



TENNEY - LAPHAM

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER Spring 2012

Supervisor Race Pits Adam Plotkin against Heidi Wegleitner



The editor submitted four questions to each of the candidates. Their responses are below.

1) The Dane County Board of Supervisors is a body of government comprising 37 elected supervisors from each of the county districts. The Board is the policy-making body of County government which establishes ordinances, passes laws concerning law enforcement, levies taxes, and appropriates money for services. Personally, what draws you to serve on this board as District #2 Supervisor?



I am running for the Dane County Board of Supervisors for my daughter and everyone in the next generation who will count on the policy makers of today making decisions for tomorrow. I know that the services Dane County provides will not survive without constant support. Whether people are aware of these services or not, they have an effect on all Dane County residents. The challenge, as it as always been for county government, is how to provide high quality services cost effectively.

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For the past 6 years, I have been engaged in local issues in the Madison area, both as a public interest attorney representing low-income clients in family law and housing matters, and as a community activist organizing to support affordable housing, tenant protection, human services funding, workers' rights, and poverty reduction.

Federal funding reductions combined with state funding losses and attacks on local government make this an exceptionally challenging time for our local leaders to preserve and pro-

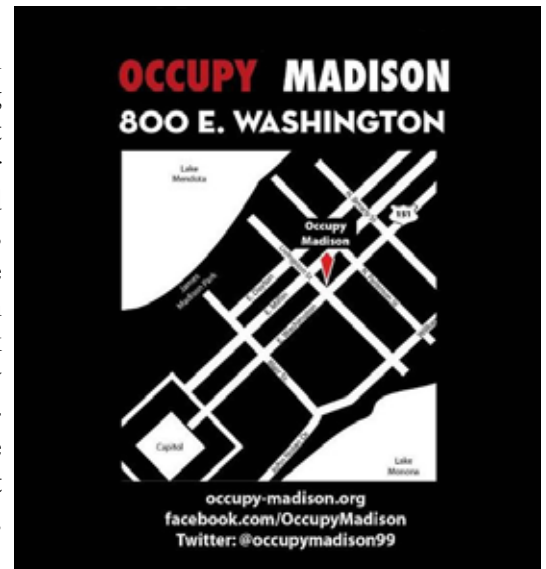
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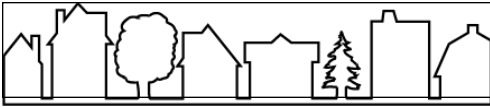
Welcome to the Occupation

On Friday October 7th, hundreds of people came together at Reynold's Park to form Occupy Madison and join the Occupy movement ignited on September 17th with Occupy Wall St. Occupy is vast (we are the 99%!) and what it means can vary from member to member. However, it does seek to address the savage and growing class divide in this country and how the influence of cash into our political system has muted the voices of all but the very few at the top. In actuality, there is no formal definition of Occupy Madison that all its members would agree upon. Occupy

Madison actually comprises several overlapping communities including residents of the physical site, vibrant online discussion groups, regular general assemblies, chats around the fire, and smaller workgroups for addressing specific goals. Some would consider Occupy Madison itself to be part of a larger network of organizations including Occupy the Constitution, Occupy UW, Occupy MATC, everyone who came together to occupy the capitol last winter, the Solidarity Sing-Along,

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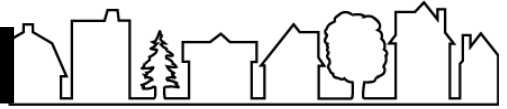
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President's Report



Neighborhood Gardens are in the News



Dear Neighbors:

Despite what perhaps was the heaviest snowfall of the season today, winter is loosening its grasp. Soon

we shall have glorious spring. People are already planning their gardens and thinking of clearing their yards and cleaning their houses. Keep in mind our second annual neighborhood garage sale. Last year it was a big success and fun. I hope you will consider participating. Details will be in the summer newsletter.

Speaking of gardens, news has reached us that the request for a com-

munity garden at James Madison has been denied, but the decision is being appealed. Neighbor Aleen Tierney has spearheaded this effort. This is a worthy cause and deserving of our continued support. As to another garden, Police Officer Sue Krause has assembled a team to include the police, the Salvation Army and TLNA to apply for a mini-grant with the city for a children's garden at the Army's Headquarters on E. Washington Ave. Neighbor John Bell has been involved in this and like Aleen is warmly thanked.

We have many committed neighbors giving selflessly of their time to make our neighborhood a better place. It has been my great pleasure to have worked with many of them over the years and I hope to be able to do so for many more. When needed, our neighbors have always come

through for us and have accomplished the things great and small that make our area special. A new season alive with all the possibilities we could ask for dawns. Take your place with family, friends and neighbors and help create the neighborhood we deserve.

Sincerely,
Richard Linster, President

Got Chickens?

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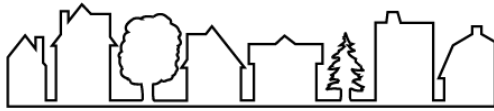


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Community

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local labor unions, the Recall Walker petition drive, the Autonomous Solidarity Organization, the International Socialist Organization, Progressive Dane, Take Back the Land, and many more. Others would consider all of these groups to collectively embody Occupy Madison. The only rule of thumb is that if you participate and consider yourself a member, then you are a member. We would love to hear from our neighbors in the Tenney-Lapham area about what their concerns are as members of the 99%.

