

TENNEY - LAPHAM

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Spring 2006

Lights Out at Lapham School Averted - for Now

Tenney-Lapham residents hoping to keep Lapham School open can breathe a sigh of relief for now.

Several months ago Tenney-Lapham residents learned Lapham School was on the fast track for closing by a School Board being forced to wield the budget ax. Neighborhood advocates for the School met the challenge by resolving to oppose closing Lapham School and by organizing opposition.

This coalition group of parents and neighbors went so far as to survey the neighborhood to count pre-kindergarten kids in order to refute the District Administration's claim that declining enrollment at Lapham would continue. At this point, their efforts appear successful. Neighbors still wonder, though, how



a successful neighborhood school could become the target for closing.

Many blame the State Legislature for causing the present school funding crisis. In 1993 State Law took taxing authority away from School Boards. Since then School Boards must comply with spending caps imposed on them by the

State. Annual revenue increases allowed by the law have not been enough to keep pace with inflation. The result is an annual budget gap that must be closed by cutting the budget. After years of cutting budgets, there are no easy cuts to make. The available alternative to budget cutting is persuading the voters to fund the gap by passing a referendum for that purpose.

Last Spring the School Board voted to go to referendum but the vote was not unanimous. Board members Ruth Robarts and Lawrie Kobza said no. They want the budget process to change, and they want a more critical examination of the budget, before asking voters to support a referendum. Their

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Gorman Downsizes E. Washington Project

A considerably downsized plan is being proposed by developer Gary Gorman for the 800 block of East Washington Avenue where the Don Miller car lot is located. The previous plan, which had strong neighborhood support, was an \$80 million dollar project with 309 condominiums and 13,000 square feet of retail space covering the entire block. A ten-story tower was planned for the corner of Paterson/E. Washington.

The \$58 million dollar new plan contains 176 condominiums along with 13,000 square feet of retail. The tallest buildings, topping out at six stories, will be along East Washington Avenue. As in the older plan, three story townhouses will be built along E. Mifflin Street.

At a March 25 meeting for Tenney-

Lapham Neighborhood Association (TLNA) council members, Chris Laurent, project manager for Gorman, indicated that he planned to go before the Board of Estimates in the coming weeks to "see if the proposal had legs". If the Board indicates an interest in the new development, then Gorman and the city will negotiate over the details.

The initial proposal died because of a disagreement between Gorman and the city over the city's offer of a \$2 million loan. Gorman had proposed buying the entire block outright from Don Miller but building the project in two phases. The city wanted a guarantee from Gorman that it would get its \$2 million back if the second phase was not built. Gorman re-

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Pancake Supper

Thursday, April 20
6:00-7:30 pm

Join your neighbors at TLNA's annual pancake supper. Enjoy pancakes, sausages, applesauce, and beverages

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Ongoing Fight Over Music Finally Put To Rest

Two Madison-area teens reached common ground this week in the ongoing fight between their respective music genres.

In an unexpected heart to heart conversation this Tuesday, Alex Zielske and Joshua Goglio decided to forgive each other for their terrible tastes in music. Prior to Tuesday, the subject of music was a hot-button issue between the two teens.

"I never thought we'd be able to look each other in the eye again," Alex said. "I mean, Josh is my best friend, and I didn't want our friendship of 14 years to be thrown away over a couple Van Halen CD's."

Alex and Josh first came into conflict last fall when Josh Goglio bought his first Van Halen Rock CD. "I heard one of their songs on the radio, and decided it was time to give them a try," Josh commented. Alex, a stout Industrial fan, was less than thrilled by Josh's purchase. "I knew he had been interested in Rock for a long time," Alex said, his face showing displeasure at his friends

taste in music. "But I never actually thought he would get so *involved*."

Shortly after purchasing his second Van Halen CD Josh began wearing tight leather pants and let his hair grow long. Josh began to drift away from mainstream activities, spending hours locked away in his room with just his guitar.

"We thought he was dead," Josh's friend Lucas Brogan said. "That's how far gone he was."

