

## **Intercity Rail at Yahara Station**

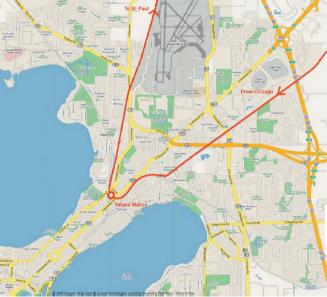
In January, Wisconsin was awarded \$810 million in federal stimulus funds to reintroduce passenger rail service between Milwaukee and Madison. Madison has not had passenger train service since 1971. If all goes according to plan, the first trains will begin running in January 2013.

The service will be an extension of the Amtrak Hiawatha service that currently runs between Chicago and Milwaukee. Making six round trips per day, the trains will initially travel at 79 mph. After two years they will be upgraded to run at 110

mph. By European standards this is not a very impressive speed, but it certainly qualifies as high speed rail in America.

A citizens' group in Madison, with which I am involved, has been promoting a location for the Amtrak station very close to our neighborhood. Dubbed "Yahara Station", the site is next to the old Fiore shopping center at First Street and E. Washington. As you can see from the map, this is the closest point to downtown that the trains will come before turning north towards the airport.

The choice of this site for a rail station and transit center was identified in



the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Plan as a key strategy for achieving the goal of reducing automobile traffic on Johnson and Gorham. The Neighborhood Plan first envisioned the introduction of park-and-ride services at this location that would address what neighbors saw as "significant do-it-yourself parkand-ride and park-and-bike behavior outside of the two hour street parking zone." The Plan further recommended that the City "develop this site in the future as a multi-modal transit node that allows commuters and other travelers to transfer among automobiles, bikes, buses, commuter rail, streetcars and regional high speed rail."

At the time, no one imagined that regional high speed rail would be the first piece of the transit puzzle to fall into place. The State of Wisconsin proposed this passenger service ten years ago, but federal funding was never approved. That all changed with the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and Wisconsin's successful application this time around.

It is not a done deal that the Yahara site will become the Amtrak station. The Dane County Regional Airport and locations

further downtown have been considered over the years and at this writing have not been ruled out. The neighborhood associations surrounding the site, Tenney-Lapham, Emerson-East, Marquette, and Schenk-Atwood-Starkweather-Yahara have all expressed support to some degree for the Yahara Station location. The official selection process should be well underway by spring with opportunity for public input.

You can find out more about the Yahara Station concept at: <u>www.yaha-rastation.org</u>.

- Patrick McDonnell

### Tenney-Lapham's Spring Social Returns to Christ Presbyterian Church Let the Good Times Begin Again

**Thursday, April 15** from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in the community room of Christ Presbyterian Church, 944 E. Gorham Pizza and beverage will be provided - \$3/Adults and \$1/Children

Perfect place for kids to have fun.

Please bring a salad or desert to share if you want; however it is not necessary.

Guest speaker: Bob Stoffs from MG&E talking about "Energy Saving Ideas and Options for the Neighborhood" Music provided by an East High School Band

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Dear Neighbors:

As I write this on the first day of spring, I'm glad that the snow that fell today melted. The previous week was gorgeous and I've

been looking for flowers to sprout and sure enough when peddling home I spied a stunning purple crocus.

Our Council has been engaged in our annual budget and we expect to spend down a large surplus on our schools, parks and social events. Examining our resources, we believe it is time to contemplate an increase in our dues structure AND an increase in our membership. Neither is taken lightly but both seem necessary. I have believed in minimal dues so as not to cause an impediment to anybody wishing to join us, and have also believed if we need funds that we don't have, it is our responsibility to make the case to our members and the larger neighborhood and if they believe so also, we can get it. Over the next few months expect to see our membership committee take a more public, forceful role. You are, of course, invited to take part and contact us with good prospects. We pledge to follow them up. It is our goal to broaden and deepen the pool that we can draw on to renew our leadership for the area, but to do so we will need YOUR help.

The other day I attended a meeting with several members of our local church, Christ Presbyterian. They are interested in exploring ways that they can be a better neighbor and are soliciting the opinions of their neighbors, US! It seems very likely that we will both benefit with a real partnership and I ask you to consider how we can go about it. In the meantime we will have our next social event at the church and can expect some event on their part that invites in the neighborhood. We all live in each other's "front yard"!

See you in the neighborhood!

- Richard Linster, TLNA President



### City Budgets for Amenities at Breese Stevens and Reynolds Park



Hi Neighbor! I'm happy to say that Spring is here, and with it comes some new items for our neighborhood and new projects I'm working on.

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#### Bike Racks, E Mifflin Boulevard & Registration

I'm happy to report that we successfully improved bike parking for our neighborhood business district. City Streets Department staff, with assistance from Pedestrian-Bicycle Coordinator and TLNA resident Arthur Ross, installed a new multi-space bike parking rack, with room for fourteen bicycles, at the north corner of Johnson and Paterson St. The two "bike shaped" bike racks which were at this location have been moved, at this time, to the south side of Johnson Street (one in front of Bernie's Rock Shop and the other just west of Cork 'n Bottle).