Where've We Been, Where're We Going, and What Is That Thing?? After the 1st weekend, we moved to Veteran's Park at the top of State Street where we remained for approximately 2 weeks. Eventually, we were asked to temporarily move to accommodate the annual "Freak Fest" activities of Halloween on State St. However, it was clear to many of us that if we wanted to grow we would need a larger space than Veteran's Park to be our permanent location. We moved to Monona Terrace for a day while holding general assemblies to try to determine where our permanent location would be. It was decided that we would move to Brittingham Park and met with the city to discuss our plans. During that meeting, the Don Miller lot was offered as an alternative. So we've been happy to be back in the neighborhood where it all began, in a new location that creates less noise for our neighbors and more

visibility for us.

Occupy members have been busy with events including marches in solidarity with Occupy Oakland protester Scott Olsen and with the UC Davis students that were pepper sprayed while peacefully protesting.

We have also organized a solidarity singalong in Arabic as a show of solidarity with the brave protesters in Egypt. We've participated in many other actions as well and look forward to many more as our attention continues to focus and our numbers grow. As one can see driving by, we have been very busy trying to deal with the very real issue of building shelter and warmth for our members braving the Wisconsin winter and to welcome the public to our meetings and events. So far we have built 5 small "hoop houses" for residents, a community "mess" tent named for Felix Alderton, plus the large hoop house for meetings. Despite the numerous impediments to our attempts to safely heat our buildings, Occupy has been able to make it through our Wisconsin winter (most of it any way).

You may be wondering what that giant thing in the parking lot is... well, it's the Recall Rocket of course. Originally a parade float, it was brought to us by an energetic supporter, Greg, all the way from Madeline Island. It is moveable and ready for art or other actions. If you've got an idea for it, please do stop by and share!

Finally, as you may have heard, Occupy Madison's permit expires April 30th and Mayor Soglin has made it clear that he is committed to evicting Occupy and the 40 or so residents who have found a home here. Soglin has said he will not be renewing our permit and will not make another city owned property available to us. Occupy Madison is, however, committed to continuing. The wheres, hows, and whatfors, are being vigorously discussed right now. Occupy Madison would very much like to hear from YOU during this process. It is now more important than ever that we receive feedback on what the people in Madison think, support, and want from Occupy. Our general assemblies take place every Wednesday evening at 6:00 p.m. on site in the big hoop house and every Sunday at 6:00 pm at the Wil-Mar Center at 953 Jenifer St., downstairs. Please bring your voice to this important discussion. Please also join us onsite or online at occupy-madison.org or on our facebook page for more information or to donate to help keep us going, help us plan events, do outreach, or otherwise grow and thrive.

We couldn't have made it this far without the wonderful community support here in Tenney-Lapham, and we'd like to extend a hearty and heart-felt thank you to everyone for that. Here's to the future!

- Trina Clemente

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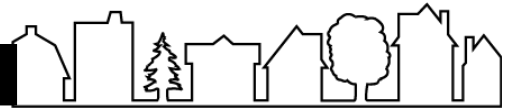
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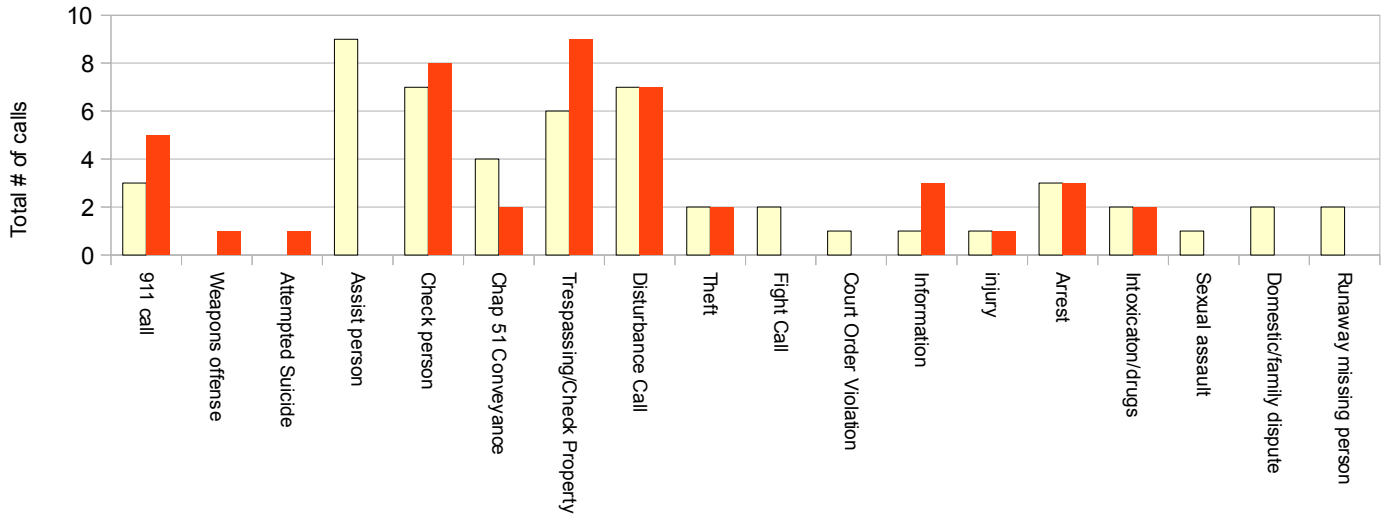

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Calls for Service to Reynolds Park & the 700 and 800 Blocks of E. Washington

Statistics provided by Capt. Carl Gloede, Madison Police Dept.

□ Daytime Warming Shelter ■ Occupy Madison (Data from 10/07/2011 thru 02/22/2012)



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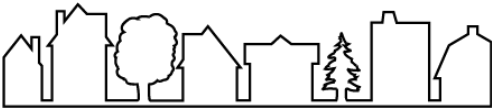
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There are enormous opportunities to create healthy, green, sustainable, profitable, comfortable living spaces before us, and we're making it happen. The Madison area has a very high percentage of rental housing, and this provides abundant avenues for transformational change for our community, economy, health and quality of life.

