



TENNEY - LAPHAM

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER Summer 2009

Eighth Annual Art Walk Set For Sunday, June 28

Sharon Redinger organized the first Annual Art Walk eight years ago and the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood has been part of the city's art scene ever since. Sharon, a former publicist for Art Fair Off the Square, wanted to promote a smaller more local art event. She read us right, recognizing our love of art and our yearning to walk. Thus the Art Walk was born and has been gaining in popularity each year. Art Walk participants all live in the neighborhood. Sharon says, for the artists, the Art Walk is like any other art fair they participate in except they don't have to pack up their art for traveling to an art fair. Instead they have to clean house and get ready to welcome visitors. People from all over Madison attend. Buoyant in the exuberance of late June and the charm of summer's flair, local artists will find an appreciative audience immersed in the moment.

Those driving can park at Christ Presbyterian Church and from there walk the art walk. Bios about those artists participating this year and a map are in the centerfold of this newsletter.



Aspen Grove at Dusk by Brian McCormick



Jewelry by Mary Jo Schiavoni



Red Lilly by Bill Redinger

Tour de (Chicken) Coops

Can't afford a trip to France this summer to view the Tour de France?

You can afford the Tour de (Chicken) Coops - a free self-guided tour of chicken coops in the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood.

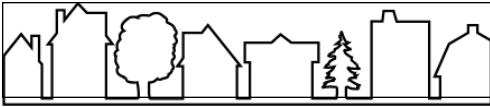
Saturday, June 27 from 1:00-4:00 p.m.

A brochure with map will be available the day of the tour at 917 E. Dayton Street.

Held rain or shine.

Questions? contact Bob Shaw at 255-3486.





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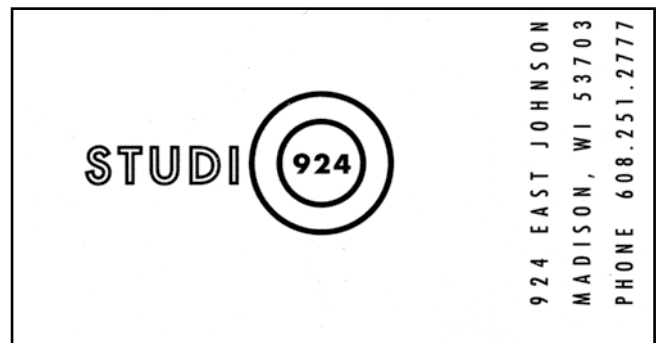
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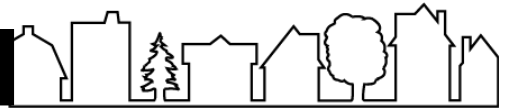
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President's Report



City Row Apartments Receive City Council Approval

CITY ROW APARTMENTS

Since the last edition of the newsletter, the City Row Apartments proposal for the 600 Block of E. Johnson Street has gained approval from the Neighborhood Association and was approved by the Madison City Council at their May 19th meeting. The TLNA Council held a public input meeting on March 2nd at Lapham School. Thanks go to everyone who participated. On March 4th the TLNA Council discussed the proposal further and then a subcommittee met with the developers during March to discuss additional changes to the plan. In April, the TLNA Council met twice to consider whether to support the project. Although the modified proposal still exceeds the size and density limits adopted for this block in the Neighborhood Plan, the TLNA Council determined that there were enough positive aspects to the project to warrant granting an exception in this case. This was a difficult decision. The TLNA Council discussed the pros and cons in a serious and thoughtful manner throughout. The final vote was 11 in favor of the exception, 6 opposed and 1 abstention.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

No sooner had we voted on the City Row Apartments proposal than Madison Dairy announced that they would be closing their operation in the 1000 block of E. Washington Avenue in June. This will result in a loss of 120 jobs. Also, at the time of this writing, Chrysler announced that Don Miller Dodge will be one of 18 dealerships closing in the state. These changes raise questions about future development proposals that may be in the offing for our neighborhood.

Will another dairy take over the 1000 block? It is unlikely, according to Michael Gay from the city's Office of Business Resources. It partly depends on what Land-O-Lakes, the parent com-

pany, decides to do with the equipment in the facility. If they move the equipment to other facilities, an empty shell at this location will not be attractive to another dairy. This is what happened when the dairy on South Park Street closed several years ago. It is also unlikely that a different manufacturing business would be attracted to the 1000 block location.

A few years ago, Don Miller was ready to sell the 800 block of E. Washington to Gary Gorman and Company for a full-block commercial and residential development. Don Miller Dodge is located on the 700 block. Subaru is on the 800 block. The Chrysler bankruptcy and dealership closing may lead to both blocks becoming available.

TENNEY-LAPHAM and E. WASHINGTON BUILD PLANS

The Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Plan and the E. Washington Capitol Gateway Corridor BUILD Plan overlap for the entire length of our neighborhood for the blocks between E. Washington and E. Mifflin from Blair to the Yahara. The vision for these blocks was reconciled in both plans prior to their being adopted by the City Council in 2008.

For the 1000 block, the plans call for the Mifflin Street side, facing Lapham School, to be redeveloped as family-friendly, medium-density residential – up to 40 units per acre. The E. Washington side should be redeveloped for non-retail employment. This could be

offices, research or other specialized uses. The maximum height limit facing Mifflin Street is 3 stories. The maximum on the E. Washington side is 8 stories.