The special Bike Boulevard street name signs have been installed on E. Mifflin Street, from Dickinson to Blount. The city's plan is to extend the Bike Boulevard to the square, once the contra flow bike lane between Pinckney and Webster has been approved and installed. I will be working with city staff in the next two months to bring forward

an ordinance change to allow for additional street parking on both sides on parts of Mifflin Street, especially on the 800 block. Additional signing and pavement markings will be installed in the coming month, as the weather allows, and the city will undertake an education component for both bicyclists and motorists once the street is

fully installed to help users understand and learn to properly share the roadway.

Finally, as you get your bikes out of storage this spring, remember to register your bicycle with the City of Madison and receive the benefits of theft deterrence, bicycle identification in case of an accident, and an independent proof of ownership for insurance claims. A four-year bicycle registration costs only \$10.00 and is a good way to help protect your important means of transportation, recreation and exercise. You can register or renew your bicycle online at <u>www.</u> <u>madisonpay.com</u>.

Reynolds Field & Breese Stevens Field

There are several projects surround-



**Alder's Report** 

ing Breese Stevens that I'm working on in conjunction with the Parks Department. First, I secured \$15,000 in the 2010 City budget to put toward seating and improving the backstop at Reynolds Field and \$40,000 to put toward landscaping, signage and banners for Breese Stevens Field. In addition to improving the facility's amenities and working to incorporate the neighborhood marketing efforts of the Capitol Gateway Corridor, I wanted to create a better visual atmosphere and experience for the neighborhood residents who live with Breese Stevens as part of their everyday life. I'm working with Parks Department staff to see these projects move forward with the goal of having the improvements at Reynolds in place by mid-summer and at Breese Stevens in place for this fall's soccer season.





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The second project involving Breese Stevens involves one of those teams. I'm working hard with Parks staff to talk with the school district and the teams' booster club to find a way to keep East High's boys' and girls' soccer teams playing at Breese Steven's field. The district has told the booster club they need to have the cash in hand for the boys' season by mid-June in order to reserve the field (approximately \$500 per game). Due to these financial requirements by the district, the girls' team will not be playing at the field this spring. My goal is to get them back for the 2011 spring season and to work to ensure that admission receipts from games at Breese Stevens go towards offsetting facility expenses, and not into the school district's general fund as they've been directed in the past.

#### Legislation

I've been working on several pieces of legislation in the last few months that are now before committees. One is a private noise amplification permit to allow for amplified music on private property. I've had multiple constituents on separate occasions contact me with their frustrations of trying responsibly to have a private event on their property and be cited for noise violations under variables in the ordinance. The idea is to have the permit structured similarly to that of a block party, with signature requirements of immediate neighbors and a specific duration of time for the event's permit to be active.

More recently, I've been working on tenant rights on apartment renewal rules. Currently, there is a loophole in the city's ordinances that allows rental companies to re-lease units before 25% of the lease has transpired. Frequently student-dominated high-density buildings are being re-leased in September for the following August through this loophole. As part of this measure, I'm also working to push back the renewal window from 25% of the lease period to 50% of the lease period.

#### Edgewater

As the alder with the project in my district, I've spent dozen of hours in council and committee meetings and in meetings with city planning staff, neighborhood stakeholders and the public on this project. The neighborhood meeting Alder Mike Verveer and I held on February 4th at MATC drew over 250 people. I've been working collaboratively with my council colleagues to ensure that the best project for the city and the neighborhood comes forward. Thanks to my neighbors and council colleagues, we have succeeded in urging that the new tower be set back to address volume, worked to improve the parking structure proposed for the project and structured the outdoor public space to benefit all residents and taxpayers, not just hotel customers. I appreciate the participation of so many thoughtful citizens in the discussion. I've heard from many constituents both pro and con. I appreciate your comments and I'm trying to carefully weigh the competing interests and viewpoints on the project. The project is expected to come to the council in late April, perhaps at the April 20th meeting, or at a specially scheduled council meeting close to that date.

#### Capitol Gateway Corridor Planning

Last year, the city hired Jim Bower to help implement adopted plans to create an employment center in the corridor. The city also hired the Hiebing Group and Vandewalle & Associates to create marketing strategies. They have held



focus groups with neighborhood association leaders from Marquette, Atwood, Tenney-Lapham and Emerson as well as with corridor businesses, developers and other interested parties. A public meeting was held March 1 at Research Products to share the initial results of their work and seek input. Please visit <u>https://www.cityofmadison.com/</u> <u>planning/BUILD/index.html</u> to see the materials presented at that meeting, and contact me with your feedback.

#### Yahara Station/ High Speed Rail

The decision on where the city's train station will be located for the forthcoming Milwaukee-Madison high speed rail line will be ultimately decided by the Governor, with local input from the City of Madison. The city is awaiting environmental and technical assessments from the state on potential station sites to narrow its decision. I have been in support of the Yahara Station proposal at the intersection of E. Washington Ave. and First Street, and I've been impressed with the detailed level of citizen initiative taken in support of the Yahara Station concept.

