts even broke into yards to connect power cords to private homes rather than ask for permission to enter and use the power. It is unfortunate that these residents have such poor respect for private property. And, unfortunately, the city is so busy with other problems on State Street and Downtown, that it precludes a police presence in this and other, peripheral neighborhoods.

Worse, last December there was a sexual assault east of the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood, near Blount and East Johnson Streets. Rumors floated about this event, and the single incident multiplied into several assaults, and in some reports the site of the assault was moved. The police have dealt with this incident and have indeed increased their attention to the specific area in which the crime occurred. (Technically, this incident occurred in the Old Market Place Neighborhood.).

Various efforts to make this neighborhood and others in Madison are in motion. The Safe Community Coalition (SCC) inaugurated its 2002 efforts with a general meeting in January, and the common refrain among those attending was for some concerted effort to coordinate safety efforts so that they are not unique to one part of the city and ignore others. For example, such planning would prevent speeding into adjacent, non-target neighborhoods, as happens now when enforcement occurs on Sherman Avenue, but not on East Gorham. This year the SCC will focus on four specific areas in its 2002 program: 1) speeding; 2) running red lights and stop signs; 3) pedestrian safety; and 4) bicycle safety. Cheryl

Wittke, a member of the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood, heads the Safe Community Coalition. Sal Calomino and Jim Zychowicz will serve as contacts to bring SCC information to the Neighborhood..

The SCC initiatives efforts are the result of excellent, grassroots efforts, but it cannot deal with all the issues the city faces. Other, more serious problems, like break-ins and attacks properly belong to the city. The Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood will have the opportunity to air its concerns to the Central District Police at the March Meeting (March 21) and with Mayor Susan Bauman at the April Meeting (April 18). Please use these meetings to voice your concerns to our public officials so that they clearly understand the needs in the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood and our commitment to having a safe neighborhood in which to live.

-Sal Calomino, Jim Zychowicz

Stephanie Bradley Wilson of the Madison Police Department is conducting a Central District Neighborhood Survey. If you would like to participate, please contact her at 267-1194 or by email at [sbradleywilson@ci.madison.wi.us](mailto:sbradleywilson@ci.madison.wi.us)

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**Coffeeshop** (from page 1)

bike path. The building has a shady porch on two sides with benches where customers will be able to rest and enjoy their treats outside if they wish.

The slightly unusual building was most recently used as a day care center, but Suzanne told me it originally was a Rennebohm's Drug Store! For those who have not lived long in Madison, Rennebohm's was a big local chain of drug stores during the middle part of the last century. Eventually it was purchased by Walgreens, but to older Madisonians, Rennebohm's was as much a generic name for a drug store as Walgreens is for people today.

Curious about the history of Urban Market's little building, I spent an afternoon doing some research in the public library. A chapter of Tenney-Lapham history is written in the streets and structures of this area. While the western part of our neighborhood, the Original Plat, predates the automobile, this eastern part of the neighborhood was shaped by patterns of automobile usage, gas stations, and finally mid-century urban planning and traffic engineering. Follow along as I host a quick walking tour of this early Madison "suburb."

In the north corner of Tenney-Lapland, the part of Sherman Avenue that connects Tenney Park with Burrows Park and North Sherman was once the main route from the north suburban area and Maple Bluff to downtown. This little extension of Sherman Avenue carries far lighter traffic today (though still more than residents might like) because in the

mid-1970s Fordem Avenue was created, connecting North Sherman with Johnson Street to encourage commuters to use the Johnson-Gorham corridor for crossing the Isthmus. This is why North

retail area on Sherman Avenue that had existed since its beginnings as a route to Madison's earliest "suburbs." The building Urban Market and Coffee House occupies today was once part of this retail community. But it wasn't a pedestrian retail area like, say, Norris Court. It was an early automobile community.

A 1916 photo in David Mollenhoff's "Madison — the Formative Years" shows Sherman Avenue was one of the city's first paved streets. One can only imagine the wealthy and politically connected early



Sherman Avenue's name suddenly changes to Fordem in the 2300 block.

