

TENNEY-LAPHAM NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 1991

5th ANNUAL GARDEN TOUR Saturday, June 22, 12-4 p.m.

Some of the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood's finest gardeners will again open their gates for you. Small lots, hills, lack of sun, and other obstacles have brought out the best in these gardeners. One gardener was inspired by the flora of the Baraboo hills; another has created a series of terraces just waiting for the photographer from Smith & Hawken to arrive. Whatever the problems of their locations, each of these gardeners has created a personal expression that overcomes these limitations. We invite you to come and meet these gardeners, share their experiences, and get some new ideas for dealing with your own yards.

The self-guided tour runs from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 22. You can pick up your maps in the East Mifflin

Street parking lot of Lapham School (1245 E. Dayton St.). Admission is \$2.50 for adults and \$1.00 for children under 16; strollers are free. The admission fee is used to underwrite the costs of the neighborhood welcome garden and other related projects. The tour will run rain or shine, so, if necessary, bring your umbrella. If you need further information, call Dan Sage (256-0465) or Valerie Mellerop (255-4524). See you there!

A DAY IN THE PARK

Sat. July 13
1:00-5:30 pm
Tenney Park

The Summer Ice Cream Social has been moved and expanded to include an assortment of new and old games, track and field, volleyball, croquet, and more! See story on page 3.

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Work begins on Reynolds Park Garden with new brick walk. (See page 5.)

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SOCIAL EVENTS

GAME DAY IN TENNEY PARK Sat. July 13, 1:00-5:30 pm

As many of you know, the TLNA social functions have been enjoying large turnouts over the past year. Our social functions usually take place at the Christ Presbyterian Church and have included large numbers of children and high levels of energy! With all this energy in mind, along with recent developments in Tenney Park, i.e., the new playground and butterfly garden, the social committee has planned a **Day in the Park** to suit the interests of a wide variety of our neighbors.

We invite you to join friends and neighbors on **Saturday, July 13, from 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the shelter** (near Johnson Street and the river). New, old, and favorite games are scheduled for early afternoon, followed by an ice cream social and neighborhood music and entertainment. In addition, we encourage all those interested to bring along a picnic supper or have one delivered to the park. This is an opportunity to share a blanket with friends you haven't seen since the last social or to meet the new neighbors down the street who have been so busy settling in.

Come for the whole day, or pick and choose the activities that interest you and members of your household. We have reserved the shelter from noon to 6 p.m. but intend to use several different parts of the park. Rest rooms, lemonade, water and electricity will be available all day. The day's schedule is as follows:

1:00 - 2:00

Jim Sturm's Old Game Area: Jim has been collecting a number of games popular years ago. Family, friends, neighbors and his own childhood memories are the primary contributors to his collection of marbles and coin games, "Kick the Can" and others. Learn (or relearn) the games of our parents' and grandparents' generations, or in some cases those of our own childhoods. Demonstrations will be followed by an opportunity to get a little hands-on experience.

Track and Field: A mini-track will be set up in the hockey pit (on the island) for a series of races for all ages and sizes. Come test your speed at the wheelbarrow, potato sack, relay and three-legged races. Cheer for your children, have them cheer for you or compete against them. We might even throw in a "Run for the Sheer Joy of It" to allow people to see who is really the fastest person in the neighborhood.

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2:00 - 3:30

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3:30 - 4:30

Ice Cream Served: What's a summer social event without ice cream?! Cool down with a bowl full of some of Wisconsin's best. We'll have several flavors to choose from.

4:30 - 5:30:

Social Hour and Entertainment: Take your cones and settle down under some shade trees for a little music entertainment and sing-

alongs. Guitarists, banjo players, fiddlers, drummers, accordion players, etc. are encouraged to contact the social chair if interested in participating in this part of the day.

And for all of those who would prefer supper in the open air, consider dining in good company. Bring along a picnic basket or have supper delivered to the park. We can enjoy each other's company as the sun goes down.