For the 600 to 800 blocks, the height limits for each side are same as the 1000 block. The allowed residential densities for Mifflin are higher in the 600 and 700 blocks – up to 60 units per acre. Also, the commercial uses along E. Washington can be more varied, including retail.

The City will be actively pursuing the goals for the E. Washington corridor this year. The University Research Park opening a 6000 sq. ft. facility in the corridor this spring was a big step this direction. More employment will be a good for east isthmus businesses and schools and will increase demand for quality housing in our neighborhood.

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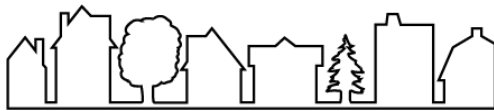
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Reminiscences from Gilma Gruen - Drug Store Employee

Grace Tonge, a former resident of Sidney Street, wrote the book, "Ten Dynamic Women". The stories portray independent women and the joy of living they found. The book is available at Madison Public Library.

Gilma Gruen has been with the Rennebohm Drugstores for over 30 years and, at 77, she has no plans for retiring.

"I'll stay as long as they'll keep me and as long as I'm able to work. It's stimulating. I like people and enjoy working with the public.

"Getting up so early is no problem. My husband always had to be at work by 7:00 a.m. so I was always up very early to get him and the children off.

"The children were all in school when I first started to work. Then it was just part-time so that I saw them off to school and was home when they returned. They were fairly well grown by the time stores started opening earlier and staying open later.

"Now I get to work by 6:30 so I can prepare the cash register, check restocking, and straighten the cigar counter. People are packed in the doorway waiting for me to unlock, but they have to wait till 6:45. Many take the express bus from here to work in town. They drive in from far and wide and leave their cars in our lot. In contrast, I drive out here from the central part of town.

On stormy-snowy mornings, it takes some doing to make it. I depend on the reliable fellow I hire by the season to have the driveway cleared out by the time I have to get the car out. Hefting wet snow would be pretty strenuous anymore.

"My little old Valiant and I have traveled through every kind of Wisconsin weather and I sure hope it holds up as long as I do. As long as it's at all possible I'd like to keep my car and my job and my home. Then I can do just about as I please.

"I take just a little medicine for heart regulating, and something for arthritis, but otherwise I'm quite healthy. Being busy and having responsibilities helps keep me healthy. Every year or two I take on a big project. Last May I had the front porch replaced and had the entire house and garage washed and painted. The year before I had a new roof put on. I think it's a good investment of my income, some of which comes from renting the upstairs apartment and some from my regular job.

"Each morning I begin with 50 dollars in the register. About 12 to 14 hundred dollars come into my register in an eight hour day. Most of it comes from small sales, which means countless transactions. And when I check out, the cash in the drawer must be within one dollar of what the register tape says. Most people seem to be in such a rush these days. I've got to be quick and exact.

"Since Walgreen came in last year my responsibilities are tending the register, maintaining everything at the cigar counter and assisting customers anywhere in the store if no one is waiting to pay at the register. When it was just Rennebohm's, I also kept track of all stock at this counter and did all of the ordering. Now ordering is computerized but they've added racks full of extra items to be overseen. But I still enjoy the work because of the people.

"Most of the cus-

tomers are very nice-especially the regulars. A few try your patience sometimes but that's all just part of the job. Some have been coming in as long as I've worked there and it's kind of like chatting with a good neighbor over the back fence. It sort of gives us both a sense of belonging.

"I transferred to this store when it opened and replaced the one nearer home where I worked when I first joined the company. That was quite handy back then.

"Even though there was plenty to be done at home in those pre-perma-press days, I decided to work in order to help buy a home. I'd worked in an office before the children were born and that had no appeal to me at all. But clerking did and it was near at hand.

"Besides clerking I did all of my own housework, including making most of

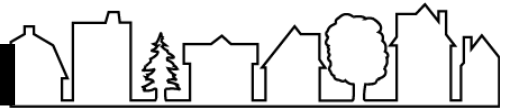
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my family's clothing. I'd buy up yards and yards of material when it went on sale and keep the sewing machine ready most of the time. Laundry was done in an old wringer-type machine and hung up to dry, of course. Sure could have made good use of automatics. We never did buy a dishwasher. Yet-somehow we seemed to have more time than we do today.

"In addition to my housework I kept up with the children's school affairs and extra curricular activities and was always involved in our church work. And I still enjoy 'fancywork'. See that pair of wall hangings-that's crewel work.

"My daughter Margaret, over near Waukesha has a bell-pull that I made in crewel work. Chuck, her husband mounted and framed it. She calls it her heirloom. It did turn out rather well, if I do say so.

"This lap robe and afghan are crocheted. I use the lap robe while I sit here on chilly evenings and watch a television show and do fancywork. The afghan is old-fashioned, so it goes well with the antique loveseat, don't you think? That belonged to an aunt of mine. It's very old.

"The two paintings near the front window were done by my daughter, Ruth. She was just 29 when cancer took her, less than two years after the diagnosis. Family members helped care for the little ones. We still miss Ruth even though it's been over 20 years.