After 25 years living and working in dozens and dozens of cooperatives, serving tens of thousands of people,

my whole career has taught me that to get things done, and create something worthwhile, you get a group of people on a mission -- and set up systems to take action and stay on it. A few initial ideas below . . .

Mutual support, a clearing house for ideas and expertise, joining forces, pooling resources, and networking. Within days of announcing the creation of Green Property Owners Group, dozens of environmental apartment owners contacted me positively bursting with enthusiasm. We've struck a chord and identified real needs here, presenting huge possibilities. Collectively we've got vast expertise and knowledge about all aspects of green property management, from insulation and energy efficiency to garden space for tenants to green leases and eco-friendly flooring.

Finance. Revolving loan fund - small contributions from everyone to create a

pool to support projects where we can use funds to greatest advantage; or just direct one- or two- or three-party investments in . For example, Kurt Reinhold of Solar Connections, LLC is actively working to match businesses with solar access (sunny rooftops) with local investors and doing the financial analysis to optimize the process.

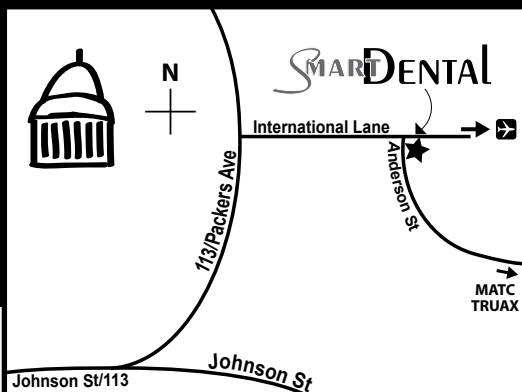
Group purchasing. A local solar contractor has suggested that if we could get a small fraction of us to commit to adding solar systems that he could give us favorable pricing. We could work as a group with any number of products and service contractors – from reusable storage container rental, to duct sealing, to landscaping. A local green property owner, who has other businesses as well, had the idea of pre-arranging deals with product and services providers in advance at whatever level they'd give us a discount – then when we reach critical mass, place an order.

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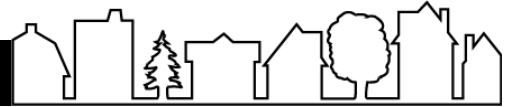


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Label – simply including “Member,

Madison (or Wisconsin) Sustainable Apartment Association” on our ads, leases, websites, and other media would help raise awareness and promote our brand.


Contests – in contrast to the Student Tenant Union’s “Worst House in Madison” Contest, I propose we start a *Greenest Apartments in Madison Contest*. It would be worthwhile just to get people thinking and talking about what really makes an apartment or a house sustainable, promote nominations and use the nomination process as an educational opportunity.

Engage and collaborate with tenants on green initiatives. The predominant American model of “tenant-landlord” relationships is adversarial and this represents a huge opportunity for improvement, and for pulling in the same direction. Replicating even small initiatives that work at one of

our properties at others can multiply the benefits and shift our relationships.

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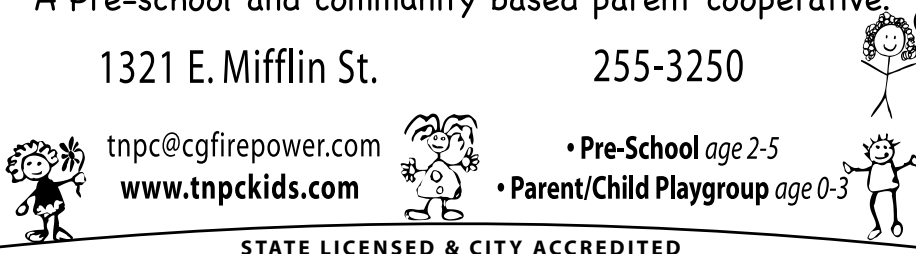
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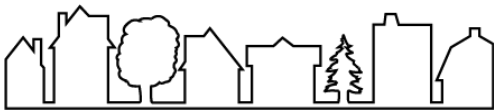
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- Bob Shaw





Baldwin Street Grille:

“I don’t care what it’s called, it’s always going to be The Friendly to me.”

So I walked over to the local tavern to wet my whistle and have a burger, as I have occasionally over the last few years, to what is now called the Baldwin St Grille. Since the name has changed to the Baldwin St Grille, I’ve found myself frequenting this former dive bar much more often. Any place that has Ale Asylum’s Hopalicious on tap is a place worth revisiting. Not only is the beer local, the Baldwin St. Grill is proud to serve local meats from the Jennifer St market and other fresh foods from farmers around Dane County.

What the? My former local dive bar is going local? I love the concept! Sitting at the bar, I order up a pint of Hop and a plain burger with fries. Looking around and remembering the Friendly, this tavern has gone upscale and in a good way. There are no pretensions and the bartenders and waitstaff are indeed friendly! You know you’re in Wisconsin cause “the game” is on a few of the flat screen TVs, which are all turned to some sports channel, and the walls are filled with wonderful Giclee pictures of Miller Park, Lambeau Field and Camp Randall.

As I bite into one of the juiciest burgers ever, noticing the kaiser roll is perfect for soaking up the all the burger’s juices, I ask the bartender about the rumor of the pizza oven. Murphy is the bartender’s name, and he tells me the wood fired pizza oven behind the bar is still in an experimental stage, which currently is used during Packer games and for special sporting events only. He went on to mention there are intentions of opening up the section of the building that formerly housed Ken’s Barbershop for either a kitchen expansion or a game room. Moving the bar’s pool table into a game room



would open the existing floor space to accommodate more room for dining.