Before Fordem Avenue was opened, the land there was known as a "hobo jungle." Vagrants hitched rides on the trains that converged nearby, and they would set up little camps in a rough brushy woods of box elder near where the Camelot Apartments sit now. Walking our dogs through there in the early 1970s, I would sometimes find concealed campsites complete with a firepit and shelter where these men lived in summer. (They weren't called "homeless persons" until the Reagan era.)

At the corner of Sherman and North Sherman on the east, and Sherman and Brearly on the west (by the big oak tree near the Presbyterian church), you can still see where the sweeping curves of the old Sherman right-of-way were squared off at this time into sharp intersections in order to slow the flow of traffic on Sherman so Gorham would be the preferable route.

The opening of Fordem Avenue changed not only the lives of the hobos and the appearance of the landscape, but also brought about the decline of a small

residents of Maple Bluff deciding they wanted more than a muddy, rutted path on which to drive their shiny new cars home after a trip downtown. This is today's Sherman Avenue bike route.

As early as the mid-1920s, King's Service Station was open at 2301 Sherman Avenue. By 1935, in the depths of the Great Depression, 2301 was not only still open but had been joined by Pennco Service at 2040 Sherman, run by a Henry Harbort who apparently lived next door at 2038. 2250 Sherman was the Community Pharmacy. Lakewood School was at 2314 Sherman; the park where it stood is clearly visible today.

After World War II, those addresses still supported the same businesses, and 2237 Sherman (right across from the park) held a root beer bar (which later moved to 2234). By 1955 the neighborhood was thriving and three more "filling stations" were present, making five in all: Pure Gas at 2039, Pennco at 2040, Cities Service at 2101-03, Shell at 2249, and Super Service at 2301. In addition to the pharmacy, National Food Stores and Strand Bakery (an early supermarket?) were at 2117 Sherman Avenue. Parking lots were part of the design of these businesses, different from the way retail in Madison's original plat was laid out.

Sherman Terrace Apartments were built sometime between 1947 and 1950,

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a n d present in 1975, was gone by 1980. By then only one gas station remained, a Coffeehouse was, as Suzanne told me, Rennebohm's store #14, with its own convenient parking lot. Joining Rennebohm's at that address by 1960 was Terrace Superette Grocery — like Urban

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Sherman's old commercial district grew up around the automobile and died when cars were routed another way. Will bike ridership and the Madison bike paths bring an urban renaissance to this old road? Urban Market and Coffeehouse hopes so. It wouldn't be the only part of Madison where retail is beginning to realign with bike routes.

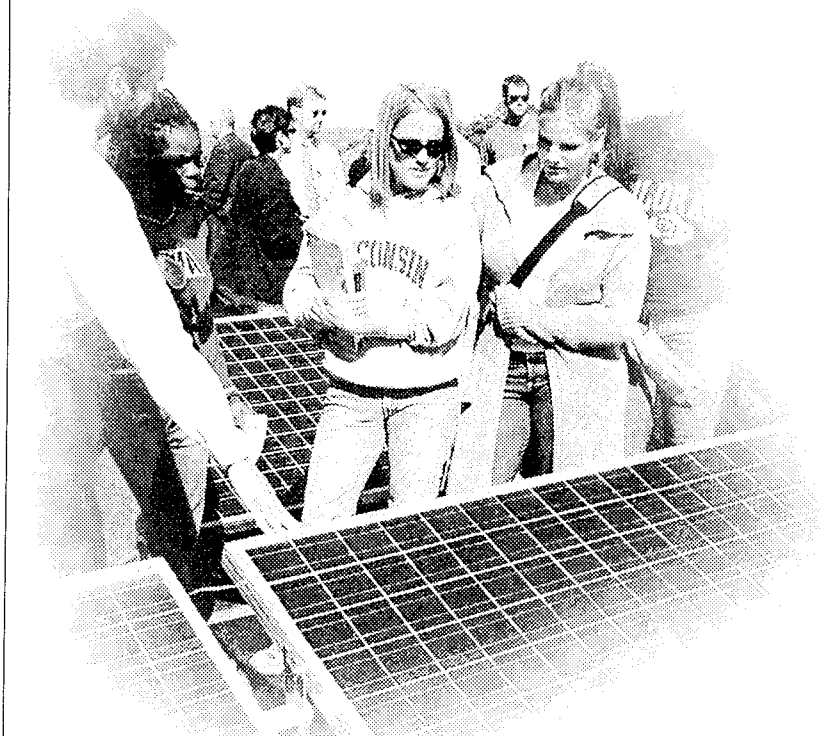
-Mary Pulliam

appearing in the 1950 city directory as Tilton Terrace Apartments. By 1955 they had their present name, and the adjacent space now occupied by Urban Market

Market, only 40 years earlier.