"The big desk is an antique. I don't even know how old it is. My husband hand-carved one of those leaf-cluster drawer pulls on it, but I don't recall which one.

"He was an artisan patternmaker and inspector for Gisholt. He made replacement parts for machines by hand-carving a wooden model. Then the metal piece was molded from that.

"Getting back to the afghans, my two youngest grandsons in Waukesha each have one for keepsakes. It's kind of nice to know that they'll have a little some-

thing personal to remember me by.

"There are other handiworks in the bedrooms, too. I have the beds made up because Margaret and family will be here for the weekend. They like to go to an occasional University of Wisconsin football game. This time, though, it's hockey.

"In September I drove over there for a weekend and we celebrated my birthday. They took me out to eat at a fancy place. And for dessert the waitress came out with a little cake with a lighted candle. What fun, feeling so special. But there was just *one* candle, not seventy-seven!

"You'd think that after being gone all day I'd just want to stay home and relax at night. But the widow, whose back yard meets mine, and I go out to eat several times a week. We take turns driving. And with the many places offering senior-citizen discounts, or other specials, the outings fit into our careful budgets. On Sundays, after church, I often go with friends for a ride out through the country to an outlying restaurant for dinner. Wisconsin scenery is beautiful any season of the year. Have you been to that new place out by Blue Mounds? Gloria and I have been there a few times. It has huge windows so you can see the birds and forest animals while you eat. You'll have to go see how lovely it is.

"I couldn't be quite so independent during the years my husband was so sick. He was homebound seven years with a bad heart. He spent many hours in that easy chair. Sometimes I'd play the organ and we'd sing the old favorite songs. He never grew tired of Christmas carols.

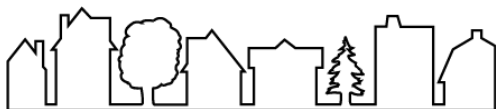
"You know, we had a very wise doctor. He would come to the house to check Len. He wanted him to do as much as he could for himself. He knew that if I was right there I'd become homebound, too, just waiting on my husband. So he told me it was best for both of us if I'd keep a steady job.

"He was right. If I had stayed out of work all those years I wouldn't have a

steady job now. And I make good use of the income. I fly out to California to visit my son, Stan, and his wife and two grown children. They have lived out there about 25 years. He's a senior chemical engineer with Northrup Aviation. They love sailing, and own a motorized sailboat which they keep there at Long Beach. I go aboard, but they have to keep it tied up. I'm no sailor!

"Each time I'm out there we go to see some interesting place, Huntington Park, Knotts Berry Farm, Disneyland and all. One of the most memorable was our tour of the Queen Mary at Long Beach. It has an entire town almost. There are all kinds of gift shops and they offer quality merchandise, gifts you could be proud to bring back. The eating places are varied and fun to visit too. Some of the ship's rooms are reserved as historical museums. All of the antique furnishings are just as they were when the ship was in its heyday. Other rooms are all refurbished for use now. It's a beautiful thing to get to tour. Yes, traveling is fun but travel alone can be quite an experience.

"The year before last I went out to California for a grandson's wedding. Instead of coming home, I landed in Minneapolis at midnight! My luggage went elsewhere and there wasn't much I could do about it. They sent me out into the pitch black night to find a special bus that was to take me to a motel. I couldn't find it and was feeling pretty uneasy, all alone in a strange place. Finally, I happened on a group of three policemen and got directions. Fortunately, my daughter-in-law had put all the essentials in a small flight bag that I kept with me. The motel was beautiful, so I had a good night once I got there. By Monday they got me and my bags back together and back to Madison in time for me to get ready and go to work on time. So you take those things in stride.



New Initiatives Planned for Business District

Hello to the joys of summer!

It's been a busy and exciting time on the City Council since being sworn in on April 21, and there's been a number of developments in Tenney-Lapham that I've been working on.

First off, I'd like to encourage you to contact me with any city or neighborhood questions, issues or concerns you might have. Phone is a great way to reach me (608) 516-3488, as is my city email account: district2@cityofmadison.com (it goes directly onto my iPhone, and having something written down is always a great thing). I'm working on developing a website so that I may post up information I receive (events, job postings, meeting notices, etc), in addition to posting on the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood listserv.

True to my campaign promise, I'll be hosting monthly Alder Hours. I will be at Company of Thieves coffee shop on Thursday, June 18th from 5-7pm, please let me know if this type of weekday evening works, otherwise, I will look to Sunday evenings.

As happy as I am that warm weather is here, there's a number of developments in the neighborhood that have been brought to the forefront of my attention. The Land O'Lakes-run Madison Dairy is closing. Chrysler has decided to pull their dealership franchise from

Don Miller after decades of business on E Washington Ave. The Eastside Bazaar art shop has closed. The owners of the Project Lodge will be moving back west at the end of the summer and are looking for individuals to take the business over, and on top of all of this, there's a number of additional businesses on Johnson Street that I'm concerned about. To say the least, I'm very concerned about the health of our small neighborhood businesses. I can't stress enough how important it is that you (yes! you!) come and shop at our small businesses. Get a pedicure, buy a bouquet of flowers or candles for summer entertaining. Hang up that great artwork your children have created. Summertime in Madison can't be beat, and our neighborhood is so great because of its walk and bike-ability. Please show some pride for what we have to offer and come walk and shop our neighborhood businesses, our shop owners need YOU!