The eye-catching sign facing inbound traffic on East Wash for the old Friendly, featuring Fauerbach Brewery’s CB beer, is an historical treasure uncovered in an outdoor remodeling project.

The CB stands for Centennial Beer, which Fauerbach started brewing in 1948. Neat, so Fauerbach was founded in Madison way back in 1848, the year Wisconsin became a state. Their Centennial Beer was brewed from 1948 thru 1966, so that sign is roughly 50 years old! This bar has been a part of our neighborhood for a long time, and seriously it was this sign that drew me back into becoming a patron again.

Gone are the days of the grill and deep fat fryers right behind the bar and the greasy, smoke-

filled air of the old Friendly. The predecessor to the Baldwin St. Grille, Pug Mahones, remodeled and moved the kitchen behind the bar, which cleaned up the atmosphere considerably. The Baldwin St Grille improves on the feel of the place with a focus on local foods and brews. Patronage by locals is encouraged as I saw a neighbor stop in for a take out order. So walk on over! Happy hour is from 3 to 6 with specials daily, stop in for one!

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- Jessi Mulhall



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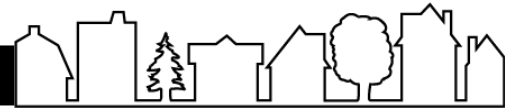
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A Look at our Local Midwife

Across the world, community midwives serve pregnant women and expecting families in the comfort of their own home. As the home birth movement revives across the United States and in Madison, the Tenney Lapham neighborhood has its very own community midwife, Tehmina Islam. Tehmina is a Certified Professional Midwife (CPM) and Wisconsin Licensed Midwife (LM) serving families in Madison and the surrounding areas. She recently started a home birth practice - Access Midwifery, LLC - on Ingersoll Street and looks forward to making this type of individualized, respectful maternity care accessible to anyone who is pregnant and looking for a provider.

She completed her undergraduate degree at the University of Wisconsin – Madison and moved to live with a host

family in Kisumu, Kenya and to work for a maternal health program. Upon her return to the United States, she started midwifery school at the National College of Midwifery and apprenticed with five different home birth midwives as well as completing a six month apprenticeship at the Madison Birth Center. After five years of training and practicing, she became certified and licensed and started her own home birth midwifery practice.

The Midwives Model of Care provides families with individualized education, counseling, prenatal care, continuous hands-on assistance during labor and delivery, and postpartum support. It also includes minimizing technological interventions and identifying and referring women who require obstetrical attention. This woman centered model of care has been proven to reduce the incidence of birth injury, trauma, and cesarean section.

Tehmina practices midwifery out of her home office providing hour long prenatal appointments throughout pregnancy, skilled attendance at home during the birth, and postpartum and newborn care until six weeks. As the first woman of



color CPM and LM in Wisconsin, she went into midwifery care to make this type of woman-centered care accessible for any family, regardless of income, background, or skin color. She charges a sliding scale fee, offers flexible payment plans, and includes bartering as part of her financial agreement conversation. If you have health insurance that may cover home birth, she offers to work with your coverage as well.

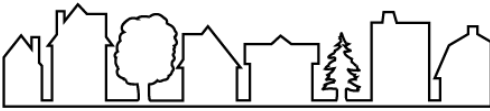
For a number of years, Tehmina has worked to stop violence against women and to advocate for basic human rights, locally and globally. The safe space she advocates for in intimate relationships is the same space she advocates for between a midwife and a client. She sees her role as building relationships based on compassion, trust, and integrity and helping families make the decisions that are best for each family itself. She believes that births that encompass safety and trust tend to build strong families and in turn tend to build strong communities.

For more information, please contact Tehmina Islam, CPM, LM at 608-251-0776 or see www.accessmidwiferywi.org. Free consultations are available throughout the week.

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Plotkin's Response (from page 1)

2) If elected, how are you going to use your background and experience to benefit the residents of Tenney Lapham ?

My work experience in the State Legislature and with the Office of the Public Defender gives me a significant amount of knowledge in the practical aspects of legislating, particularly on issues that affect people who rely on county government to provide vital services. The ability to hit the ground running is essential for a county board member who doesn't have dedicated staff.

As a homeowner with a young family, I have a personal interest in working hard to improve the quality of life for residents of District 2.

3) What committees most interest you, and which ones do you plan on serving on?

My work with the Public Defender's office would bring unique knowledge and experience to the Public Protection & Judiciary committee. Using that practical knowledge, I would work to identify efficiencies in the criminal justice system that would not only increase public safety and save money, but would make the system more accessible to the system users.

I would also seek to serve on the Health & Human Needs Committee. Health and human services funding makes up about half the county budget and is responsible for many of the most important programs the county offers.

The Personnel & Finance Committee has the most influence on the formulation and implementation of the county budget. My work with the comparable committee in the Legislature, the Joint Committee on Finance, would serve the committee, the Board and our district well.

4) The incumbent, Barbara Vedder, is resigning and has served us well; as a potential successor, how do you plan on maintaining the strong representation for our district?

As President of Capitol Neighborhoods, I learned the value of reaching out to people to both offer information as well as to listen to their concerns. I would be an active representative and would seek to both share the work the board does as well as get input from residents on the issues. Being an active, informed and responsive elected official is the most important part of being a public servant.

- Adam Plotkin



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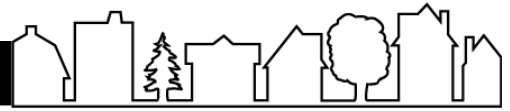
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tect the programs and services that make Dane County a good place to live. We have a shameful rate of racial disparities in incarceration. Half of Madison school kids are eligible for free or reduced lunch because of poverty. Over 900 of those kids are homeless. Our lakes smell and look gross and our work on mass transit has been undermined by Gov. Walker and Republican State legislators.