The opening of Fordem Avenue and related changes, however, spelled the end of this thriving little commercial area. A DoNot Land at 2241 Sherman,

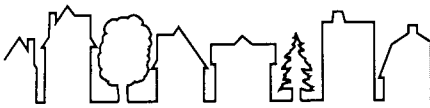
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## Tenney Park Earth Day Challenge Set for April 20

What a long, strange winter it has been. First it feels like spring, and then 15 minutes later it starts snowing. With luck, by the time this newsletter gets to your doorstep winter will have left for good and we will all be getting down to the serious work of spring planting. And what a lot of planting we will be doing! Read on...

### Earth Day

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, April 20 from 9 AM to Noon for the 2002 Earth Day Challenge in Tenney Park**. Bring work gloves and wheelbarrows and join the Parks Division, the Friends of the Yahara River Parkway, and your neighbors and friends from the Tenney Lapham Neighborhood Association as we take on various spring cleanup tasks such as trash pickup, pruning and mulching, and weeding. If the weather cooperates, we may even be ready to do some planting on that day. We will have plenty of trained volunteers on hand, so we welcome youth, church, businesses and other community groups to come join us. Just call or email me if you will be bringing a larger group so we know you are coming. I would also welcome volunteers to donate food, drinks, and other goodies to keep everyone well-fueled! Contact me at 257-5718 or via email at [mmb@chorus.net](mailto:mmb@chorus.net) if you can make contribution.

### Another Way to Keep in Touch

Another way to keep up to date on ever shifting plans for planting and other park activities is to subscribe to the list serve for the Friends of the Yahara River Parkway. Using this service you can have notices of events delivered directly to your email box, or you can read them on a website dedicated to the Friends. It's very easy: just go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/>

[friendsofyaharariverparkway/](http://friendsofyaharariverparkway/) and follow the instructions to join the group.

### Work Progresses at Sherman and Marston; No News on Filene Park

The plants have been ordered and the contractors hired to regrade and plant the corner of Sherman and Marston this spring. Mick Kennedy of Wisconsin Landscapes will be bringing in topsoil to regrade the area around the building and path, and will also be planting a few of the larger trees for us. Once he is done, we will be ready to plant the smaller trees and shrubs as well as native flowers. Bob Shaw has been hard at

work putting the final touches on the planting plan and placing the plant orders. A date has not yet been set for planting. If you have volunteered in the past we will be contacting you via email as soon as we do have a date; if you haven't given us your contact information yet but would like to join us this spring, please call or drop a line to me or Bob Shaw, and we will be sure to call on you when the time comes.

In the meantime, we are still awaiting word on whether Filene Park will be chosen by the DNR for a demonstration project for lake shoreline restoration. In the meantime, if you own lakefront property and would like advice on how

# Heaven? Gee, who knows?



Some believe in angels and such. Some believe in reincarnation. Some say it's an entirely different plane of existence where we won't remember anything in this life. I don't know. I mean, I know I'm going to die, but what happens after — if anything — scares me. **How will going to church help me?**

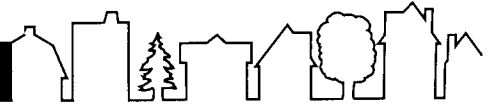


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### **Cooperation and Initiative Leads to the Replanting of Tenney Woods and Burr Jones Field**

Due to the constant efforts and initiative of Ed Jepsen from TNLA and Si Widstrand of the Parks Division, there will be a significant number of new trees and shrubs planted in Tenney Park this spring. Those of you who walk along the river have already noticed that a number of box elder and other "junk" trees were cut down this winter, making way for the addition of more desirable species such as swamp white oaks. A contractor has been hired to help plant the larger trees, and that work will be completed by May 1. After May 1, on a date to be arranged, we the volunteers will plant the smaller trees and shrubs, based on a planting plan developed by Ed. The plants Ed has selected will significantly improve the appearance of this area, and provide much better habitat for birds and other creatures. We will be looking for volunteers to do the initial planting and mulching and to weed all summer long. In particular, we will be looking for large groups of volunteers to keep down the weeds around the new plantings during the dog days of summer. so if you lead a Girl Scout troop, community service project, church group or other clan, here is a great opportunity to make a contribution to the long term environmental health of the neighborhood.