But for all of the gloom that has settled in the economy on a national and neighborhood level, there are some causes to be excited.

Angelic Angles Photography owned by Jennifer Anderson is operating and soon to have its opening party on Johnson Street. Jennifer will be focusing on high school senior portraits and baby portraits in addition to her extensive

wedding photography business.

Additionally, if we're going to work to increase the number of businesses in our neighborhood, I want to see businesses that will be successful in their endeavors and will work with the neighborhood demographics.

One of the initiatives I've been working on is to start getting the Johnson Street merchants to meet together to form a group and work to detail the needs and issues they're currently facing. I'm hopeful that this group will start to meet at least once a month.

I'm working with the city's Economic Development Office to pull together neighborhood market survey data and see if there's grant funds available to help further develop materials to help market our neighborhood shops to potential small business owners.

I hope that as the summer continues
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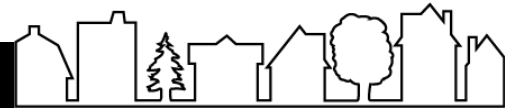


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Male and Female Reveal Differences at Book Club

Over ten years ago we started what we call our neighborhood "coed" book group. Since our other book groups were comprised of women, we thought it would be fun to spend more time with men who read books. We also thought it would be fun to read books with our husbands. Both have enriched our reading experience.

We have, however, noticed some differences over the years between our women's groups and our coed group, but we can't definitively assign the differences to male participation.

We have noticed that there is a disproportionate amount of time devoted to socializing in our women's groups. Sometimes the socializing takes up more time than the book discussion. Sometimes our coed book discussions will segue into political discussions.

We might spend the last 15 minutes or so solving the world's problems.

There have been times when our women's groups and the coed group have read the same book but generated starkly different discussions. For example:

Snow Falling on Cedars by David Guterson--Coed liked it, Women not so much

Prodigal Summer by Barbara Kingsolver—Women liked it; Coed thought it bordered on pulp trash

We can remember only one coed book discussion in which the reactions were split down gender lines. That was Disgrace by J. M. Coetzee. We all liked the book. Our difference of opinion was over the author's intent. (We looked to the author but found no answers.

Coetzee rarely speaks publicly about his books.)

Following are some of the coed group books that we feel generated rich and vibrant discussions:

Corelli's Mandolin by Louis De-Bernieres

House of Sand and Fog by Andre Dubus III

Native Son by Richard Wright

Lemon Tree by Sandy Tolan

One Half of A Yellow Sun by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

Small Island by Andrea Levy

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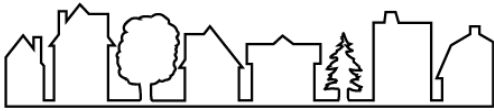


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Volunteers Needed for Schools of Hope

(Editor's note: This is the first of what Community Services Committee Chair Alan Crossley hopes to be a regular feature in the newsletter. The goal of the column is to make TLNA neighbors aware of the abundant opportunities for community service that contribute to improving the quality of life for all.)

The Schools of Hope Literacy Project is a Madison community effort coordinated by the United Way of Dane County, RSVP of Dane County, and the Madison Metropolitan School District. The project is staffed by a team of dedicated AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) volunteers, who provide reading support to the children of Madison most in need of extra attention.

Schools of Hope arose out of a 1995 civic journalism project of the Wisconsin State Journal and WISC-TV that found a significant achievement gap between

minority students and their white peers, and a similar gap between low-income students and their more affluent counterparts. A Leadership Team comprised of experts throughout the community and chaired by the United Way of Dane County reviewed the findings and proposed an action plan. Out of this grew the Schools of Hope Literacy Project, using a federal Corporation for National and Community Service grant. When the federal grant ended in 2004, United Way of Dane County recognized this project as supporting its Community Agenda for Change and provided the necessary funding to continue the project.

The project aims to increase the number of low-income students and students of color who score at or above standard on the Wisconsin Third Grade Reading Test. Schools of Hope is accomplishing this goal by placing AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer coordinators in schools with high levels of need. These coordinators

work with the schools and the community to recruit, train, and place volunteer literacy tutors in one-on-one and one-on-two settings.

They currently coordinate over 650 literacy tutors and classroom helpers who promote literacy in Madison's elementary schools. Other activities include raising awareness of the importance of literacy, providing numerous tutor training workshops for volunteers, offering literacy assistance to preschool and pre-Kindergarten programs, and helping local organizations host free activities for the annual TV Turn Off Week in Madison.

All of this is possible with the support of agency partners, community members, and local businesses. To find out how you can become part of the Schools of Hope team, as a volunteer tutor or as a sponsor, please contact:

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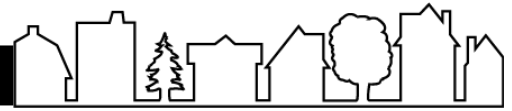
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County Budget Presents Enormous Challenges Ahead

Dane County is now facing a very dire situation regarding our budget forecasts, for 2010 but also even getting through the 2009 fiscal year, most especially in the area of Human Services. The faltering national economy has hit the state budget dramatically and has led to drastic cuts for county government. All key county revenues are dropping significantly including sales tax revenues (\$2 million reduction), investment income (\$2 million), real estate fees, and building and erosion control permits revenues (\$1 million). The factors causing these problems are widespread; depressed home sales and a downward turn in the construction market, a decrease in consumer spending and delays in large-scale private sector development. Hiring delays and freezes are no longer generating customary savings. We are now facing a \$5-6 million shortfall for Dane County.