So what do we do? We can't afford to wait. The residents of District 2, and Dane County, deserve and demand more. We have incredibly creative, intelligent and energetic people in our community willing to work on these challenges and advance progressive policies.

We need leaders who are committed to working hard on these issues, who have a passion for sticking up for those most vulnerable, and who have a proven ability to engage citizens to contribute their time and talent to finding solutions.

2) If elected, how are you going to use your background and experience to benefit the residents of Tenney Lapham ?

Through my work as an area rep of the Emerson East Neighborhood Association, practicing attorney, Bargaining Unit Co-Chair and Grievance Handler, and organizer with the Affordable Housing Action Alliance, I have gained valuable experience in mobilizing individuals, organizing policy campaigns and building coalitions. County Government gets sparse coverage in the media. It's not always easy to figure out what is going on or how best to have your voice heard on the issues you care about. I want to make it easier for District 2 residents to follow County Government. I will work to improve transparency by sharing information about committee processes and pressing for timely posting of proposed ordinances, reports, documents and announcements to the Dane County website.

As a public interest attorney I am

familiar with legal requirements, budgetary constraints, and the importance of public-private cooperation in provision of human services. I will be a passionate advocate for our most vulnerable residents while respecting our need for efficient and cost-effective services.

I support smart development and sustainable agriculture, particularly for local food production and other small business initiatives. My experience with housing issues will help me find ways to improve Dane County's affordable housing stock. I will support environmental initiatives to promote cleaner lakes, lower lake levels, and maintenance of our parks and stewardship lands.

3) What committees most interest you, and which ones do you plan on serving on?

I plan on serving on the Health and Human Needs Committee. I also have interest in serving on the Human Services Board, the Dane County Housing Authority, and Food Council. There are many interesting and important boards, committees and commissions which play a vital role in our County Government. These few stick out to me because of my background serving low income and disabled people, my experience working on an organic farm and being married to an urban farmer, and my interest in the local food movement.

4) The incumbent, Barbara Vedder, is resigning and has served us well; as a potential successor, how do you plan on maintaining the strong representation for our district?

Barbara and I share many of the same values and I am proud to be endorsed by her. I have talked with her several times about her experience as a County Supervisor. There is no doubt that she has served this district with distinction. Her integrity, passion and staunch advocacy for our community, including

people who depend on county-funded human services, is to be commended. I look forward to following in her path and continuing to consult her for advice, given our shared values and her extensive experience as a public servant representing this area.

Though it may sound basic, I think an effective and responsible representative makes herself available, listens to what people have to say, treats everyone with respect, does her homework, and keeps her constituents informed so they can provide her with meaningful input on what is important to them.

- Heidi Wegleitner

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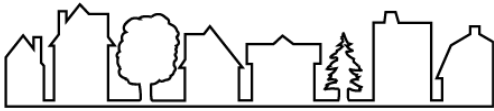
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Supervisor's Report

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By the time of your reading of this article, the spring elections will be nearly upon us. I certainly

hope that each and every one of you will be voting. What an important right and privilege it is! We have a part in deciding who our leaders, our representatives, will be in government. This affects everyone in very tangible ways; one only needs to look at the State Capitol to see how.

In my experience serving District 2 on the Dane County Board of Supervisors, I have found that not many people know what the county does. In actuality, the work that is done on the county governmental level is very important. Half of the money that comes in the county coffers is through human ser-

VICES programs. The Department of Human Services (DHS) serves an enormous amount of people who have social services needs. These services include those helping the elderly, those with disabilities, AODA programs, Economic Assistance, children, youth and families (especially those with lower incomes), mental health programs, job seekers, delinquency, foster care and adoption, health and welfare, neighborhood focused services, child protective services, the Badger Prairie Health Care Center, CDBG/HOME programs, long-term care reform, those using Medical Assistance programs, and oversight of the Dane County Housing Authority as well as the Specialized Transportation Committee.

Some of the latest happenings in DHS are planning for an Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC), sending out an Request for Proposals (RFP) for a Detoxification and Treatment Readiness Center, notice for input toward Priorities for the Use of CDBG/HOME Funds in Dane County in 2013, closure of the Sun Prairie Human Services office and

the opening of the new Badger Prairie Health Care Center.

As you may already know, the human services aspect of the work Dane County does is my top priority. However, the Board also deals with some other very important issues. The criminal justice system is under the purview of Dane County, including the Dane County jail, the Sheriff's office and the County Deputies, District Attorney's office, Clerk of Courts and the County Judges. The Courthouse is owned and operated by Dane County. Another area of importance is land use and controlling urban sprawl. Our Zoning and Land Regulation committee has discretion regarding how the undeveloped parts of the county are handled. Environmental issues are also dealt with by the county and we have been using green energy practices as much as possible. Lakes in the county including those in Madison are the responsibility of the county. There are also a few other entities that we own and operate such as the airport and the Alliant Energy Center.

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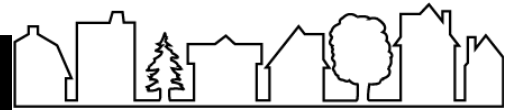
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Supervisor's Report



Some of the most significant issues that the County Board has taken on during my near six-year tenure have been the five budget cycles I've been through which are by far the most important part of the county's business. This has proven to be extremely difficult with the county facing depleting revenues while the needs of residents rise. I have fought every year to have no reductions made to the Human Services Department. I have been an integral part of issuing two important reports and their recommendations that now are being implemented: The Task Force on Racial Disparities in our Criminal Justice System and the Dane County Task Force on Poverty.