### **Neighborhood Puts in Requests to City for Parks Capital Budget Items**

With all the brouhaha about the status

of this year's city operating budget, it seemed a little surreal to be thinking about capital budget requests for next year, but that is what some of us were doing this winter. Requests for spending by the Parks Division have been made for the following items: replacing the gone but not forgotten dock at Giddings Park; dealing with metal buildings along the river near East Johnson Street (remove or repair them); and basic repairs on the old bathrooms near the corner of Sherman and Marston so that at a minimum the building can be used to store tools and other equipment and supplies for our volunteer efforts. Better yet, some of us would like to explore the possibility of remodeling the interior of the building to be used for youth summer programs and meeting space. As of this writing, there is no word on whether these items will be included in the Parks Division capital budget proposal.

### **Parks Division Budget Cuts?**

Cuts in shared revenues from the state could lead to significant problems for users of Tenney Park and the Yahara River Parkway as well as other parks in our neighborhood such as Giddings Park, Reynolds Park, and Breese Stevens Field. The Parks Division has been having significant budget issues since long before this latest round of cuts. Already there has been discussion of discontinuing garbage pickup in the parks, cutting the number of foresters, eliminating the use of portable toilets at places like the pontoon boat shelter, reducing or eliminating mowing in all but active play areas of the parks, ending all maintenance in smaller neighborhood parks and the elimination of lifeguards at city beaches. As of this writing it appears that Tenney Park would be one of the few parks that would retain lifeguard services. If you have specific thoughts on services that should be retained or eliminated, the mayor and city council would like to hear from you.

Send your ideas to [budgetideas@ci.madison.wi.us](mailto:budgetideas@ci.madison.wi.us). or call Mayor Bauman's office at 266-4601.

### **Finally, You Can Do Lake Mendota a Big Favor...**

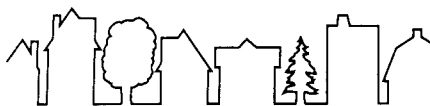
Here's a simple thing you can do to improve lake quality. You know those grates on your street corner (and occasionally in the middle of a block) where the storm waters drain? Well, the water that sloshes through those drains directly to the lake, river or park lagoon—and so does any debris in the water, like soap from washing your car, herbicides, fertilizer and soil that wash off your lawn, and dead leaves and other plant materials.

All that runoff adds significantly to pollution levels in our lakes and rivers. The street sweeping program helps to reduce the pollution carried with the runoff into our lakes, you can also help by taking a few minutes to rake the dead leaves and garbage out of the storm sewer grate nearest your home. You'll help reduce runoff of nutrients that add to our wonderful algae blooms, among other benefits.

And if you would like to do more, reserve the mornings of June 15 and June 22 to volunteer for **Take a Stake in the Lakes**. Volunteers will be working along the Lake Mendota shore on June 15, and on the Monona side on June 22. There are also stencil kits available so you can mark your storm drain with a reminder that anything going down that drain goes into our watershed. This is a great activity for kids and families. Contact me for more information on how you can get involved.

-Margaret Bergamini  
Parks Chair





# O'Keeffe Students Get the Scoop on our Street Names

Here's a pop quiz for everyone in the neighborhood: What's the history behind the street names on the Isthmus?

If you don't know, ask any 8th grader in Stephanie Phillips' social studies class at Georgia O'Keeffe Middle School and they'll tell you the streets are named after the signers of the U.S. Constitution.

Press them further and they may even tell you about these founding fathers or at least about the one they studied as part of a recent project that combined U.S. history with today's technology.