The County Executive's office has taken steps to address these issues, having frozen all employment, conference training and travel expenses, LTE positions and any projects and operations that departments have not yet begun or that have been put on hold. A \$3 million savings for personnel costs for all county employees and officials is also being discussed. The national stimulus energy efficiency grant received by the

county, amounting to a figure between \$500,000 to \$1.5 million, will now be included in creating additional revenues or to cut operational costs. Reduction or delays of all capital expenditures are being scrutinized.

Despite all these problems, most probably more bad news will come. The county is already experiencing a \$1 million cut from the State, mainly in human services, and this doesn't include the more recent additional \$1.5 billion shortfall discovered in their current budget. Fiscal year 2010 is looking extremely grim with expenditure pressures, including the increased cost of health insurance, and an expected increase in the county's contribution rate to the Wisconsin Retirement System due to losses incurred by the Wisconsin Investment Board. Debt service is also a possible area of concern, depending on actual 2009 county capital expenditures.

All of this follows what has been a positive for the county relating to receiving federal monies as a result of the President's Stimulus Package, with the exception of our Human Services Department. The state budget does not enable the county to claim the higher rate for Medicaid services that we offer many clients, translating into a loss of \$4 million that should have gone directly to

our department. In broad terms, the state budget as a whole presents total losses in county human services of \$415,000 for the remainder of 2009, \$2.4 million in 2010 and \$1.6 million in 2011. There's an overall 1% cut to practically all 2009 human service programs that will make our delivery of quality services difficult to sustain.

One further state budget proposal is the inclusion of Dane County in Family Care in January 2010. Huge questions remain concerning the amount of county GPR, or Community Aids, the state would receive as part of this transaction (slated for a disproportionate \$19.5 million from Dane County alone), the start-up costs of the program, the amount and quality of services available to people currently served and the county's role in running the new program. This is the other high cost aspect of the proposed 2010 state budget.

Both the County Executive, as well as, the County Board have been lobbying our friends at the Capitol and together with a few others I have been visiting their office separately as well. I know they will try their best to improve some aspects of the budget but it proves to be a difficult road ahead of us.

- Supervisor Barbara Vedder

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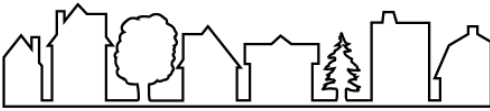
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Art Walk - June 28 from 1-5 pm

Experience the Tenney/Lapham Neighborhood's Eighth Annual Art Walk on Sunday, June 28 from 1-5 p.m. View original artwork on exhibit. Ten artists are participating. Use the map on page 11 to guide yourself to each of the artist's home studios. Look for a fuchsia-colored sign at each artist's house. The artists have described their own artwork in the following paragraphs.

For more information, or more maps, call 256-6282. Maps also at Burnies Rock Shop on June 28.

1. Sharon Redinger
408 Washburn Place
256-6282

WATERCOLOR PAINTINGS

Sharon's watercolor style is described as Hard-edge Watercolor Painting. The close-up world of leaves has captured Sharon's attention. Each wash of color is left to dry before another is placed next to it. Saturated colors and dark shadows are created by multiple layers of color washes.

1. Bill Redinger
408 Washburn Place
256-6282

SERIGRAPH PRINTING

Since 1987, Bill has found it enjoyable to depict scenes from creation – imitating nature. For now, his favorite subject matter is wild flowers—flowers that have become a metaphor of the brevity of life. The prints Bill creates capture the light and fleeting beauty of objects of nature. A serigraph is an original color print made by pressing ink/pigment (*with a squeegee*) through a silkscreen stencil.

2. Jane Scharer
842 Prospect Place
251-0850

PRINTMAKING

I have always loved art; it was my avocation until I retired to make a com-

mitment to becoming an artist. Madison is a great town in which to practice art with its excellent museums, galleries and studio courses.

Today, I primarily consider myself a printmaker. I purchased my own intaglio press and set up a full studio to be able to work in many areas of printmaking; wood and linotype cuts, etchings, collagraphs, monoprints and monotypes. Most recently I have been experimenting with oil painting.

3. Brian McCormick
407 Brearly Street
255-6769

WATERCOLOR PAINTINGS

Recently retired from a bureaucratic state job, Brian has returned to watercolors after many years away from doing any artwork. Active in art in his younger years, he is thrilled to be back at it once again. Combining his art with a love of the woods, hills and prairies of the Driftless Region, he is producing landscape paintings for the first time.

4. Chris Jungbluth
204 N. Few Street
251-7974

FINE CABINETRY

He attended the College of the Redwoods school of fine furniture, studying under James Krenov, in 2001/02. Since then he has been refining his woodworking techniques. Chris enjoys working with wood, designing in response to the material's natural character with an emphasis on handwork. When necessary he enjoys making hand planes and other hand tools. Custom hardware add interest and variety to the work.