The big break occurred when Alex suggested that Josh get a haircut and not wear tight leather pants, or at least not in public. Josh rebuked "I didn't see anything wrong with what I was wearing. I mean, I like the music, and I like the style that comes along with it. Plus, at least it (Van Halen) isn't just a bunch of repetitive beats with power tool noises mixed in."

Although Josh and Alex continued to be friends, they were not nearly as close as they had been in the past. "It's not a bunch of repetitive beats at all," Alex said. "It really is music, even if some people don't believe me."

The two friends finally forgave each other this Tuesday in a heartfelt conversation during a drive home. "I just said that it's cool if he likes Van Halen, and that even though I didn't approve of the leather pants, that I still wanted to be friends with him." Alex said.

Josh agreed, apologizing for calling Industrial music "Music for Robots." The two friends have decided to let the issue rest and to continue being friends, under the condition that Josh never wears the leather pants again. "Alex can be a bit of a big-mouth, and that Industrial stuff still isn't music." Josh said frankly. "But, he's probably right about the pants."

- Alex Zielske,
East High Student

East Johnson Business Updates

Spring is here! What a great time to get out and SHOP YOUR BLOCK! Here are some exciting happenings on East Johnson.

The Glitter Workshop & StudioBloom are shacking up! Look for StudioBloom on the left side of the street, 920 East Johnson, this spring. Both shops are very excited about this move! Glitter Workshop has new spring tees, spring jewelry and great cards. Stop in for one-of a kind Mother's Day gifts at Glitter Workshop and floral arrangements at StudioBloom.

The U-Frame It Gallery (UFI Gallery), 857 East Johnson, will host an exhibition entitled *Works on Paper*. The exhibition will run March 1st – April 15th and will feature works from 13 different artists including Ann Schwab Orłowski and Waverly Liu.

Gallery Reception, Friday April 7, 5:00-7:00

Randall Hopkins of **Randall Hopkins Art and Antiques**, 807 East Johnson. Stop by for Gallery Night, Randall will have arrived back from a buying trip in England with loads of new paintings, brass, silver and furniture from the 18th and 19th century.

A new gentle yoga class is being offered at the **Yoga Coop of Madison** on Friday evenings from 6-7:30. The instructor Melinda Seidler, also a licensed physical therapist, has designed this class specifically for those who are less flexible. Drop ins welcome. www.yogacoop.com

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Breese Slated for Late Fall Renovation

2006 looks to be the year when 80-year-old Breese Stevens Field receives a long overdue facelift. Ever since Mayor Dave Cieslewicz included \$1 million in his 2004 capital budget for improvements, supporters of “Breese” have been anxious for the renovation to begin on the venerable city landmark. Parks Superintendent Jim Morgan recently stated that he is hoping for a late fall project startup, after the fall soccer season.

Named for the one-time Madison mayor and former UW regent, Breese Stevens Field lies in the 900 block of East Washington Avenue, across the street from the old Mautz Paint facility and one block east of the Don Miller auto-



mobile dealership, properties that have both been eyed for major redevelopment.

Repairs to the concrete grandstands, stonewalls, electrical and plumbing systems may not be apparent to the casual passerby, but by bringing the facility into code compliance, visitors can expect to enjoy a safer and more accessible facility. For those that venture into the bowels of Breese, the repairs will be much more obvious, where currently the state of disrepair is omnipresent.

In a recent e-mail, Morgan pointed out that since the \$1 million budgeted by the city is targeted to the basic infrastructure, private funds will likely be needed for facility “upgrades” to conces-

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sion areas, locker rooms and even field improvements.

Ironically it is the building of the new city swimming pool that has had perhaps the most impact to the Breese project timeline. According to Morgan, the decision to build the pool and the urgent nature of the fundraising effort consumed enormous resources within the Parks Department, causing delays to other projects, including Breese.