So...mark your calendars for July 13, from 1-5:30 p.m. Call Jeannette Deloya (255-5409) with questions, ideas, or willingness to volunteer in any capacity. We look forward to seeing you all at Tenney Park!!!



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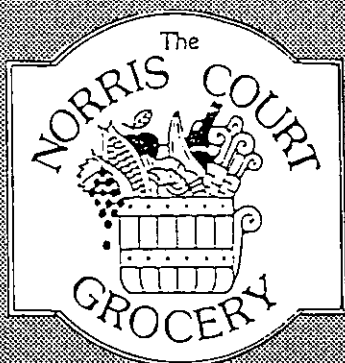
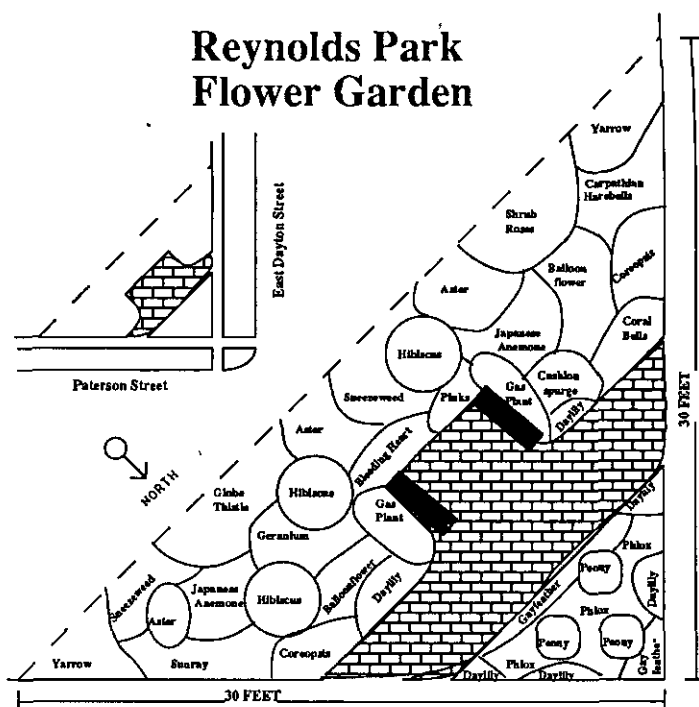
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PARKS, GARDENS & PLAYGROUND

REYNOLDS PARK UPDATE

Reynolds Park recently received the first of several face-lifts slated for this summer when the new flower garden on the corner of East Dayton and Paterson Streets was planted. Funded by a grant from the Marguerite Pohle Trust Fund and Madison City Parks, the garden contains more than 250 perennials of 25 varieties. The beautiful garden is the product of the creativity and hard work of Bob Shaw, Dee Rennick, Brian McCormick, Larry Savides, Ruth Cadoret, and Richard Freihofer. A generous financial commitment from Reynolds Transfer and Storage Company will go a long way toward completing the grand design for the garden featuring a brick pathway, and two classy benches. Thank you Reynolds Company! *(continued on next page)*



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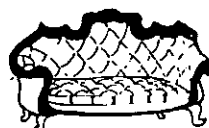
The Park will also be getting a new fence this summer. After much discussion about whether there should be a fence at all, how tall it should be, what color, how long, etc., a plan finally emerged. At this point, the fence that will be going up will be the same height as the current one, but will have a coated screen and posts designed to blend into the neighborhood better than the current fence. There will be no fence on the Paterson Street side of the park. This is being done to give the park an open feeling while still providing Dayton and Mifflin Street fences to protect children playing soccer and playing on the playground.

The Neighborhood Council also asked for new playground equipment for Reynolds Park in its recent budget request to the Parks De-

partment. Although I have not seen the final parks budget, the last time I looked, the request for new Reynolds equipment was still in the budget. There will be a lot of cuts in the budget, but keep your fingers crossed that the Reynolds Park playground survives.

So get out and enjoy Reynolds Park! It's looking more beautiful every day.