5. Pat Rodell
406 Sidney Street
262-695-1936

WATERCOLOR PAINTINGS

Pat has a B.S. in Art from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She spent

20 years raising 2 kids and has returned to painting once again. She has studied watercolor for 7 years and enjoys outdoor and still life painting. Pat has had 3 watercolor paintings in the Wisconsin Regional Artists Association annual show in Madison.

6. Jennifer Blasen
421 North Baldwin Street
286-1776

POTTERY

I specialize in functional handmade pottery that is meant to be used everyday. I first studied pottery in Japan as an exchange student in college and have continued exploring the medium over the years. I have the perfect mug for your morning coffee, a set of soup bowls, or even a cupcake stand to celebrate a special birthday. You can see more of my work at my online store at www.jen-nyblasenpottery.etsy.com. Select pieces of my pottery are also for sale at the Bohemian Bauble on Lakeside Street.

7. Mary Jo Schiavoni
443 N. Baldwin Street
255-6931

JEWELRY AND HANDMADE TEXTILES

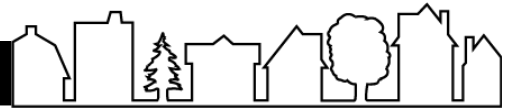
Mary Jo Schiavoni considers herself a "jack of a few trades" when it comes to textiles and jewelry. A weaver and avid "beader" (*sometimes knitter, felter and dyer*), she utilizes beads, yarns and colorful fibers to create hats, scarves, jewelry and other articles of apparel. My creations reflect a combination of many mediums and my love of bold colors and different textures.

8. Marty Petillo
469 N Baldwin Street
257-3187

ART QUILTS

Marty enjoys creating traditional quilts as well as original fiber art. Machine piecing, hand piecing, appliqué, embroidery, machine and hand quilting

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are all techniques she uses in her art. Marty is an active member of Madison Contemporary Fiber Artists.

9. Caroline Hoffman,
462 Marston Avenue
257-0958

PHOTOGRAPHY, MIXED MEDIA

Flowers again have been my focus this year, along with some new collages and exploring the combination of haiku and the natural world. Come by to see prints and many greeting cards.

10. Lorna Aaronson
464 Marston Avenue
255-0296

HAND MADE BOOKS AND BOXES

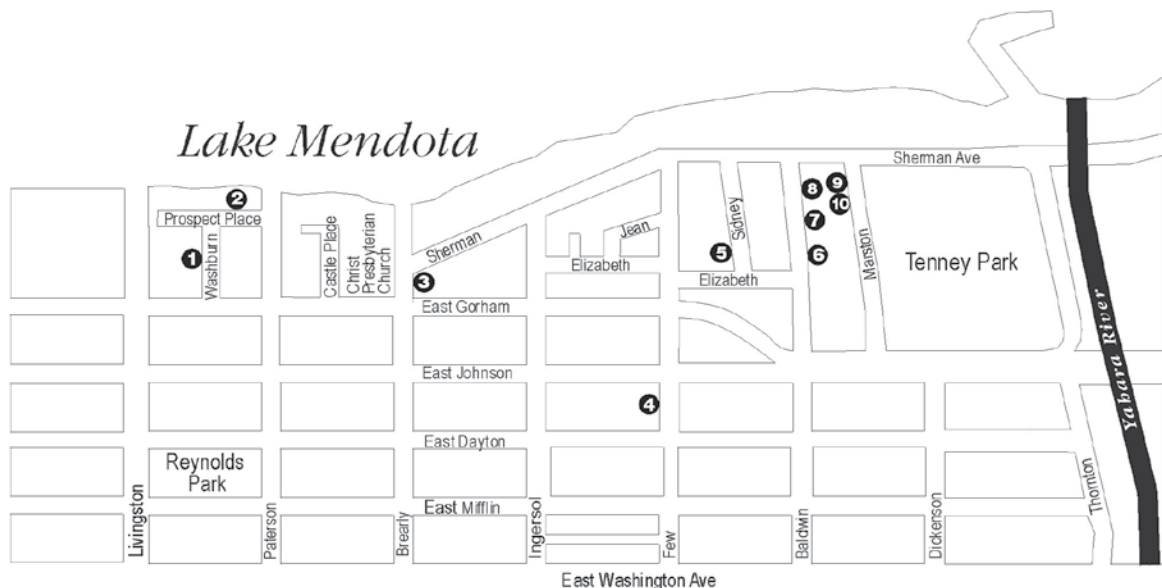
Lorna has been a resident of the neighborhood since 1985, and has been making a variety of journals, sketch-books, and decorative boxes for nearly 15 years. The handmade books and boxes are covered with a wide variety of beautiful papers. Her newest work includes creating and using paste papers, a craft that dates to 17th century Germany. See background and examples on her web page, www.inward-bound.us.

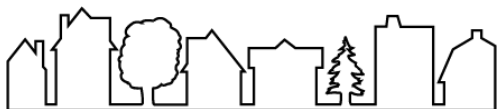


Pottery by Jennifer Blasen



Textile by Mary Jo Schiavoni





Poet's Corner

(Editors Note: Gay Davidson-Zielske is also known in cyberworld as Norma Gay Prewett. Her new blog, not very populated yet, but growing, can be found at <http://shinystuff-wipoet.blogspot.com> Here, she waxes poetical about the eternal confrontation between ecstasy and mortality.)