Interoperability of our emergency management services has been a huge issue and has been dealt with in leaps and bounds. This involves the ability of communicating amongst the Madison Police Department as well as the other cities' police departments, firefighters,

Sheriff's office, paramedics, the 911 Center as well as Emergency Management Services. The Sheriff's office started using more electronic monitoring instead of jail time for individuals appropriate for the monitoring that have charges involving minor, victimless crimes. The new Badger Prairie Health Care Center has finally been built outside of Verona, albeit still with leaking in the basement issues. Finally, a very important audit was done for the county regarding changes in our jail and corrections operations which has already saved the county \$1 million, can still save another million plus even more and which do not make the county less safe. These are only a few examples of many more important changes the county has undergone.

In closing, I'd like to say how incredibly privileged I feel having been your representative to the County Board for the past 5 1/2 years and prior to that

as your representative on the City Council for six years from 1995-2001. It has been an honor to get to know so very many people living in the Second District, including those living in

the Tenney Lapham, Old Market Place, Emerson East and Eken Park neighborhoods. We have a tremendous amount of very talented, active, dedicated, generous and friendly people who I've had the privilege to get to know and work with throughout these past years. I have had such an amazing education regarding the working of both the city and county government and have also met and worked with incredible staff.

Let me also tell you that I won't disappear and be a stranger but have already accepted being a board member of the State ACLU as well as pursuing other ventures that directly affect our community. Don't forget to vote April 3 and I wish the winner of the County Board race the very best in your future work with the residents of District 2!

- Barbara Vedder

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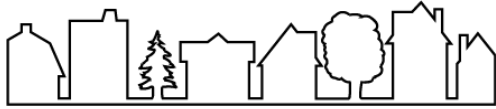
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What Democracy Looked Like (From the Lapham School Polling Place)

“Few Problems Reported with New Election Law” was the headline in the Wednesday, February 22, 2012 *Wisconsin State Journal*. As a newly-recruited poll worker, I can vouch for its superficial truth. But the scene during a major election, such as, say, the one coming up in November, will likely be much different. My appointed location was also my long-time and beloved voting place—Lapham Elementary School. Besides being handy to my home, I requested this location for more sentimental reasons too. It was my son, Alex’s, first school twenty years ago and gave me the chance to see the smallest kids file in. Inside, the polling place is stationed in what used to be Lapham Auditorium with its charming, but weird, stenciled Art Deco murals. I always liked that room and was glad to have reason to return to it.

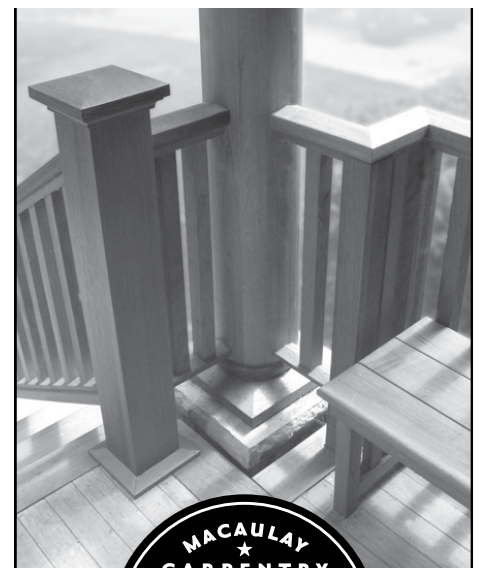
There were eight of us hardy souls altogether and though each of us had been trained or trained ourselves to do any of the various tasks culminating in a voter inserting that white sheet into the scanner, we quickly sorted ourselves into tasks we felt most comfortable doing correctly. One person, a well-known Tenney neighbor, checked ID’s at the start of the table—she was thus the first contact and the complaint-catcher. Our official listened, as did

we all, while people railed against the need to show the photo ID at all, get the required stamps if a student or bring a tuition bill. Several had choice words for the governor, which we were not allowed to react to—a “hear no politics” / “speak no politics” approach. Since the traffic was light, people registering their displeasure had time to gripe a bit more as they proceeded down the table. It was generally just mild grouching and the tone was humorous.

Despite the problem-free atmosphere of this day, it is easy to imagine the scenario when, in November, voters who have yet to participate in the all new and unstreamlined system. I heard the estimate that checking ID’s alone will take one minute—expiration status, exact name, address—not much on a light day like Tuesday. But it does not take a degree in math to multiply that by the kinds of lines very common at that voting location in presidential elections when workers have to pore over two identical poll books, find names of registered voters, send the few that were not yet registered to the table personned by a long-time veteran to painstakingly lead them through the longish form, make sure they knew what ward they lived in now, with redistricting, and give out the sacred polling number, which is then taken from them seconds later when

they were given an actual ballot.


We had all read the “provisional ballot” rules and all hoped we would not have to deal with it, which, during my shift, we did not. A provisional ballot is given when a potential voter shows up without proper identification. The first recourse is to find out whether the person can secure the proper identification before the polls close—one of eight kinds listed on the back of a handy flow chart, a cheat sheet furnished at our polling place lest we had forgotten whether an expired WI driver’s license could still be used (answer: yes, but only if it had expired since the last November election) or whether the utility bill offered in support of proof of residence was sent within the last 90 days. The new residence period, stretched now to 28



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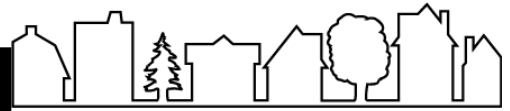
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days instead of the former 10, had also to be determined to have been met. See what I mean? Our registration person, my neighbor and the only veteran poll worker during my shift, was the only one of us well-versed enough to say with certainty whether a given voter had met all the requirements. We were relieved when we could send a hopeful over to Shirley. Every organization needs a Shirley.