Breese has been plagued by delays in the past. In 2003 the WIAA relocated both the boys and girls state high school soccer tournament to Uihlein Park in Milwaukee, after many years at Breese, in part due to the city's failure to adequately address repeated requests to upgrade the locker rooms. Despite an unimpressive run at Uihlein, the WIAA recently signed a three-year extension to keep state soccer in Milwaukee.

Morgan is optimistic that a renovated Breese Stevens Field, coupled with the newly lighted soccer complex at Warner Park, will provide enough incentive for the WIAA to bring the state soccer tournament back to Madison.

Breese Stevens Field opened on June 5, 1926, when the Madison Blues dropped a 7-5 decision to the Beloit Fairies before an overflow crowd of nearly 4000 in a Wisconsin-Illinois Midwest Baseball League tilt.

On September 26, 1926 the fall gridiron opening game featured a clash between city rivals East and Wisconsin high schools. The Purple and Gold lost for the first time ever to the Blue and White, 7-6.

For the last 25 years, Breese has been a soccer venue, with Madison East and Edgewood College being its current occupants. The University of Wisconsin

men's soccer team, NCAA champions in 1995, won their first ever NCAA tournament game at Breese in 1991, defeating Evansville University 1-0.

George Hofheimer a Tenney-Lapham resident played on that team. "It was an amazing experience," Hofheimer recalls, "playing in front of a couple thousand fans, basically in a mud bath."

Hofheimer like others who have played at Breese, believe it to be a special place. "I'm glad that the city is going to renovate Breese, it's an important part of Madison's history and should continue as the home to East High soccer forever."

-Eric Bertun

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Working to Revitalize the East Isthmus

There has been a great deal of neighborhood interest in the Avenue 800 development proposed by Gary Gorman. I share the neighborhood's enthusiasm for this development. It sets the right tone for the future development of the East Washington Avenue corridor in many ways, and the developer did a very good job of working with the neighborhood.

So, I was as disappointed as anyone that we couldn't come to an agreement with the developer on a financing package, but as of this writing we are still talking. I have put another proposal on the table and we still may be able to get to an agreement. By the time this article appears it is likely that you will already have read about our ultimate success or lack of it.

But I would like to take this opportunity to share with neighborhood residents my perspective on how we got to this point. There are no bad guys in this story. The city, the developer, the landowner and the neighborhood all acted honorably and all have tried to be creative and make the project work.

After months of negotiations and staff analysis the city settled on an offer

of \$2.2 million in TIF subsidy, about the same as the amount provided to the Monroe Commons project now being constructed on Monroe Street. This offer was based on a rigorous and objective staff analysis on what the "gap" is between the costs of the development and a reasonable return on the investment.

The problem really came down to the land costs associated with the phasing of the development. The developer wanted an additional \$2 million because he needed to purchase all of the land for the project, including the land which would be part of phase 2 of the development along East Washington Avenue in about five or six years. Most developers have access to patient investors who would be willing to fill the gap, but this particular developer did not feel that he could access those kinds of investors.

Meanwhile, the land owner, Don Miller, did not want to continue to own some of the land because the nature of his business is such that it can't be moved in pieces. Everyone's position was a reasonable one given their interests and perspectives.

The city tried to bridge the gap by

offering a \$2 million loan to the developer, which in itself would have set a new precedent. The developer was considering that offer, but wanted a "non recourse" loan, meaning that if phase 2 didn't happen, taxpayers would have no recourse to get their money back, except for getting the phase 2 land back, which might have a value well below \$2 million.

The six alders who sit on the Board of Estimates and Alder Konkel agreed with me that a non recourse loan didn't offer adequate protection to taxpayers and set a bad precedent for future developments.

This was a difficult decision and one that is understandably disappointing to many in the neighborhood. Nonetheless, I believe that if we are not able to come to an agreement with Gary Gorman, there will be other developers who will come forward with attractive proposals for the East Washington Avenue corridor.