The Poet Pauses to Write a Poem in the Middle of Yardwork
Gardening, like worry or a doubter's hopes of Heaven,
Never ends. As Frost said, "way leads onto way,"
And just as you think the last garlic mustard has been yanked
You uncover another innocent, white-headed blight.
Today, I'm planting a tree, which, no matter how I orient
It, wants to lean; it has tendencies and doubts itself,
Maybe mulling over whether I can dig the hole with my
Good intentions, but weak spade. And yet, in this rain,
And warnings of worse, the old lilac has put out another
Branch of delight—I shower its blessings on me as I reach
And am of two minds about whether to clip a grape-shaped
Cluster or let it stand to comfort others—an elegiac flower,
Dank, deeply-burdened scent puts me in mind of loss, yet
Hope. Sweet Emily Dickinson understood this paradox—
That smack in the middle of Life comes the blackbird
To the feeder where the finches and chickadees have
Been flirting—scaring off thoughts of Eternity and
Introducing Mr. Death—(not that the blackbird has the
Blame—we humans are a symbolizing lot) and sometimes,
As the earthworm cut just right by the spade can duplicate
Itself—the lovers stroll off together, garlanded by weeds,
To a sweet nest hidden beneath the sterile-seeming arbor vitae.

Newsletter Poet to Teach Two Workshops

Gay Davidson-Zielske will be teaching two workshops in the coming months: 1) Saturday, June 13, from 9:30-12:30 at Whispering Woodlands artists' retreat center near Verona; "Cooking Up the Nature Poem" (we will also cook a meal together). More info at whispering-woodlands.com or (608) 848.9761, or you can contact Jackie Hefty, email: whisper@tds.net, 2) The third annual Driftless Writers' Workshop, Sept. 18-20 in Viroqua and Ferryville, WI. Gay will teach a workshop called "Where We're From: People in Poetry of Place". For more info on this or other exciting events, contact Lisa Criste at lhcriste@gmail.com or Gay at wipoet@aol.com.

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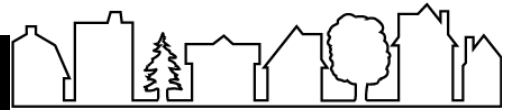
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Earth Day Brings Out the Best from Us

It was a gorgeous Saturday for Earth Day in the parks of Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood. Many thanks for all those who participated in the cleanup, clearing and planting. A very special thanks goes to Ed Jepsen and the Friends of the Yahara Parkway for coordinating events. (I was enjoying a beautiful family wedding day in Princeton, New Jersey, where Forsythia blooms in great abundance. (These flowers provide an early blast of magnificent yellow that I would like to see more of in our neighborhoods.)

Anyway, check out Filene Park and all the work that has been done near by the Ely home. Many plants, shrubs and trees have replaced the snarl of buckthorn and other invasive species that had ruled there. Filene, by the way, is that extension of Tenney Park on the northeast side of the locks. It's where the tall grasses grow.

Also, check out Supreme Water Sports in James Madison Park, owned and operated by Thomas Murphy. He's the guy who put up the umbrella tables last year and continues to work on plans for a Garden Veranda. He reports, "I am still waiting for the city to decide on utilizing the Garden Veranda at James Madison Park. In the meantime, I will still offer public rentals and youth camps. Sports include: kayak, canoe, canoe fishing, sail, windsurf and paddleboat. Supreme Water Sports offers both advanced and beginner instruction for all the sports. See our website www.SupremeWaterSports.com for more information. As we say at SWS, "Work hard, Play harder!"

Finally, Earth Day is everyday. It's going to be a great summer so get out and explore all our parks. Claim them, enjoy them and protect them.

- Jim Sturn, Park's Chair

Congratulations to Kristy Larson

Kristy was the winner in two categories at the 2009 Madison Area Music Awards ceremony:

Country/Bluegrass Performer of the year and Country/Bluegrass Album – Kristy Larson (Honky Tonk Trio).

The 6th annual Awards Ceremony was held at the Barrymore Theatre May 9. Local performers included Natty Nation and Clyde Stubblefield.

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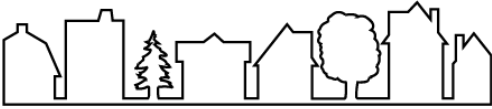


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This summer, the Young Shakespeare Players of Madison will leave their West-Side theater and bring their talents to the Lapham Elementary Theater. The Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood is looking for 6 – 15 children between the ages of 8 and 18 to participate in a one-time workshop put on by YSP free of charge. (The workshop will be a “reading workshop”, which does not require line memorization.) We are still working on a time and date for the event, but are now accepting child-actor inquiries for the performance. YSP has a rich Madison-based tradition of teaching children Shakespeare while instilling in them public speaking confidence. For more information about YSP, please visit: www.ysp.org. To inquire about avail-



able performance slots for your child or to learn more about this summer’s event at Lapham, please contact Adam Walsh at a.walsh@earthlink.net.