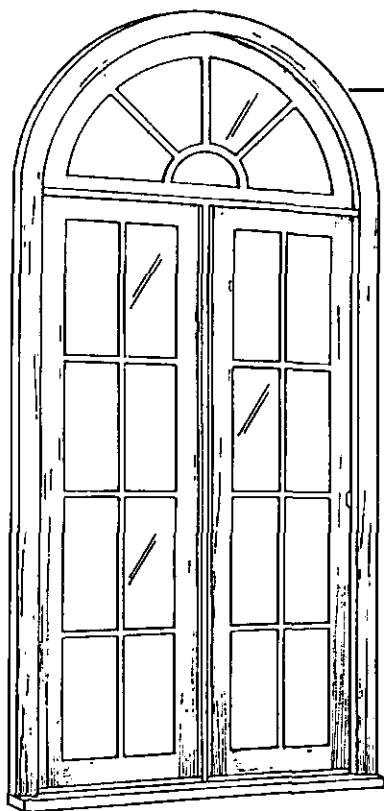
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SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Dear Neighbors,

On Thursday, May 30, the Dane County Board voted to reduce the size of that body from 41 to 39. This follows action by the City of Madison's reapportionment committee on May 23 to reduce from 22 to 20 seats and to recommend boundaries to the Common Council which will take action Tuesday, June 4. Concurrently, the County reapportionment committee will have made its plan recommendation to the Public Protection & Judiciary (PP&J) Committee, which will in turn recommend to the County Board. On Thursday, June 6, after a public hearing on the issue, the Board will adopt a tentative plan. This will end the first of three 60-day periods in the reapportionment process. Yet to follow are the creation of wards by the municipalities, their adjustment by the County as necessary, and a public hearing, concluding with adoption of a final supervisory district plan by the County and aldermanic district plans by the

municipalities.

City districts will increase in size by approximately 1,740 people to an average of 9,563. Under a 39-district County plan, non-Madison districts would average 9,412 people. This small deviation—2.4% on average—is the price to be paid for "coterminus" (or matching) aldermanic and supervisory districts in the City of Madison. The difference of 151 is to me more fair than the last reapportionment, whereby Madison districts had an average 294 less residents than non-Madison districts.

I strongly support both the City's 20-district plan, as

adopted by the their reapportionment committee, and the County's 39-district plan. Having been an active participant in both, working closely with other elected officials, neighborhood leaders and residents, I can say that the process has been fair and open and has produced the best plans to meet the established criteria.

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The paid membership of TLNA as of June 2 is 219 members, with \$785 in dues collected. By mid-July the annual renewals should be accomplished, and

expansion of membership by our new contacts should be under way. Expect to hear from representatives from the Membership Committee this summer and fall!

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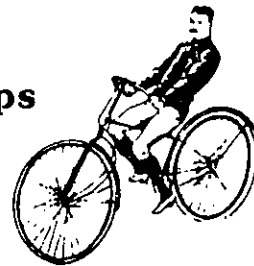
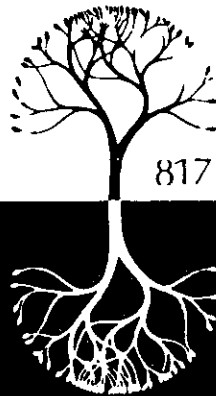
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The TLNA History Subcommittee is interested in doing taped interviews of people who have early personal memories of living in our neighborhood. If you would like to contribute to this project or suggest someone you know, please contact Rob Latousek (255-6979).

The article below is reprinted from the June 1982 TLNA Newsletter; it is the second in a current series on the history of the Tenney-Lapham area.

OLD STONER CABIN LIES HIDDEN

Among the oldest—if not the oldest—of houses in Madison is an unpretentious house at 1113 East Mifflin Street. It is associated with one of Madison's pioneer settlers, John Stoner. Originally it stood approximately at 311 North Franklin Street, across from the site of the old Nichols Pumping Station.