Looking forward, we need to do three things. First, we will explore every possible creative alternative with Gary Gorman to get his project to work. Second, we need to firmly establish the rule that land use and financing decisions come to the Council at the same meeting. Too often we get out ahead of ourselves with promises of good projects that run into financial reality. And third, if we can't make this work with Gorman we will continue to work to find other developers who might be interested in pursuing similarly positive projects in the area. With the parameters of the financing now more firmly established, a similar disappointment is less likely.

The neighborhood deserves great credit for its constructive work on this project. We will work as hard as we can to make sure that all of that good work is not lost.

- Mayor Dave Cieslewicz

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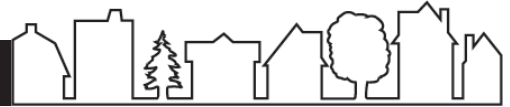


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Celebrate the Grand Opening of Johnson Street Underpass April 26

Come down to celebrate the completion of the Johnson Street underpass with Mayor Dave and your neighbors on Wednesday April 26 at 4pm. TLNA and the Friends of the Yahara River Parkway will be celebrating this accomplishment and we want to share a vision of what yet needs to be done. This vision includes a signature urban amenity that will mark our isthmus neighborhoods as a great and enjoyable place to live.

To help craft the vision join us on Saturday April 8 at 9:30 AM as TLNA and the Friends will be hosting a river walk. We will meet at the newly completed Johnson Street underpass to discuss progress on our efforts to create a

safe, convenient and attractive lake to lake pedestrian and bike system. Join us as we discuss the historic planting plan and how we want to restore the parkway landscape and consider land use plans for properties adjacent to the parkway. This work will be going on over the next several years so your thoughts are needed now.

City engineering staff with substantial input from the neighborhood and the Friends did a great job on the design of the underpass. With the impending E. Washington bridge reconstruction we will have underpasses at both E. Johnson Street and E. Washington Ave. by the end of 2006.

Please recall the development of the parkway master plan is one of the major

accomplishments flowing from the neighborhood plan crafted back in the mid 90's. The Johnson Street underpass is a direct result of the parkway and neighborhood master plans. These plans really do yield results though we often have to be patient and persistent.

We can't relax just yet. The underpasses will be notable achievements, but they are only part of these master plans. Next we need to consider how the larger landscaping plans will complement the bridges and underpasses, our neighborhood and the users of the paths and the parkway. So please join us on Saturday April 8 for the walking tour and planning discussion.

- Ed Jepsen

Earth Day Cleanup - Saturday, April 26 from 9 am to Noon

Reynolds Park - Meet at Paterson/E. Dayton

Tenney Park - Meet at shelter

James Madison Park - Meet at top of shelter near silos

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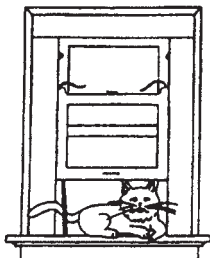
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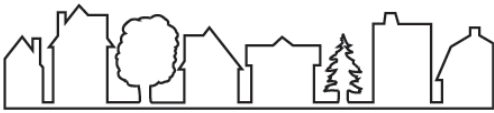


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We're Booked

(Editor's note: Article submitted January 2006)

About four times a year we meet to generate a list of roughly 25 titles to read over the next few months. Our titles are pulled from published book reviews, suggestions from other book lovers, etc. In addition to our common list, we each read other titles throughout the year driven by a specific personal interest or things happening within our families.

So it is great fun pulling together our "Best Reads" list each year. Last year, we overlapped on just two titles. We hope our 2005 list gives you a good starting point for your "Books to Read" list in 2006.

Nonfiction

Ada Blackjack A True Story of Survival in the Arctic by Jennifer Niven (Jean, Ann)

My first reaction after reading this book was—Why have I never heard of this Inuit woman, the sole survivor of a tragic Arctic expedition from 1921-23. The events come to life in this book.

Truth and Beauty by Ann Patchett (Sandi)

A story about the author's friendship with fellow writer Lucy Grealy.

Swing Low: A Life by Miriam Toews (Ann)

This is thoughtful story about the author's father and his battle with depression. The title alone was enough to grab my attention. For some reason the author chooses to tell the story in her father's voice. I struggled with that at the beginning.