Using the internet, each student

researched one Constitution signer and, at the same time, evaluated the web sites they used. (Check out colonialhall.com or whitehouse.gov, for example). They presented their findings to the class, illustrating various aspects of the signers' lives with mobile artwork. Some ambitious students included photos of the relevant street sign on their mobile.

Ms. Phillips came up with the idea last year and the kids had so much fun with it, she decided to do it again this year. Did they stumble on any surprises?

"It was no surprise they were all white men, and many were wealthy. But the students were amazed by the size of some of their families. One had ten children," she said.

A big winner on the web site circuit was [www.colonialhall.com](http://www.colonialhall.com) which listed the signers by state, along with biographical information.

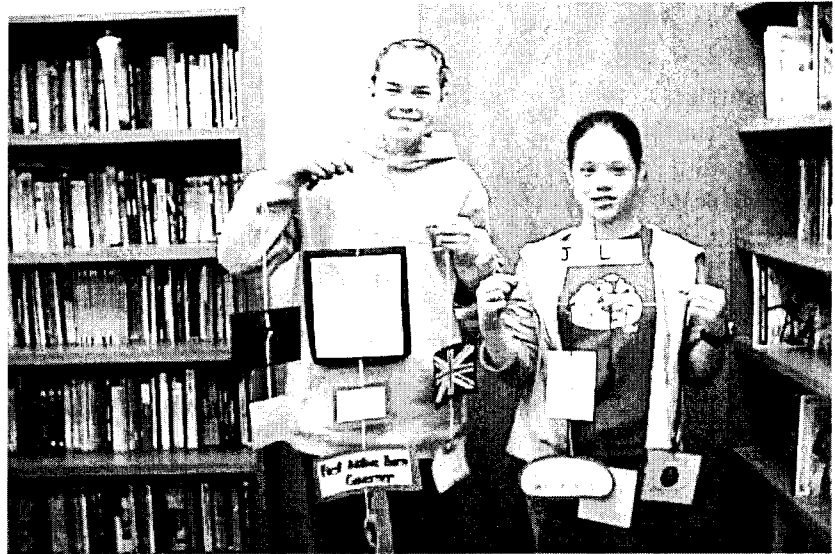
By the way, neighborhood streets named after signers include Langdon, Gilman, King, Gorham, Sherman, Johnson, Hamilton, Franklin, Mifflin, Morris, Clymer, Ingersoll, Bedford, Dickinson, Bassett, Broom, McHenry, Carroll, Jenifer, Blair, Blount, Spaight, Williamson, Rutledge, Pinckney, Butler, Few, Baldwin, Livingston, Brearly, Paterson and Dayton.

My only question is why doesn't Madison have streets named after signers Thomas FitzSimons and George Read? Any history buffs out there who have a clue?

-Mary Ellen Spoerke



Jessie Ahrens is the O'Keeffe 8th grader in the know about Jenifer Street's namesake.

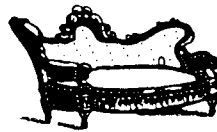


O'Keeffe students (l to r) Brianna Buhr and Maggie Spoerke display the mobiles they created depicting the lives of US Constitution signers, Richard Dobbs Spaight and John Landgon.

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We're crazy about books. We met over books. We socialize around books. We converse about books (ad nauseam). Jean, as a school librarian, makes her living from books. So when the call came out for some TLNA newsletter column ideas, we jumped at the chance to write about books.

Many bookish folks live within the boundaries of the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood. Our neighborhood proudly houses librarians, bookstore owners, writers, publishers, and several active book groups. In this column we plan to feature some of our bookish neighbors and to offer some reading suggestions uncovered through our 2-person, Xtreme reading group.

We would also like to hear from you. Please e-mail us and let us know about folks on your block or in your household with interesting book-related stories. We are interested in your book recommendations too.

Here are a few of ours:

### New Fiction

**How to Be Good** by Nick Hornsby (2001)

Narrated by Kate Carr, physician, parent, and spouse of newspaper columnist, David Carr. Kate has always considered herself a "good" person. After admitting infidelity, asking for a divorce, and wanting her husband to change, David takes "good" to a whole new level. The novel is part marital comedy and part social commentary (JD).