As always, I'd love to hear your feedback on issues, suggestions you have or ideas you'd like to see worked on. Please contact me at district2@ cityofmadison.com.

- Bridget Maniaci, Your Alder

### Writer's Depot

### Mike Perry: The Persona, the Poet, the Provider

I encountered Mike Perry, whom I called "Michael" or Mr. Perry at the time-in awe-the way most people do: as the shy, self-effacing farm boy who wrote *Population 485: Meeting* Your Neighbors One Siren at a Time, which has now made the tiny burg of New Auburn, WI nearly a shrine. I had taught the book to freshmen and to great approval at UW-Whitewater and fell a little bit in proper, schoolmarmly love, with this hilarious person who starts the book with this sentence: "Summer comes on ....like a zoftig hippy chick" "Zoftig"? I thought I knew what it meant and yet it seemed so sophisticated and out of place in this aw shucks, down home, no nonsense, "we hunt deer and we don't apologize for the practice" tale about his beloved home town.

Besides the conflict that he is ap-

proximately one and a half decades younger than I, he reminded me so much of my dear, departed, hilarious, volunteer fireman and wannabe writer brother Marx that I had to look twice. Soon after, I met Perry in person at a writer's festival in Viroqua, WI where he shared a double billing with Ben Logan, author of the iconic The Land Remembers and one of Perry's heroes, and was surprised to find that the persona and the person seemed exactly the same.

He is as genuine and generous and gentle as is his voice in the various books. He told the anecdote about his dad and the manure pile—that



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everything he knows about writing he learned from working in his dad's calf



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barn—that if you pile the manure high enough, someone is eventually going to have to notice. He told about Bob the one-eyed butcher and fellow fireman who, when Perry immortalized him in "Pop 485" asked only that he be made as handsome as he imagines himself, about describing a cow in such loving detail that one of his brothers warned him to stay out of his (the brother's) barn. He described learning to spit and blow the farmer's hanky blow.

When he later came to accept our Chancellor's Award at UWW, he wowed the students, many if not most of whom had never encountered a live writer, by wearing flannels and jeans and boots. They loved him too. (Never mind that I discovered that Perry has a "schtick": he tells the same stories in nearly the same words wherever he goes—always to wonderful affect.) Flash forward to about a year later.

I had hatched a plan to record all the winners of my university's Chancellor's award winners and I knew where I wanted to start. By now, Mike Perry had taken himself out of his life-long bachelor circulation, married, and inherited a child. He had another one on the way, and he now needed money even more than previously. But he wanted to earn it the most pleasant way-by talking about and selling his books-now numbering two (three if you count some early essays collected in "Main Street") with the publication of "Truck: A Love Story," which details his year or so of fixing up an old International Harvester truck.

Simultaneously, he had made a first CD—he is a songwriter and guitar player for his band "Michael Perry and the Longbeds"-- and he was pitching it as well. (He has since produced two more albums.) Since it was advantageous to both of us, he gave me an interview time and I met with him in a riverside café in Eau Claire called "Racy D'Lene's" the day after the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of my marriage to Ken Zielske, who came along as photographer and to keep an eye on me.

By then, he was starting to put Perry into the same category as Alan Alda, whom women adore and real men well—have other thoughts about. Now that he has met him and read him, he admits there may be something there. For one thing, my husband used to shoot rats with a friend of his and he was happy to hear that Perry enjoys shooting carp.

Perry and I chatted in an ice-breaking kind of way. I happened to be suffering from gout during this time and he had just read an article about it by Jim Harrison and recommended it to me. It is easy to forget that Perry, with all his accomplishments, is also a licensed nurse. (Another hilarious and frequently-told story of his recalls how his tough farmerfather had very little to say about this choice of career except that the dad had expressed a desire to be present when the nursing degree was bestowed and someone pinned the frilly little white hat on his son.)

He told me how he met his wife and how it felt to be a father, a farmer, a fireman now that he had dependents. We

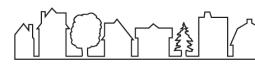
talked about his attending poetry readings and being put off by the phony poets who claim poetry is "given to them" as if from on high—as a writer, Perry knows even the most seemingly simple writing is, as he says, "like carving concrete with a spoon"-- hard won—not given at all.

He was hard at work on his third book *Coop: A Year* of *Poultry, Pigs, and Parenting* and nearing his deadline, but he still gave me nearly two hours of his time, which, he



admits, is more valuable than it once seemed. "I have to make a living," he told me. "People probably think I should volunteer more...." It seems these days he is omnipresent-speaking at a Wetlands conference near Ashland, putting out yet another album, interviewed for Wisconsin Public Television at his farm by Andy Moore, maybe still putting out hilarious U-Tube videos with Andy (Google Clodhopper Review), and, of course, writing and writing-for Men's *Health*, for pleasure, and for putting the bacon on the table for his growing family-the same reasons all of us work.