Garlic and Sapphires: The Secret Life of a Critic in Disguise by Ruth Reichl (Jean)

In her third book, Reichl focuses on her life as a restaurant critic for the New York Times. It is funny, poignant and you will savor her descriptions of food.

The Twelve Little Cakes: Memoir of a Prague Childhood by Dominka Dery (Sandi)

The story of a "happy" childhood in the 1970s and 1980s in post-Stalinist Czechoslovakia.

The Year of Magical Thinking by Joan Didion (Jean, Ann)

The author lost both her husband and her daughter quite unexpectedly in a short period of time. These sudden and tragic events propel her into a state of "magical thinking." An elegant insight into the process of grief.

Coming to Our Senses: Healing Ourselves and the World Through Mindfulness by Jon Kabat-Zinn (Jean)

The scientist who pioneered the Buddhist technique of mindfulness (moment by moment awareness), begins his latest book this way: "It is difficult to speak of the timeless beauty and richness of the present moment when things are moving so fast." I was reminded of this when I was unable to stop and enjoy the snow while at work. A book to slow down with.

Fiction

The History of Love by Nicole Kraus (Sandi)

A beautifully-written, uplifting story about sad life experiences.

Everything Changes by Jonathan Tropper (Ann)

This is definitely a "boy book," full of testosterone, poor communication, and repeated mention of the male private parts. It is also tender, insightful and hysterically funny. I only picked it up because I read that one of my favorite

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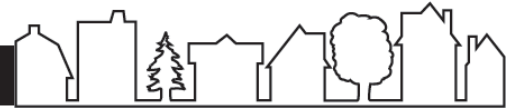
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Books



male writers, Peter Hedges (*What's Eating Gilbert Grape* and *Pieces of April*), had bought the movie rights even before the book was published. I probably won't choose to see the movie, but I loved the book.

Don Quixote by Miquel de Cervantes (Jean)

Published in 1605 and more than 900 pages, but don't let that stop you. My daughter received this "required reading" in the mail from college. Simply put, a man reads books about knighthood and decides to become one. He sets out to conquer the forces of evil but makes many mistakes along the way.

March by Geraldine Brooks (Sandi)

A novel written from the perspective of the father in *Little Women*. This character is based on Louisa May Alcott's father who was a chaplain in the Civil War.

The Tenant of Wildfell Hall by Anne Bronte (Ann)

This was a third read for me. It always rises to the top of my list.

Please Don't Come Back from the Moon by Dean Bakopoulos (Sandi)

This is a great book (by a local author) about the changing roles of working class men as jobs in Detroit's auto manufacturing industry dry up.

Middlesex by Jeffrey Eugenides (Ann)

I resisted reading this book even though it received consistently strong reviews. I kept running into it, so when it came out in paperback, I took it on a trip. I found it a fascinating book. I disliked the last 75 pages, but enjoyed the first 425.

Lighthousekeeping by Jeanette Winterson (Sandi)

A brilliant fable about a young girl raised by a blind lighthouse keeper. Her story is linked to the life of Babel Dark the founder of Cape Wrath and builder of the lighthouse who led two lives.

Small Island by Andrea Levy (Ann)

This book follows two Britons and two Jamaicans (all victims of World War II in some form or another) struggling to survive in postwar England.

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Lincoln School Land Sale is Undecided

James Madison Park is a favorite among downtown sunbathers and Frisbee players. Many may not realize the actual park land stretches from the 600 to 800 blocks of East Gorham. Two historical buildings and the Lincoln School apartments currently occupy some of this land.

The 2006 City of Madison Budget proposed selling the section of parkland directly under the Lincoln School Apartments to help fund the new zoning code proposed by the City's Comprehensive Plan.