In 1846, several years after settling in the

small village of Madison, John Stoner, a Yankee from the East, raised the small house only with the help of a yoke of oxen. He cut the logs from the woods which stood on the site of today's university agriculture campus and drew them across the ice of the lake. The 10-inch-thick log walls were then chinked with strips of wood and lime mortar on both sides, veneered with half-inch "weather boards" on the outside and plastered on the inside, "rendering it warm and comfortable in the winter and cool in the summer." When completed, the 16' x 20' house was considered the finest residence in Madison, according to his son, George W. Stoner.

John Stoner was an adventuresome spirit and a veteran of the War of 1812. In 1837, Madi-
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son, the newly developing capital of the Wisconsin Territory, offered Stoner his opportunity to "go west and grow up with the country," as the nationally prominent writer Horace Greeley espoused. On his four-week journey to Madison, Stoner and his family passed through the Fort Dearborn settlement, which was the early Chicago. Pushing onward, Stoner's oxen-drawn wagon cut the first track between Janesville and Madison.

Upon reaching the new territorial capital in late August, they discovered what was being advertised in the East as a booming metropolis: "two log cabins nestled amid a dense forest of giant oaks, five white inhabitants in all of Dane County outside of Madison, and 25 laborers working on the new capitol building." Several hundred Native Americans seasonally constituted the majority of the local population.

Stoner soon erected his first log home, "a rudely constructed domicile," at the corner of North Hamilton and East Gorham. Built before the streets were marked or laid out, it was later discovered that the house was in the middle of the street. The only real street at that time was an Indian trail winding through the isthmus along the lakeshores.

Stoner's cabin had but one small window, no floor, warped oak stave roof, and a stick

chimney plastered with mud. Snow storms raged about as badly inside as out, and the chimney frequently caught fire. This required one of the Stoner children to scale the roof in all kinds of weather and douse the flames. In this house the first white male child in Madison was born—and named Madison Stoner.

Trained as a cabinet maker, Stoner was primarily a farmer of wheat. He bought rich, open prairie land lying seven miles southwest of the settlement of Madison and opened up the second farm in Dane County. The 160 acres were paid for with \$200 in silver at the government land office in Milwaukee—a trip made on foot. The nearest grist mill to grind the wheat was the Red Eagle Mill in Beloit—a two week journey. The farm, which lent its name to Stoner's Prairie, was lucrative enough to be expanded and to support the growing family.

The Stoners' second and more commodious home on Franklin Street served the family well—since they lived in town and not on the farm. The second floor was probably added sometime after the death of John Stoner in 1872. Around 1910 it was moved to its present Mifflin Street location on former marshland that had been filled. A newer house was then erected on its original site. An addition to the front of the building and an additional couple of layers of siding since its move have failed to obscure the rich historical associations this old house has with Madison's colorful past.

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So—why not a futon and frame store? Mark and Susan tossed the idea around for a long time; the spark that moved them to action was the word from a friend of Mark's that a storefront at 824 East Johnson was available. "We grabbed it," said Susan. "We figured, Johnson Street—how could we go wrong?"

Affordable Futons opened March 15. Since then they've been busy, "busier than we thought," says Mark. "Things are going really well." Things went so well from the beginning, in fact, that Susan quit her job at the UW Foundation at the end of March.

Although they've never run a business before, Mark and Susan are finding that they enjoy their new roles as entrepreneurs. "Our customers are not just students, but are a wide mix of people—people in their late 20s and mostly eastsiders. A lot of people know it's just Mark and me. We like to work for ourselves," says Susan. "We have fun with it."

Mark still makes two of the nine kinds of frames they sell (their biggest sellers); the other varieties and the futons come from suppliers in the Midwest. In addition to the futons and nine different frames (maple, pine and other woods), Affordable Futons sells end tables and coffee tables, covers, pillows, lanterns, screens, and wind chimes.

The first day Affordable Futons was open, Susan says, "everyone came in and introduced themselves. People brought us flowers and stuff. The neighborhood has been really welcoming."

After only two and a half months, Mark and Susan have many plans. They would like to see their business expand. They are sure they want to stay in the neighborhood for a while. Stop in and encourage them!