- Gay Davidson-Zielske, roving reporter for the Tenney-Lapham Newsletter



### **TLNA President Richard Linster Goes Green**

Richard Linster and Patty Prime, 432 Sidney Street, have bounded into the future by converting their home into a minipower plant that uses the sun to produce clean renewal energy.

Richard wanted to be part of the alternative energy future. The first step was an appointment with Larry Walker, Madison's "Solar Agent". His services are provided free of charge through the MadiSUN Solar Energy Program. solar@ cityofmadison.com. Larry Walker evaluated their property

power collectors and determined

that it was. Richard and Patty were on their way to "green".

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A view of the solar panels on the rear roof; the rest to see if it was suitable for solar of the panels are on the southern side of the house.

solar collectors requires that the solar panels face the sun at an optimal orientation and that the view of the sun be

unobstructed. The amount of power generated by the panels and an early payback time rely on this optimal orientation.

Having a site that works well, Richard and Patty chose to install a solar electric system known as a photovoltaic or PV system. This system produces electricity as opposed to other solar systems that produce heat, often for hot water. They installed 25 (PV) solar panels that will generate 5.8kW (kilowatts) of electricity. This is a measurement of maximum peak output. This much output will produce about 7,000 kWh

(kilowatt hours) of electricity per year. As a reference, the average amount of electricity used by a single family

# Interested in helping the world and your neighborhood?

The Tenney-Lapham neighborhood is competing with 15 other Madison neighborhoods to become leading green power supporters. The competition, sponsored by MGE, awards cash prizes to the two neighborhoods with the highest percentage increases in participation in MGE's Green Power Tomorrow. Want to help? Visit mge.com/greenpower to sign up.

You can participate for as little as \$3.75 extra each month.



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### Community



WI home ranges from 5000 to 10,000 kilowatt hours per year depending on efficiencies.

There are many different reasons people have for pursuing alternative energy options. These include concern for the environment, belief in sustainability, the spiritual connection to the earth one feels when trying to be green, and the economic importance of energy independence. Even so, the financial picture detailing the cost involved is the most important factor.

Richard and Patty paid a total of \$44,000 for their solar system. Sounds intimidating, yes, but to help make solar power financially feasible there are several programs in place.

The first of these is MG&E's So-

lar Clean Power Partners program. Richard and Patty installed an onthe-grid system, which means they tied into MG&E's electrical system. An off-the-grid system would mean that power generated would have to be used or stored in batteries for later use. As a clean power partner MG&E pays Richard and Patty .25 per KWh for electricity produced. All the electricity they generate is metered and put back into the utility grid. MG&E guarantees this deal for at least ten years. Based on the anticipated 5.8 kW electricity production of their system, payments would be about \$1700 per year.

In addition, Richard and Patty were eligible for a grant from Focus on Energy for 25% of the cost, equal to \$11000. They are also eligible for a tax credit from the federal government for 30% of the cost. Translation: \$44,000 -25%, = \$33,000 - 30% = \$23,100 total cost to them for their solar system. Earnings in revenue of \$1700 per year means a payback time on their investment will be 13.5 years. With these incentives, investing in solar energy looks like a very good deal. And is it not amazing to think about having your own power plant making pollution free electricity? What's more, twenty years from now when Linster is thinking about retiring, he will have his solar panels making money for him.

Richard and Patty hired Full Spec-

trum Solar to do the installation of their solar system. They also had Focus on Energy do an energy audit and followed their advice by adding insulation and other energy conservation measures. Besides saving money, they emphasized the value of making their home feel more comfortable all of the time.

With the emergence of interest in nuclear power plants I'm very grateful to Richard and Patty for showing us a much better alternative.

- Joe Brogan





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Tenney-Lapham Business Directory

Although viewed primarily as a residential neighborhood, the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood is home to over forty businesses. Below are the names, addresses, and phone numbers of our local businesses. Web links to many of these businesses can be found on the business page of TLNA's website at http://www.danenet.org/tlna/localBusinesses.html. Shop locally!! If you have any corrections to this business directory, please contact Bob Shaw at robert.e.shaw@gmail.com

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Old Town Cycles- 920 E. Johnson Street - (608) 259-8696

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Christ Presbyterian Church, 944 E. Gorham - (608)257-4845

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Norris Court Grocery - 902 E. Johnson - (608)256-2075

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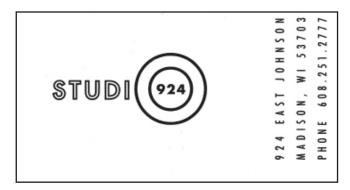
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James Glueck AIA (608)251-2551

### We're Booked



### **Book Recommendations from the Younger Generation**

When I'm not reading, I (Jean Dunn) am the librarian at Lapham Elementary School. Sometimes when I need a good book to read, I ask the children at Lapham for recommendations. They rarely steer me wrong.