Cheryl Wittke from the Tenney Lapham Neighborhood Association said that, in general, TLNA Council Members feel that the land is secure enough being landlocked under the Lincoln School Apartments, a historic site, and that we don't have to worry too much

about losing it. At the same time, she said we see an opportunity to use proceeds from the sale to benefit the neighborhood. While City Council members are generally supportive of the Mayor's plans to use the funds to help pay for updates to the City's Zoning Codes and to add to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, TLNA Council members support using, 2/3 of the money to improve and maintain facilities at James Madison Park.

The Madison Parks Commission said at their January meeting they had concerns about the precedent this type of sale could have on Madison Parks. They eventually voted unanimously against the proposal.

In a letter to the Madison Parks Commission on January 31, 2006, Mayor Dave Cieslewicz said that while under-

standing the Parks Commission's concerns about selling parkland for other purposes, this is a bit different. In the letter, he states "this is a unique situation, which to my knowledge is not replicated anywhere else on City Park property."

James Morgan, Superintendent of Parks, agrees that this may be a unique situation because the land directly under the former school is not useable. Still, the sale of this land would conflict with the Parks Commission's long term goal "to continue to acquire lake front park land."

To be continued...

- Ruth Rohlich



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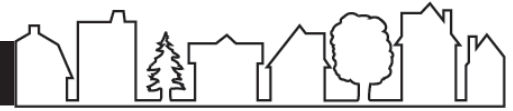
Time: 9 am to 2 pm

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Supervisor's Report:



New Prairie Exhibit to Open at Vilas Zoo Shortly

The Henry Vilas Zoo has been undergoing new changes, ensuring it to be a great resource for our community, especially our children. The new Amphibian Terrarium exhibit is a state-of-the-art self-contained ecosystem that will include endangered habitats from across the globe. Land surveying for the Arctic Passage exhibit has been completed. This new habitat will be located at the east end of the Zoo, closest to St. Mary's Hospital and will house polar bears, harbor seals, reindeer and snow owls.

Opening soon is the North American Prairie exhibit, which will educate patrons on the importance of prairie conservation and how the prairie ecosystem works. Bison, prairie dogs, badgers and prairie grasses will coexist in this realistic habitat. The new building housing the Conservation Carousel is also coming along. Watch for information on its grand opening this spring!

The Dane County Regional Airport has been in the process of expansion and updating. This \$66 million project, with a new prairie-style design, doubles the size of the terminal, creates more ticket agent counters, increases the number of arrival and departure gates and enlarges the baggage handling area. Local ven-

dors have also been included in the con-course, including Ancora Coffee and the Great Dane Pub. 90% of the demolition materials were recycled and energy-saving cooling and lighting systems have been installed.

Other important additions to the project include use of wireless Internet and improved cell phone service to attract more non-stop flights. Now non-stop services to Atlanta, Washington, DC, Dallas-Fort Worth and Las Vegas, with non-stop service to New York LaGuardia are available.

Reorganization of Public Health. As some of you may remember, both the City of Madison and Dane County governments decided a few years ago to develop a merger of health services under one department. The new Director of Public Health, Dr. Thomas Schlenker, and his department have now entered the first phase of a transitional organization. Currently, we have four divisions within the body: Operations, Environmental Services, Family and Community Services and Communicable Disease/Health Promotion. This is still ongoing and I will keep you informed as the reorganization continues.

Transfer of developmental rights (TDR). As an ordinance amendment designed to protect farmland and minimize urban sprawl, TDR programs are a market-driven tool to shift residential development from one portion of a community to another by permanently protecting some areas in exchange for denser development in other areas. The ordinance would allow town governments to choose whether to participate in the county TDR program and to tailor TDR programs to meet their needs. The County Zoning & Land Regulation Committee will hold a public hearing about this on April 25, after which town boards will have until May 25 to vote to approve or disapprove this amendment.

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Art Walk

Fifth-Annual Tenney-Lapham Art Walk Seeks Artists

The 5th Annual Tenney-Lapham Art walk will take place on Sunday, June 25 from 1-5pm. Artists living in the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood are invited to participate. Artists display their work in their home for the public to come in and see. The public is given a map guiding them from artist house to house. Contact Sharon Redinger at redinger@terra.com.net if you are interested in being in the art walk.