Anne Katz



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Olin Park pool proposal has generated plenty of debate and at least a little controversy. One of the key objections is that the pool will divert resources away from cleaning our lakes and beaches. Only time will tell whether this concern is born out, but there are some things we can all do now to protect our lakes.

- Don't overapply the fertilizer, especially near streets and sidewalks! Whether you apply it or have a lawn service do it for you, please remember the lake.

- Keep those leaves out of the gutter and, for heaven's sake, don't let your soil (edge trimmings, garden work, and construction projects) wash down to the lake.

- Remember those toxics? Yeah, things like used oil, insecticides, paint scrapings, and cleaning products. If you really need to use them or they result from home repairs, please be careful to dispose of them properly.

Did you know that our neighborhood is involved in a state-funded water quality improvement project? We're part of the Yahara-Monona Watershed Project, and millions of dol-

lars will be funneled into this project over the next 4-8 years. The goal is to reduce the amount of pollutants being washed from the watershed into the lakes. Some of these pollutants are nutrients which algae love, while others are toxic, such as lead and mercury, and can accumulate in lake sediment and fish. Let's each do our part to protect the lakes!

Ed Jepsen

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ALDER'S REPORT

Now that the April election hoopla is over and new City Council members are on board, it's full speed ahead on a host of important projects. City staff and the Council will have a busy summer getting ready for fall **budget deliberations**, determining whether to proceed with the city's first **public swimming pool**, trying to resolve the on-going **bus hub** impasse, continuing the debate over building a **convention center**, moving ahead with our **recycling program**, and working out the final details on the City Council and County Board **redistricting plans** following the 1990 census. Here are a few other city and Second District issues of importance.

BUDGET PLANNING: Now is the time to contact me and the Mayor's office regarding 1992 capital budget priorities. My personal priorities will be to push for continued district **parks improvements**, to move ahead with the **Isthmus Traffic Redirection Plan**, and to **upgrade streets** that most need repairs throughout the district.

CONGRATULATIONS TO NEW APPOINTEES: Several Second District residents were recently appointed to various city committees. My personal congratulations to those who stepped forward to offer their time and energy: **Duane Hubeler**, who will serve on the Building and Fire Code Review Board; **Ann Smith**, Physical Disabilities Commission; **Roger Bowden**, Zoning Board of Appeals; and **Joe Davis**, **Jon Peacock**, and **Carl Peters**, new members of the East Side Transit Center Citizens Committee.

THE SOUNDS AND SMELLS OF SUMMER: The annual round of constituent calls keep popping up. Something in the summer air must cause a few people to forget their manners. Late night escapades at Giddings Park, wild parties and drunken brawls on North Franklin, owners who allow their dogs to poop in our parks while out for a stroll, and boomboxes blasting out windows like punk rock banshees from Hades. E.W.

Howe once wrote, "Civilization is nothing more than politeness, industry and fairness. Savages are always thieves, always loafers and always impolite and unfair." (There's a nugget of truth in there for all of us.)

EAST SIDE BIKE TRAIL: At last the city owns a major part of the abandoned **Soo Line corridor** running east from Blair Street. And now begins the next stage: to determine how to best use that corridor. My goal as chair of the Transportation Commission is to turn the corridor into a major bike/pedestrian pathway that will help link the city with the **state trail system**. In addition, some of the corridor should be turned into a **parkway** for East Side residents.

MADISON DAIRY UPDATE: Thanks to traffic engineer Jan Jackson, TLNA, and owners of Madison Dairy, we'll soon see improved parking and traffic circulation along East Mifflin. The dairy's trucks are often parked along East Mifflin, and because space is tight, trucks trying to park have often blocked traffic.

A plan recommended by Jackson will allow trucks to park primarily on North Brearly near Breese Stevens Field. If the solution works, it should be a major plus for all concerned.

GET ON BOARD!: Madison Metro's ridership continues to climb. New routes were implemented.
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mented last fall, rider complaints are down, and the new **Free Fare Zone** downtown is off to a good start. A few facts to ponder before jumping in your car for work tomorrow morning:

- The average vehicle occupancy in the U.S. is 1.15 persons per vehicle.
- One person commuting via mass transit can save over 200 gallons of gas per year.
- A bus with as few as seven riders is more fuel efficient than the average commuter automobile; a full bus is six times as fuel efficient.