### Old(er) Fiction

**No Name** by Wilkie Collins (1873)

This book was written in 1873. YES, 1873. No Name is one of the most feminist pieces of literature I have ever read and reread... (AR)

### Non-Fiction

**Ava's Man** by Rick Bragg (2001)

This book is author Rick Bragg's tribute to his grandfather and, as a result, to his grandmother and his rich southern heritage as well. (AR)

### Young Adult Fiction

**Color of My Words** by Lynn Joseph (2000)

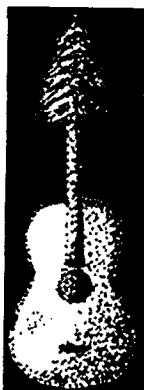
Twelve-year-old Ana Rosa relies on her writing and her older brother to help her understand what is happening in her Dominican Republic village. A sparse, powerful coming of age story. (JD)

**Disappointment of the Quarter White Oleander** by Janet Fitch (1999)

We were in different parts of the world when we simultaneously decided to stop reading this book. Even more remarkable, we both shut the book for good around page 105.

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- Jean Dunn, Ann Rulseh



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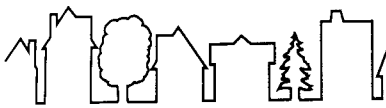
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## Neighborhood 'Buds' Receive Safety Grant

My buddies Lucas Brogan, Josh Goglio, Jonah Hacker, Lars Roeder and I had been messing around with our families' video cameras for quite a while when my mom suggested the idea that we start to "go pro." Another neighbor, Tim Olsen, had been talking with her about how we could get involved in making our community a safer place to live. When we found out about grants being offered by the Safe Community Coalition of Madison and Dane County, we applied. Ms. Sheryl Wittke, who coordinates the program, helped my mom help us fill out the grant proposal and we waited.

When we found out in a few days that we had actually won a \$250 grant with an additional \$100 from the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association, we were surprised and happy and a little bit scared. And when the reporters from Channel 15 news showed up at the Awards Breakfast where Lucas and I were representing our group, "Five Buds with a Videocam," we got really nervous.

But when we saw ourselves on TV that night, it was pretty cool. Our project will be to raise awareness of the dangers of red light running by making a group video, which will be used as a public

service announcement. We will have help from Officer Stacy Vilas, who has lots of ideas as to the production of these kinds of movies. Channel 15 has already promised to show the finished product and we hope that it will be a great success. While we're not exactly Hollywood grade yet, we would like to put Steven Spielberg on alert and we hope someday to hear the words "and the award in the category of Most Exciting Safety Awareness video goes to FIVE BUDS WITH A VIDEOCAM!"

- Alexander Zielske

## More Recipes from the 'hood

### Wild Rice Casserole from Alan Crossley

- 1 cup uncooked wild rice
- 1/4 cup butter
- 1/2 cup slivered almonds
- 2 T chives
- 1 8oz can mushrooms
- 3 c chicken broth

Wash and drain rice. Saute in butter rice, almonds, chives, and mushrooms. cook about 20 min. til almonds golden. Heat oven 325°. Pour mixture into ungreased pan, heat broth to boiling and stir into rice. Cover tightly. Cook 1 1/2 hours or until all liquid absorbed.

### Bean Patties from Jean Dunn

- 1 15-ounce can pinto beans drained
- 1/2 small onion chopped
- 1/2 cup yellow cornmeal
- 1 4-ounce can chopped green chilies, drained
- 4 ounces sharp cheddar cheese, shredded
- 1/4 teaspoon chili powder
- pinch salt
- 1 egg lightly beaten
- 2 tablespoons butter, melted
- few drops Tabasco sauce, to taste

Preheat oven to 425° F. Lightly coat a baking sheet with vegetable cooking spray and set aside. In a large bowl, mash beans, onion and 1/3 cup cornmeal with a fork to form a thick paste. Stir in chilies, cheese, chili powder, salt, and egg until smooth. Chill 30 minutes. Form mixture into 4 patties and coat each with the remaining cornmeal. Arrange on prepared baking sheet, drizzle with butter, and sprinkle each with a drop or two of Tabasco. Bake 20 minutes, turning once. Serve with Saucy Salad.