<u>**Diary of a Wimpy Kid</u>** by Jeff Kinney. This book is, well, it's really funny. (The movie version comes out soon.) Reviewed by Ben Mattice</u>

**<u>Flat Stanley</u>** by Jeff Brown. This book is the best and it is so cool. I think you should read it. Reviewed by Eliot Hughes

<u>The Boxcar Children</u> (series) by Gertrude Chandler Warner. These books are good books for families because they are suspenseful but also funny. I think they are great children's books. Reviewed by Olivia Siebert

The Percy Jackson Series by Rick Riordan. These books are good because they have a lot of action. (The film The Lightning Thief is based on the first book in the series of five. It piqued the children's interest in Greek mythology). Reviewed by Max Bauman

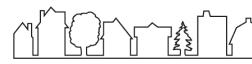
**Deltora Quest** by Emily Rodda. This series is great because it is funny and scary. Reviewed by Skye Lukas

<u>The Puppy Place Series</u> by Ellen Miles. This series is good for you if you like dogs because the people in it love to take turns taking care of the dogs. Reviewed by Lauren Engle

<u>The Last Wish</u> by Emily Rodda. She had three wishes and used the last one for making a bad person into a good person. Reviewed by Sydney Marz

<u>Blubber</u> by Judy Blume. I think this book is a good book to read as a family. Suggested by Kozette Rosenthal - Jean Dunn and Ann Rulseh





### Poet's Corner by Bob Heimeral

#### The Forest

Grey light crawls through soap-scummed glass And far below, the hog trucks pass Dusty jackals Toward a carrion pile As I walk down kill-floor aisle The fat-stained jacket scrapes my jaw And now the moving chain invokes a law Of ten, and endless ten, again While steaming carcasses swing and shake The sick sweet stench of entrails Makes my throat's phlegm rise Roller clink, my shoulders pop with strain And numbness in my back replaces pain As tons of swinging tens Move down the rail I count a ten for Hal and ten for Ben Then count my ten And shove another ton along again Past demons eyes of lamps that leer From waiting cooler hall While I dream of woodlands and my distant loves I realize that with six thousand hogs We'll make a forest of the up-thrust hooves By merely pushing, mindless, all The many tons of tens Past demon eyes of lamps That wait along a blood-dapped cooler hall

#### To Find the Beauty

Wild roses are not hot house blooms Of thorn-less stems and weak perfumes They'll live in rocky places Where pretty florist-blossoms Find only death My only choice must be to climb Through life's sharp cliffs and briers While time wears at me 'Till with trail-worn feet and hands I strain to catch the fragrance With my failing breath

#### Paradox

I feel a touch Knowing, That somewhere... Just beyond the places Where I see clearly, Someone waits... But makes no promise, As would a dream... When called from cold voids. And so I must not grasp, Or cry out... But gaze gently. As I would Toward some wild creature I did not wish to harm, Or cause to run away.



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### Parks



### Earth Day in Tenney 2010 or I get to go to Disneyland...for free!

The Tenney Lapham Neighborhood Association, the Friends of the Yahara River Parkway (FYRP) and Madison Parks are teaming up for some Earth Day 2010 activities.

When : Saturday April 24 from 9AM to Noon

Where to meet : Tenney Shelter

Why: Your neighbors and friends will be there, enjoy some treats, enjoy a great day...oh yeah make Tenney and the Parkway even nicer parks!

We'll have sign-up sheets, gloves, tools, trash bags, refreshments and plenty to do.

Here are some of our Earth Day activities

Spreading mulch around the trees to protect their roots

Planting wild flowers

Pulling and cutting exotic species Picking up litter

We <u>may</u> have a pruning clinic too. If you want more info please call Ed Jepsen 335-8847.

If you can't make Saturday April 24 the FYRP will be hosting an event on Saturday April 17 from 9-12 to improve the old boat house site along the river by the E. Johnson Street bridge. Meet at Tenney Shelter at 9AM. Call Ed Jepsen for more details – 335-8847.

OK that Free Disney land offer I mentioned above. Here is the word from Laura Whitmore (Madison Parks).

Disney World is offering a free day's

admission to Disney World/Land for people who volunteer. Madison Parks is an approved location for folks to volunteer and receive a free day at Disney. You need to enter info via a Disney sponsored website and that will link you to Madison Parks. Laura will let you know of available projects and you can sign up for one of your choosing. At the event you tell the organizer you are volunteering for the Disney free visit promotion. The organizer will send Laura an email verifying that you volunteered and did the work at your project.

- Ed Jepsen





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### Assembly Report

### Legislature's Top Spring Job: Jobs



It will come as no news flash that jobs and economic recovery work continue to dominate our legislative focus this spring.