During lulls in the fairly-steady flow of voters, we complained recreationally about how cold it was in the cavernous old room. I had risen and dressed at five, noting the snow and dressing in my walking clothes of several layers. I had not had time to bring many provisions but had grabbed a bagel and made a sandwich and had one cup of coffee. We missed the common League of Women Voters coffee and bakesale in the hallway. That apparently is also reserved for major elections. We also discussed how the possible recall elections were going to run. Though nobody seemed very sure, given the frequent reversals in position of the GAB and the ongoing discussion of redistricting, where voters would be voting in such an election, we all vowed to know by the time the recalls happened. We talked about our lives, joked, and socialized carefully—staying away from the forbidden topic of politics. At one point, a youngish man was allowed to stand behind our table, peering over our shoulders as we flipped the voter book and copying down names of those who had already voted. We were told he was from the campaign of one of the

candidates and would be calling those who had not yet voted to urge them out. It felt a little creepy, but poll books are public records (as opposed to ballots which are properly secret). Still, I felt relief when he left.

At some point, our head Election Official asked us all to switch positions at the table so we all felt comfortable doing all tasks. I felt momentary anxiety, since I wasn't eager for the full responsibility of being the "gate-keeper," the person checking I.D.'s and making crucial decisions. We never had to refuse anyone on the list of voters who could not vote due to having not satisfied the conditions of their felony convictions—at least during my shift. So this too went "smoothly" and indeed there were "few problems." But that was this time and the stakes, except for the candidates, were somewhat low. I am impressed with the good will and generosity of my neighbors. Chicanery and tampering with the sacred vote did not seem to be on anybody's agenda. Many of us felt great pride in being part of the enfranchisement of the occasional first-time voter and nearly every voter, new or old, accepted the "I Voted" sticker with pride. We applauded a couple of times when new voters made it through the gamut. But this was here and this was now. When tempers rekindle in the Recall and in the presidential election, are folks going to preserve their civility when asked to jump through additional hoops in order to claim their right to vote? It was a mild February day (once an oxymoron in Wisconsin) but perhaps November will be typical and wicked cold. We all

hope the headline the following day can still be "Few Problems Reported," but I fear that it will not.

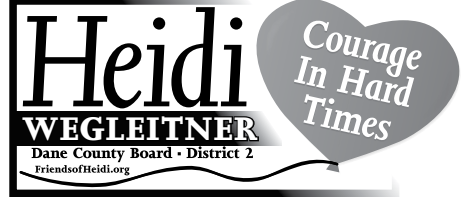
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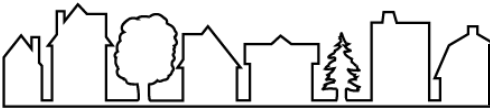
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A Brief History of One-Way Streets in Madison

Once upon a time, Madison had no one-way streets. Madison, like all cities from time immemorial, was laid out on a grid of two-way streets. Two-way streets are the most efficient system for getting people and goods from one place to another. One-way grids are frustrating and inefficient. Anyone who has driven around three one-way blocks in Madison “the wrong way” just to get one block over knows this. Humans have always relied on being able to go back the way they came. It just comes natural. Think of Hansel and Gretel dropping the bread crumbs to mark their return path.

So what happened in Madison? Well, five years before the beginning of World War II, Madison discontinued its electric streetcar service. Within five years of the end of WWII, downtown Madison was choking in automobile traffic. After much discussion – Madison was Madison even then – City officials decided to convert some of the streets downtown to one-way operation to increase the volume and speed of cars into and out of the city.

The one-way change was first piloted downtown in July of 1953. At the time, the changes to Gorham and Johnson did not extend further east than Blair Street. Interestingly, the one-way directions were opposite of what they are today - Gorham was eastbound and Johnson westbound. In all, the streets affected were Johnson, Gorham, W. Dayton, N. Henry, Marion, Basset and

Broom - not University Avenue and not the Capitol Square or the outer loop.

These innovations were expanded under the management of John H. Bunch, Madison’s first-ever Traffic Engineer, who started work here in January 1954. He came from Indianapolis where he had been a traffic survey engineer for many years. It is perhaps little known that Indianapolis and Madison shared a similar geography - that is until Indianapolis paved over all of its lakes. (There is no evidence that Mr. Bunch was involved in that decision.) In any case, in March of 1954, after three months on the job, Mr. Bunch said: “After studying the traffic and street pattern of the city for several months, I am optimistic that we can make a number of improvements which will make the life of the motorist easier”. Specifically, he proposed expanding the network of one-way streets.

The extension of the system and the switch of directions came in October 1955. The one-way operation of Johnson and Gorham was extended to Ingersoll Street. Inbound traffic on Johnson turned right on Ingersoll and then left on Gorham to continue downtown. This was necessary because Gorham Street ended at Few Street. The S curve did not exist. The “Gorham bend”, as it was called, extending Gorham eastward from Few Street to Baldwin and Johnson wasn’t created until 1962. It functions to this day as the “on-ramp” accelerating

inbound traffic onto E. Gorham Street.

So that’s the brief history of how two Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood streets were converted to primary arterials to “make the life of the motorist easier”. The damage to the long-term viability of the neighborhood was both known and accepted. In 1970, “Transportation for Madison’s Future”, the final report by the transportation engineering firm Simpson & Curtin, was submitted to the same John H. Bunch, Madison Traffic Engineer. The report took a long term view from 1970 to 1990. On the first page, the authors state: “While surface streets in Madison’s isthmus area have adequate capacity for vehicle traffic anticipated for 1985, this vehicle traffic will be accommodated at the expense of pedestrian traffic and to the detriment of land use along many east-west streets, particularly Johnson and Gorham Streets.”