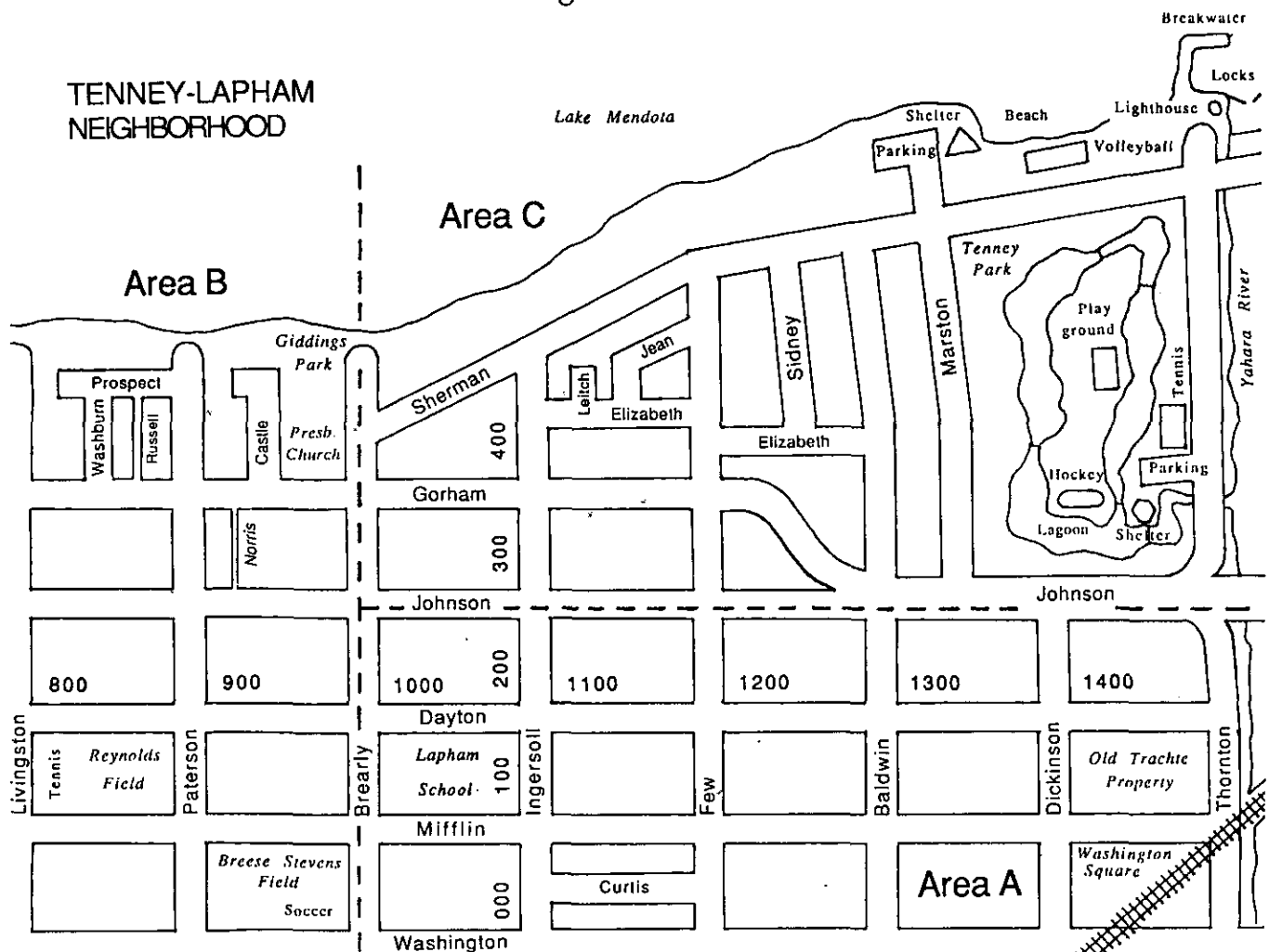
HOUSING NEWS: As a member of the Plan Commission, I recently helped set up a subcommittee that will meet with developer Jerry Mullins to discuss the future of the old Trachte property along East Dayton. The underutilized site would be a prime location for new housing on the isthmus. We'll meet this summer to get

the ball rolling.