What is

changing is that we're seeing positive local signals of revival: Unemployment rates have declined a percentage point since last July in Dane County, new home construction permits in the county are nearly double last year's numbers for January and February, home and condominium sales are up 21% from last January and the number of passengers flying out of the Dane County Regional Airport is rising. (*Wisconsin State Journal 3/7/10*)

This is all good news. Yet I continue to hear from people who call my office

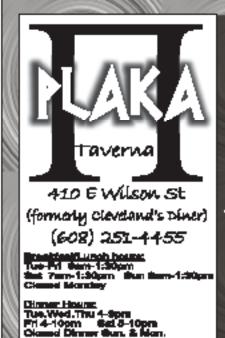
because they are having problems with their jobs searches, their unemployment checks, affording health care or keeping their housing. Until recovery is complete and our economy has steadily improved over time, jobs and recovery will remain my primary focus. All Wisconsinites need to experience recovery before we can check this off our list.

To that end, here are a few examples of recent work on recovery, growth and jobs:

• We continued to invest in highways, harbors, buildings and railways. The construction and transportation industries reported this is saving or creating more than 54,000 jobs.

• The Joint Finance Committee I co-chair approved \$822 million for high-speed rail between Milwaukee and Madison. This also led to Talgo agreeing to build an assembly plant in Milwaukee that is predicted will bring more than 125 direct jobs and at least 450 related jobs.

• My American Jobs Act was signed



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• Joint Finance has overseen nearly \$4 billion in federal Recovery Act funds, which created 44,000 jobs by January 2010, on track to reach the goal of 70,000 recovery jobs. It has been directed at recovery in many areas including education, health care and the environment.

This is not a time for policymakers to play the naysayer, sit on the sidelines and complain. It is a time for creating results – creating jobs. That's what my past year in the Assembly majority has been about – promoting recovery and prosperity for all by working boldly and swiftly in the public interest to get our state economy and Wisconsin families back on track.

I'll be sending out a survey on state and local issues with my spring newsletter, which will have lots more information on jobs and other important topics. Please send it back with your thoughts and check in for results on my website: <u>www.markpocan.net</u>. Or get in touch at 608-266-8570 or <u>Rep.Pocan@legis.</u> <u>wi.gov</u>.

-- Rep. Mark Pocan

The TLNA Council holds its monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of every month in the community room of the Tenney Apartments, 302 N. Baldwin Street. Visitors are always welcome to attend and lend your voice to the deliberations. If you have any questions, please contact TLNA President Richard Linster at rlinster@tds.net or by phone at 251-1937.

### **County Executive's Report**



year ago, an outside audit firm hired by the County Board told us what we could do to improve our 911 system. We went to

work immediately and recruited and hired John Dejung, the best 911 director in the country, to implement the audit. Dejung came to Dane County after many years of directing the nationally awardwinning Minneapolis 911 Center.Fast forward a year and I'm proud to report that Director Dejung is on schedule with improvements to help our team of highly-trained dispatchers focus on 911 Saves Lives

the job they should be doing – quickly getting police, fire, and emergency medical services to people in need. We added staff and improved training. We enhanced a rigorous quality assurance program. Those efforts are paying off. On average, 911 calls are answered in less than a single phone ring. Most impressive. In the past year, 911 operators literally saved 19 lives by giving emergency medical directions over the phone to callers needing help resuscitating a friend or family member. That audit also found over 70% of the calls handled by the 911 Center weren't even 911 calls and didn't even come in on 911 phone lines. To address that, the audit directed the county to buy new automated technology that's used across the country to reduce the number of non-emergency calls that come to our dispatchers. It works. This technology has greatly reduced the number of non-emergency calls coming into the Center -- two to three times what had been expected.

To ensure 911 continues to improve we must make sure dispatchers aren't doing the non-emergency tasks that 911 Centers across the country long ago stopped doing. One example of that is Madison's expectation that 911 dispatchers be responsible for answering calls about parking complaints and then dispatching civilian parking ticket writers.

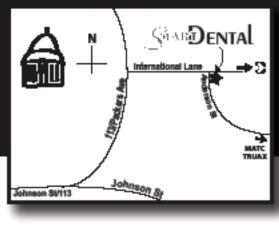
911 dispatchers need to be focused on saving lives, not worried about which cars are parked in the wrong parking lot stall.

> -Kathleen Falk, Dane County Executive





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### Community

### It's Not Too Late to Sign up for the Green Power Challenge!

OK, come on now neighbors. I had high hopes that at least one-half dozen of you would contact me after my call for help in launching the idea of Sustainable Tenney in the last newsletter. Is it really going to be just my neighbor Ed Kuharski and me? Give me a shout at 255-2706 or wildmgr@sbcglobal.net if you want to help us brainstorm on things we can do to build a sustainable neighborhood, one neighbor at a time.

So have you signed up for the **Neighborhood Green Power Challenge?** We are one of 16 neighborhoods in Madison trying to increase the percentage of homes and businesses getting at least part of their energy from alternative sources like wind and solar. The neighborhood having the greatest increase by September 30 will win \$1000.