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The Sound of a Wild Snail Eating by Elisabeth Tova Bailey—A woman's experience provides a reminder to be aware

of the beauty around us and appreciate the power of resilience.

Tinkers by Paul Harding—A man lies dying, drifting in and out of consciousness looking back on his life.

Ann suggests:

A Prayer for the Dying by Stewart O'Nan--The story of a small Wisconsin town in the grips of an epidemic and a man's fight to stop it. Set just after the Civil War.

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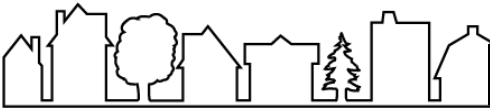
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The LaFollette Hotel as proposed by developer Sandy DeWitt on the corner of East Washington and North Paterson. Features include a "slow food" restaurant and coffee bistro, meeting and entertainment venues, rooftop terrace with solar panels, kitchen garden and water management

ULI is planning a 5-year phased development. Their focus has been commercial buildings that would lure high tech employers to the area. The prospect of high paying jobs is the reason they were selected because the city has been putting forth a lot of effort to create an employment center in that area. ULI has indicated they have two high tech firms on board now along with a retail tenant. They will be using the next couple of weeks to beef up their plan in order to ward off another RFP.

In an odd twist, the Metcalfe family back in December approached ULI about building them a store. When ULI rebuffed their proposal, the Metcalfe brothers brought in their own development firm, CD Smith, to put forth their own full block proposal. Now it is the Metcalfe family rebuffing ULI's attempt to bring them back to the table. The Metcalfe proposal includes an urban vegetable farm on the roof of a 60,000 sq. foot grocery store envisioned for the corner of N. Livingston and East Washington Avenue.

The city must decide if it should respect the process that put ULI first in line, or reopen the RFP to allow the

Field. His proposal is for a 100 room, community oriented hotel with a restaurant and bar, public meeting spaces, and a Japanese garden under a glass atrium. He said there would be a wide range of room styles from hostel type dormitories with community kitchens all the way

up to higher end suites. He believes the hotel, which he would own and calls The LaFollette, would fill a growing niche of urban hotels that cater to the creative class looking for something different.

Metcalfe's and others a chance to submit new plans. Many in the neighborhood were upset over the nature of the original RFP process, saying it was a secretive process in which the neighborhood was shut out.

And there is a third developer with yet another proposal. Developer Sandy DeWitt would like to build a European style hotel across from Breese Stevens

Meanwhile, on the 700 block of East Washington, the mixed use project proposed by Otto Gebhardt is winding its way through the city approval process. That development includes a 12-story mixed use tower with 200 apartments and a community garden on East Mifflin. Gebhardt is hoping to break ground in June.

- David Waugh



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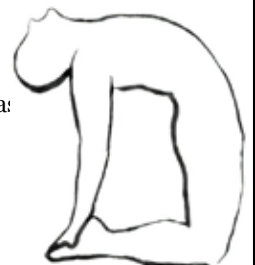
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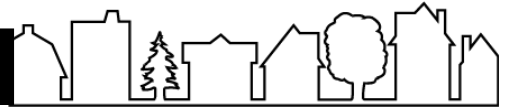
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21 Sherman Ter #4	852	\$69,900
18 Sherman Ter #5	852	\$80,000
31 Sherman Ter #6	852	\$85,000
9 Sherman Ter #4	852	\$89,000
6 Sherman Ter #4	852	\$105,000
2 Sherman Ter #5-6	1704	\$129,900
1152 E Johnson	1664	\$83,900
1212 E Johnson	916	\$133,900
1124 E Gorham	940	\$139,900
517 E Johnson	1145	\$159,900
1015 E Gorham	706	\$162,000
1209 E Mifflin	989	\$179,900
842 E Dayton	1410	\$189,900
938 E Mifflin	1146	\$219,000
23 N Ingersoll	1156	\$224,000
480 N. Baldwin, Unit 6	1444	\$269,000
310 Marston	2460	\$417,500
1140 Sherman	3169	\$750,000
1662 Sherman	3224	\$795,000
1240 Sherman	4000	\$1,100,000
828 Prospect	3330	\$1,250,000

Earth Day Challenge,
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20 Sherman Terr #3	132	\$75,900	\$57,000
1150 Curtis Ct	39	\$135,000	\$105,000
1118 E Dayton	53	\$187,000	\$176,000
469 N Baldwin	0	\$250,000	\$244,000

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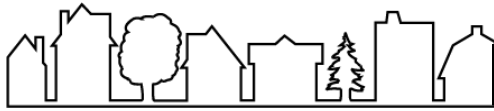
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Community

News on CPC's Building Renovation

Christ Presbyterian Church invites all our Tenney neighbors to a presentation on Thursday, April 26, at 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. We are planning to renovate our facility and this will be our first chance to present the architect's concepts for the renovation. Many of you are familiar with the building, having attended TLNA events or Friday English Conversation gatherings. We are grateful for the input provided by TLNA last summer and hope the renovations will enhance neighborhood gatherings and other events by creating a more welcoming, child-friendly, and functional space. Looking forward to seeing you on April 26. Questions? Please check our website cpcmadison.org or call the church office (608/257-4845).

11th Annual Art Walk Seeks Neighborhood Artists

The 11th Annual Tenney-Lapham Art Walk will take place on Sunday, June 24 from 1-5pm. Artists living in the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood are invited to participate. Each artist displays 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.

In addition to maps in the next Tenney-Lapham newsletter, maps will be available at 408 Washburn on Sunday, June 24 starting at 1pm.

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