At this time, the participating artists are:

- Alison Mader, HAND-COLORED PHOTOGRAPHY, 212 N. Thornton Avenue
- Lorna Aaronson, BOOKMAKING, 464 Marston Avenue
- Dick Walker, MONOTYPES, 1004 Sherman Avenue
- Margy Walker, CERAMICS, 1004 Sherman Avenue
- Sharon Redinger, WATERCOLOR PAINTINGS, 408 Washburn Place
- Bill Redinger, ORIGINAL SERIGRAPHS, 408 Washburn Place
- Karl Sheerar, PASTELS, 406 Washburn Place
- Jane Scharer, PRINTMAKING, 842 Prospect Place
- Emily Kircher, RECYCLED MATERIALS-FABRIC, GLASS, 1129 E. Johnson

In addition to maps in the next Tenney-Lapham newsletter, maps will be available at 408 Washburn on Sunday, June 25 starting at 1pm.

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Schools

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opposition found voice in the community. "Active Citizens for Education" challenged the School Board majority by claiming they have been fiscally irresponsible. On the other side 'Madison Cares' argued for the importance of passing the referendum to protect our high quality school system. A lot of questions were raised about the budget and budget process. In the end, the referendum failed.

The School Board then had to grapple with the consequences. They responded by initiating two strategies for bringing more people into the budget process. One initiative, the \$100.00 Budget Experiment, is a scaled-down version of the actual School Budget. With detailed information provided by District Administration about the cost of each item in the budget, citizens gave input to the board about what they thought should be cut.

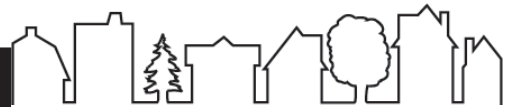
The second initiative created the East and West Side Long Range Facility Needs Task Forces which also sought to involve more of the community in the process. The challenge before the Task Forces was stated starkly by Board Member Bill Keys: there is going to be significant massive overcrowding at West and South

Side Schools, and under enrollment at East Side Schools. He went on to say that asking citizens to help solve these problems is also a way to help educate the community on the complexities of the budget. Citizens involved must balance equity issues making sure all students have equal access to educational opportunities. Recommendations about how to allocate resources must be made with the entire school community in mind.

According to Dave Wallner, an East Side Task Force member, because of the budget crisis the pressure remains to save money by closing schools.

Tenney-Lapham Neighbors will have to continue to prove their school is vital to the School District as a whole to stay open, at least until the funding crisis is resolved.

- Joe Brogan



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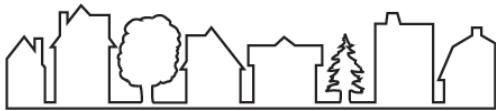
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Business

(Gorman - from page 1)

fused to give that guarantee, saying "all of the financial analysis, including that done by staff, showed that the \$4,200,000 TIF investment [which included the \$2 million dollars] would be paid back in 15 years, 12 years faster than required by the TIF law, by the phase 1 development only."

According to Laurent, the new proposal will still require TIF money but will be built in one phase, thereby avoiding the distraction caused by a two-phase development process. Gorman's option with Don Miller expired on March 15 but Laurent said that Don Miller might be open to renewing the option if an approved plan is imminent.

Gorman's first proposal received approval from the city for its General Development Plan (GDP), which gives guidelines about the project's density and land-use without going into a detailed design. Laurent thought the new

proposal would still be covered by the initial GDP approval, thereby expediting the process. If the project gets a green light from the city, Tenney-Lapham residents will still have input on the details during the Specific Implementation Plan (SIP) phase. He said it was possible to break ground this summer.

A number of TLNA council members in attendance at the March 25 meeting thought the new design was not as architecturally exciting as the initial design but it was a design that they could live with. Questions were raised about the amount of parking and green space in the new project. Cheryl Wittke, TLNA's president, said that the new design, in terms of density and height, was consistent with the recently passed neighborhood plan.