At the beginning of January, MGE showed 2,122 residential customers in the Tenney Lapham Hood with 294 participating in green power (13.9%), and 394 commercial accounts with 22 green power participants (6.4%). That

makes the overall participation rate in our neighborhood 12.8% compared to 13% average for the 16 neighborhoods signed up for this challenge. The average participation across all MGE residential customers is about 9.7%.

To learn more about the Green Power Tomorrow program check out this brochure on the MGE website: <u>http://</u> <u>www.mge.com/images/pdf/cleanpower/</u> <u>gpt\_home.pdf</u> And to sign up, check out this website: <u>https://www.mge.</u> <u>com/my\_mge/ServiceForms/WindPowerRes.htm</u>

#### Sustainable Tip - Consider Joining a CSA

Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) is a unique social and economic arrangement between local households and farmers who work together to share

the responsibility of producing and delivering fresh food. Households support the farm by paying an annual fee in the winter or spring that entitles them to a "share" of the season's harvest. Once harvesting begins, members pick-up a weekly box of fresh foods which may include produce, fruits, cheeses, eggs, meats, poultry, flowers, herbs or preserves. Pick-up sites are often located at a member's house or at the farm. Most farms create a newsletter that accompanies each delivery with notes about farm activities, descriptions of what's in the delivery, cooking tips and recipes. Many farms also create opportunities for their members and families to visit the farm and participate in farm events. The typical CSA season in Wisconsin runs from the end of May through mid-October. Farms offer a diversity of share options including extended season shares, multiple share types



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budget. CSA farmers use sustainable and organic methods to produce high quality to reduce the impact of agriculture on the environment. To join a CSA or to learn more, consider visiting the Madison Area Community Supported Agriculture (MACSAC) website: http://www. macsac.org/

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plans to accommodate

households on a tight

- Alan Crossley



### Community

### **Living Your Faith Brings Peace**

One of Christ Presbyterian Church's unique gifts is that we are a church that deliberately and actively lives out our faith. In short, we are a church that takes mission seriously. We don't go on mission to tell people what to do; we go on mission to learn what good people are already doing. We discover where, as we say in our faith tradition, God is already at work in the world.

For over 18 years, we have been providing a monthly meal at Luke House-310 South Ingersol Street. That is a long time to be so faithful. Here is my take as to what goes on when we serve our meal there: (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday evening of the month)

When I eat dinner at Luke House, it is a moment like few others in my life. All who are gathered around the table come in need of a meal. Some of us have come by car; some by bus; others have walked. Some of us have showered; others... not so much. Some of us have provided the meal; some come empty handed. I get the privilege of sitting down with folks with whom I wouldn't normally share a meal.

It is simple really. We sit at a round table; there is no way of knowing who has the best seat. We wait to eat until all are served. Only then do we begin passing the green beans, bread, water and milk. It does not matter how we have arrived in that place. All of us are hungry.

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cause they live by themselves; for some, this is the first meal of the day; for me, I am hungry to live out my faith and to share in this meal with my brothers and sisters. For in the sharing of that meal, I enter a moment of peace time and time again.

Every month, those Christ Church members involved in Luke House bring a gift- some part of the meal. What we discover each night is that we are given a gift as well. We are welcomed at the table. As we participate in the table talk, we come to appreciate how alike we are to those others with whom we eat.

The simple discipline of spending time with those who are in need of some food and friendship allows us to get in touch with our own needs. Perhaps we crave a bit of company and conversation as well. Perhaps we desire a chance to break down, just for a moment, some of our societal barriers. We may discover more gaping needs.

When I am at table at Luke House, I discover that I, for a little while am sheltered from the onslaught of the world outside. I am surprised to find that, for a time, my fellow table sharers have found this same shelter. It is at that moment that I realize that we are profoundly intertwined with each other.

Peace be with all of you. It is an honor for us to be in this neighborhood.

- Glen Hall Reichelderfer





### History

### A History of the Daubner Family in the Neighborhood

In 1855, two young men, immigrants from Bavaria, Ferdinand and Andrew Daubner arrived in Madison. Settling in the 3<sup>rd</sup> (Marquette) & 2<sup>nd</sup> Wards (Tenney Lapham) respectively, they embarked on their lives and careers in a new land. Ferdinand became an excellent woodworker before entering politics.

Andrew Daubner, our subject, born Nov. 30, 1836, was raised on his family's farm in Fichtelberg, Bavaria. He emigrated with his parents and a number of his eight siblings to

America, arriving in New York on Nov. 22, 1850. The family went to Elizabeth, N. J. where Ferdinand met and married his wife Rachel Bowman, an Irish immigrant. Andrew was apprenticed to a shoemaker.

In Madison Ferdinand became an excellent woodworker before entering politics. Andrew first worked as a steward at the United States Hotel on King Street. He married his wife Hannah Utter on Dec. 26, 1858. Hannah's sister Maria Jane was married to the brewer John Rodermund. Soon Andrew was running the retail establishment at the brewery complex at the crossing of the Yahara River at Sherman Ave.