On the housing front, the **Community Development Authority (CDA)** will participate with **Anchor Savings & Loan** and **Home Savings** to begin the "Own a Piece of Madison" single-family home purchasing program totaling \$1.7 million. The CDA will guarantee the repayment of secured second mortgage loans to help cover the closing costs associated with the principal mortgage. Thirty home mortgages are expected under the program.

The CDA also has funds available for the **Deferred Payment and Installment Loan Program**, the **Homebuyer's Assistance Program**, the **Section 17 Rental Rehabilitation Program**, and the **Scattered Site Acquisition Fund** for special needs housing. Give me a call if you're interested in more details.

Ald. David Wallner



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PROJECT HOME CAN DO YOUR REPAIRS

Project Home is a nonprofit organization which assists elderly, disabled, and low-income homeowners in the repair and maintenance of their homes.

Project Home has two separate programs within the agency. The **Weatherization Assistance Program**, funded by the State of Wisconsin, provides all aspects of energy conservation at no cost to home owners. The **Home Repair Program** assists home owners with low-cost home repairs. It is funded through the City of Madison's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and the Dane County Housing Authority. Income guidelines used to determine eligibility are established by city, county, and state government contracts.

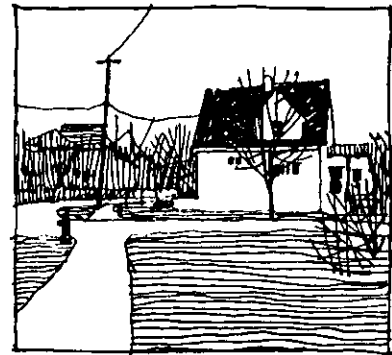
Under our 1991 City of Madison Home Repair contract, we must serve a certain number of residents who have never before received service from Project Home. For this reason we urge you to tell your friends and neighbors about our program. By doing this you will not only be helping us, but you may also be helping someone who could benefit from our assistance. For more information, call Wendy at 246-3737.

CHILDREN IN NEED OF FOSTER HOMES

There are children in our community who need your help—they need foster homes. They include all kinds of kids. Dane County Dept. of Human Services is looking for homes to meet the needs of the following children:

- Teenagers
- Young sibling kids who want to stay together
- African-American children
- Children (8-17) with emotional and behavioral challenges
- Boys (10-17) for Respite Foster Care (1 to 2 weekends a month).

Each of the children waiting for a home is unique. What they share in common is their need for foster parents. You can make the difference in the life of a child. Call Deena Williams (273-6600) for more information on how you can help children through foster parenting.






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HOW TO DISPOSE OF LEFTOVER PAINT

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Dane County Paint Drop Site
Dane County Highway Garage
2302 Fish Hatchery Road, Madison
Hours: M-F 8am-3pm
Sat 8am-1pm

ALTERNATE DISPOSAL METHODS (ONLY for paints NOT containing lead or mercury):

RECYCLE:

- Give away good unused paints or solvents (to charitable or nonprofit organizations, neighbors, or relatives).
- Use up paint on a household project (use as a base coat or inside a cabinet).

CONSOLIDATE/SOLIDIFY:

- Consolidate partial cans of like paints

(latex with latex, enamel with enamel) into the minimum number of containers needed. The containers must be labeled indicating what kind of paint it is!

- Open up containers with small or no amounts of paint, allow them to dry out, and then, leaving the lids off, put out for curbside pickup.

- Refer to the City of Madison Public Health Dept. brochure, *Home Products Guide*, for more suggestions. For a copy, check library or call 266-4821.



Anyone with information regarding the identity of this mysterious masked marauder may pass it on to their area representative!

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