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1126 E Mifflin St.	3	1 1/4	\$129,900
222 N 3rd St.	2	1	\$139,900
1027 E Johnson St.	3 Unit		\$229,000
1242 E Dayton St.	3 Unit		\$259,900
1212 Elizabeth St.	4	1.75	\$300,000
201 N Blair St #302	1		\$339,900
155 E Wilson St #504	2		\$425,000
1250 Sherman Ave.	5	5	\$1,250,000

### Properties Pending

<u>ADDRESS:</u>	<u>BDRMS:</u>	<u>BATHS:</u>	<u>LIST PRICE:</u>
108 N Few St.	2	1	\$104,900
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152 Dayton Row	2	2.5	\$173,000
1339 E Johnson St.	3	1, 3/4	\$246,800

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208 N Brearly St.	\$129,900	\$137,770	42
1116 E Gorham St.	\$139,900	\$139,900	25
111 N. Baldwin St.	\$159,500	\$170,000	
1110 E. Mifflin St.	\$169,900	\$169,900	1
1035 Sherman Ave.	\$218,000	\$226,000	
752 E Gorham St.	\$860,000	\$758,000	156

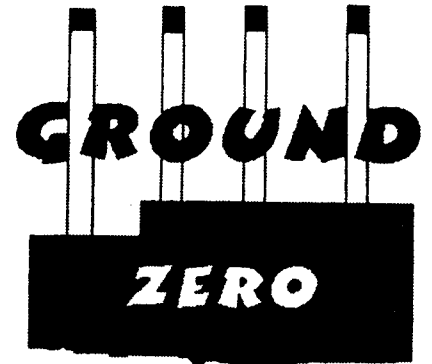
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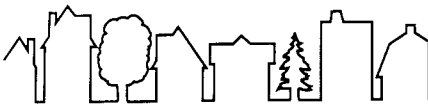
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## Parks

The Friends of the Yahara River Parkway have scheduled some Saturday workdays for this spring and summer. If you are interested in participating, contact Margaret Bergamini at 257-5718 or by email at [mmb@chorus.net](mailto:mmb@chorus.net).

**Saturday, April 6, 9 AM-Noon** Friends of the Yahara River Parkway Work Day. Meet at the corner of Williamson Street and Thornton Avenue. We'll be clearing brush and assessing the state of the reed canary grass invasion.

**Saturday April 20, 9 AM-Noon:** Earth Day in Tenney Park! Meet at the Tenney Park Shelter. We'll be doing spring cleaning: pulling garlic mustard, mulching, pruning and maybe a little planting. Bring your wheelbarrows and work gloves, and bring your neighbors and friends! There will be chores for people of all ages and abilities.

**Saturday May 4, 9 AM-Noon:** Planting Day, location to be arranged. In May and early June we will be reforesting Tenney Woods, adding to the EastJohnson Street Marsh, installing trees, shrubs and wildflowers at the corner of Sherman and Marston, and planting shrubs and wildflowers in a number of locations from Williamson Street to Lake Monona. Whew!

**Saturday May 18, 9 AM to Noon:** Planting Day, location to be arranged. For all these planting dates, I will send out the locations via email as soon as they are pinned down, or call me at 257-5718

**Saturday, June 1, 9 AM to Noon:** Planting Day, location to be arranged. ditto.

**Saturday, June 8 and Sunday, June 9:** Marquette Waterfront Festival 9 AM-6PM?: River tours, and a table at the Festival. Can you work for a few hours at our table spreading the word about all the great work you are doing? Plan on it!

**Saturday, June 15:** Take a Stake in the Lakes 9 AM to Noon: Lake Mendota. Bring your boat, canoe, kayak or waders, or walk along the shore as we clean up the Yahara River in celebration of Yahara Lakes Week Meet at the Tenney Park Locks. We'll be cleaning up the Yahara River from Lake Mendota to East Washington Avenue.

**Saturday, June 22:** Take a Stake in the Lakes, Lake Monona: Bring your boat, canoe, kayak or waders, or walk along the shore as we clean up the Yahara River in celebration of Yahara Lakes Week. We'll meet at the Riverside Street landing (Riverside at Williamson Street) and cover the stretch of the river from East Washington Avenue to Lake Monona.

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