In 1864, the Daubners purchased three lots on the 1000 block of E. Gorham St., erecting a home at # 1015. In 1866, while still working for Rodermund, Andrew opened a restaurant which he conducted until 1871, when he experienced a severe illness, probably tuberculosis. When he recovered sufficiently to work again, he had been elected to the City Council and sought fulltime employment as messenger to the State Attorney General. After six years in the position he was elected as Treasurer of the City of Madison, serving until 1882, when he



1015 E. Gorham

again went into business, as a grocer at 107 W. Main St., near the Capitol. He was quite successful until his health failed in Sept. of 1884, forcing him to close his business. For the next four months Andrew struggled, but remained bedridden until his death on Jan. 12, 1885.

Andrew and Hannah had five children, three of whom survived until adulthood. Son Ferdinand Frederich enjoyed a profitable career as a pharmacist, living at 813 E. Gorham St, until his retirement when he built a home at 831 Prospect Place. He died in 1935.

His sister Elizabeth Caroline became a stenographer and worked in a number of local businesses. She moved to Los Angeles in the early 1900's to work in real estate. The remaining child, John Phillip, helped his mother run a boarding house at another home the family owned two doors down, at 1019 E. Gorham St. He had pursued a University education and enjoyed some success as an artist. The lure of California from his sister Elizabeth's accounts caused John and his mother to move there also in 1912.

When Hannah died there in 1928, her body was returned to Madison for burial, next to her husband Andrew at Resurrection Cemetery. I have not been able to trace Elizabeth further, but John Phillip followed careers as a government clerk, detective, and insurance adjuster, while still painting on the side, dying in Los Angeles in 1957.

Despite a search, I have not been able to find any likenesses of the Daubners, but remarkably, ALL of the family homes mentioned above still exist at 1019, 1015 & 813 E. Gorham St and 831 Pros-

pect Place. When I pass them I think of Andrew and his hard struggle so far from his native land!

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32 Sherman Terrace Unit 4	852		\$92,000	
26 Sherman Terrace Unit 5			\$94,900	
13 Sherman Terrace Unit 4	852		\$95,000	
23 Sherman Terrace Unit 4	852		\$99,500	
6 Sherman Terrace Unit 4	852		\$128,000	
921 E Johnson	1031		\$135,000	
1124 E Dayton	875		\$154,900	
2 Sherman Terrace, double unit	1700		\$169,500	
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919 E Johnson	1920 \$249,00		\$249,000	
1029 E Gorham	2044 \$250,000		\$250,000	
315 N Ingersoll	1957		\$259,900	
625 E Gorham	1680 \$294,5		\$294,500	
1019 E. Johnson	2800		\$295,500	
421 Jean	2467		\$299,900	
201 N. Blair, #301	1517		\$359,900	
1026 Sherman Ave	3718		\$685,000	
1028 Sherman Ave	2144		\$749,000	
752 E Gorham St	5374		\$799,000	
1662 Sherman Ave	3234		\$1,000,000+	
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450 N Baldwin	2750		\$419,900	
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23 N Ingersoll	533	\$152,900	\$100,000	
323 N Baldwin	79	\$249,900	\$225,000	
421 N Baldwin	8	\$227,000	\$227,000	
1151 E Johnson	95	\$285,000	·	

These statistics were compiled by the editor and Tobi Silgman of Stark Company Realtors. If you have any questions about what your home may be worth, please contact Tobi at 608-279-3591 or by email at tsilgman@StarkHomes.com.

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### 9th Annual Tenney-Lapham Art Walk Seeks Artists

The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Tenney-Lapham Art Walk will take place on Sunday, June 27 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: sharonredinger@ gmail.com if you are interested in being in the Art Walk.

At this time, the participating artists are:

Chris Jungbluth, fine cabinetry, 204 N. Few Street

Brian McCormick, watercolor paintings, 407 N. Brearly Street Mary Jo Schiavoni, jewelry & textiles, 443 N. Baldwin Street

Jane Scharer, printmaking, 842 Prospect Place

Caroline Hoffman, photography, mixed media, 462 Marston Avenue

Lorna Aaronson, bookmaking, 464 Marston Avenue

Bill Redinger, original serigraphs, 408 Washburn Place

Sharon Redinger, watercolor paintingS, 408 Washburn Place

In addition to maps in the next Tenney-Lapham newsletter, maps will be available at 408 Washburn and at Burnie's Rock Shop on Sunday, June 27 starting at 1p.m.

### Other Solar News and Views

You may be surprised to learn Wisconsin is an excellent place on the Earth to access the power of the sun. Germany is a world leader in using solar technology and we have more sunlight here. There are presently substantial incentives for investing in solar power, as you can see from the article above. Even so, other ideas should be considered.

The Milwaukee Shines Solar Pace Loan Program allows homeowners to attach 100% of the cost for installing solar to their property tax bill, to be repaid over time up to 15 years. Madison should enact such a program.

How about a sales tax exemption for solar energy systems? This would lower the cost by 5.5% right away.

- Joe Brogan





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