During the past couple of weeks many in the neighborhood thought the project was dead. Whether or not this is a true resurrection will be decided shortly. Stay tuned.

- Bob Shaw



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26 Sherman Terrace #5	1	1	852	94,900
21 Sherman Terrace #6	2	1	852	94,900
17 Sherman Terrace #4	2	1	852	98,000
13 Sherman Terrace #5	2	1	852	98,900
15 Sherman Terrace	2	1	852	99,900
13 Sherman Terrace #6	2	1	852	111,900
26 Lakewood Gardens Lane	2	1.5	980	118,500
27 N. Ingersoll St	3	1	1156	189,900
1317 E. Mifflin St	2 Unit			204,900
1315 E. Mifflin St	2 Unit		1557	204,900
111 N. Ingersoll St	2 Unit		1400	209,900
115 N. Ingersoll St	2 Unit			229,900
201 N. Blair	1	1.5	1091	230,000
1135 E. Mifflin St	3	1.75	1443	232,900
647 E. Dayton	4	2	2070	239,900
105 N. Ingersoll	3	2	1250	249,000
919 E. Johnson St	5	1.5	1881	249,900
419 N. Few	3	1.25	1562	258,000
923 E. Dayton	2	2	1334	259,900
314 N. Paterson	3	2	1507	260,000
850 E. Gorham	5	2	2246	264,900
441 N. Few	3	1.5	1483	269,000
1137 Elizabeth St	3	2	1444	269,900
736 E. Johnson St	5 Unit		1640	274,900
1229 E. Johnson	2	2	1582	279,900
1026-1028 E. Gorham	2 Unit		2138	279,900
1131 Sherman Ave.	3	1.5	1282	285,000
844 E. Gorham St	2 Unit		2816	295,000
411 N. Brearly	3	1.5	1965	319,000
414 Livingston St #1	2	1	1550	368,000
1138 Sherman Ave.	4	4	3123	879,900
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214 N. Blair	2-unit			227,551	227,600
206 N. Thornton Ave.	3	1.25	1340	249,900	240,000
1126 E. Gorham St	2 Unit		2148	254,900	231,000
1147/1149 E. Gorham	2-unit			264,500	250,000
737 E. Johnson	2-unit			269,900	239,600
743 E. Johnson St	2 Unit		2524	294,900	281,000
843/845 E. Johnson	3-unit			449,900	397,400



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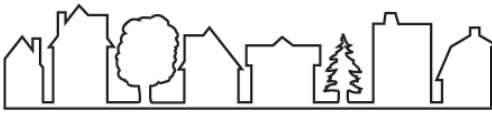
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Madison property assessments are available from the city assessor's office at <http://www.ci.madison.wi.us/assessor/property.html>. The above statistics were compiled by the editor and Shelly Sprinkman of Restaino Bunbury & Associates. If you have any questions as to what your home may be worth, please contact Shelly at (608)232-7737 or ssprinkm@restainobunbury.com.



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Senior Citizen Assistance

The North/Eastside Senior Coalition (located in the Warner Park Community Recreation Center) is a network of individuals and groups interested in the concerns and issues of senior adults (age 55 and older). Their mission is to enhance the quality of life for all senior adults by providing programs, advocacy, and resources to assist them in remaining independent, active, and influential in the community.

What is case management?

Case management is a service that enables senior adults to remain independent in their community through the assessment of need, coupled with the coordination and monitoring of community services by qualified case managers. Information about and referrals to services and programs are provided in English and Spanish. Case managers educate seniors to make informed choices, while supporting their decision-making ability to manage their own services in a manner that maximizes their independence.

What services can case managers provide?

Case managers can assist with:

- Home assistance with personal care, light housekeeping, laundry, meal preparation, and home repairs.
- Prescription assistance (Senior Care and Medicare Part D)
- Assessment of eligibility for federal, state, or county programs
- Respite care options and funding
- Resources to address elder abuse and neglect
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