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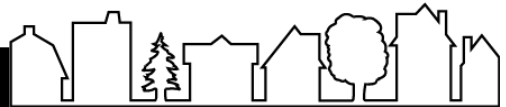
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There are simple ways we can all save energy this summer. Hanging your laundry outside to dry is one way. It saves up to 11 cents per gas dryer load and 32 cents per electric dryer load. If you use your dryer, run it during the cooler parts of the day. For more warm weather energy and cost saving tips, hang out online at mge.com/summer.





Alder's Report (from page 6)
 we'll start to have some answers to the issues facing our neighborhood businesses and get have the ball start rolling to start stabilizing a number of the issues that have developed in the neighborhood and its small businesses.


I'd also like to remind you that there is an extensive fundraising effort for the Tenney Park shelter underway that needs your support this summer. Our neighborhood is home to the oldest and one of the most heavily used parks in the city. Please visit tenneyshelter.org to learn more about the project and information on purchasing a memorial paving stone.

I'm looking forward to what this summer will bring, and I'd love to hear from all of you regarding summertime in our city, from bike lanes to parks to noise complaints from late night revelers, please let me know if you need some assistance addressing a concern.


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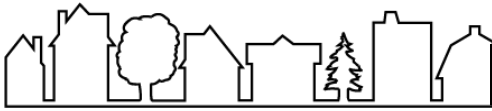
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State, Federal Stimulus Beginning to Make Local Impact

Each month more families across the state and in Madison are feeling the direct impact of the struggling national economy. Up at the Capitol, lawmakers are working through the process of passing a new budget in the context of an unprecedented budget shortfall. While all of us will be sharing some of the pain of these difficult times, we know that some tangible help from federal and state stimulus legislation is beginning to make a local impact.

In February, Congress passed and President Obama signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Preliminary estimates predicted that it could deliver roughly \$3.8 billion and roughly 70,000 jobs to our state. The funding will support healthcare, education, and transportation needs, as well as economic assistance programs.

Also back in February, I worked with other legislative leaders and Governor Jim Doyle to craft and pass a state

stimulus package. Our primary goals were to jumpstart job creation, begin to address the state deficit, and prepare the state for the federal stimulus dollars.

The passage of the federal stimulus unleashed a flurry of activity by federal agencies to set guidelines for various funding streams. Governor Doyle created the Office of Recovery and Reinvestment to coordinate state-level efforts, and the Joint Finance Committee, which I co-chair, has oversight over much of the federal stimulus dollars.

In the coming year, these dollars will benefit our communities on multiple fronts, from funding for schools to the expansion of energy efficiency programs to increased mass transit. Here are just a few early examples of federal stimulus money that is already on the way:

In April, the Joint Finance Committee approved \$38.1 million that will boost job centers and other workforce

development programs. The funding will provide employment and reemployment services to unemployed and disadvantaged individuals.

Madison schools will receive \$11.7 million for programs that support lower income students and special education programs.

Federal stimulus dollars will also help fund education costs in the state budget. This pulled Wisconsin back from the brink of having to make deep, deep cuts which would have meant mass layoffs of K-12 teachers.

In April the average Wisconsin worker saw a boost in take-home pay, thanks to a new tax relief program that lowers the federal tax withholding.

Four Dane County projects are benefiting from the very first allocations of federal transportation dollars, including \$2.9 million for completion of the Starkweather Creek Bike and Pedestrian Trail--connecting MATC to the Capital

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Madison's Community Development Authority, the city's public housing agency, will receive some \$1.4 million for 2009 for low-income housing projects such as those in the Allied Drive area.

This summer area landscapers, pavers, quarry workers, engineers, foremen, laborers, and others will be put to work building a new taxiway at the Dane County airport, thanks to \$4 million in stimulus funds.

The state stimulus package will also help boost the economy. We included \$2.6 million in new worker training initiatives to help those hardest hit by the economic downturn, to invest in the green economy, and prepare Wisconsin workers to take advantage of jobs created by the federal stimulus. Workers will be trained on:

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It may take several months or even up to two years for us to see the full impact of stimulus legislation, but more and more working families will soon begin to feel the concrete effects of stimulus programs. Meanwhile, we will continue to work through the state budget process, and I will work to update you as we make progress on passing a budget in the coming months.

Please feel free to contact my office at 608-266-8570 or rep.pocan@legis.wisconsin.gov to share your thoughts or request more information.

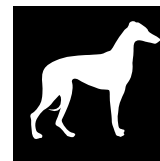
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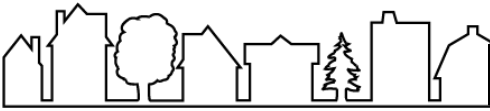
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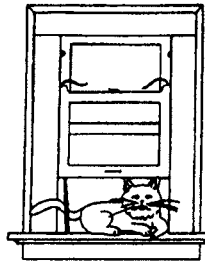
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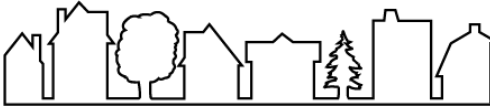


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| 1342 E Dayton | 968 | \$129,900 |
| 123 N. Blount | 530 | \$139,000 |
| 917 E Johnson | 1128 | \$150,00+ |
| 1000 E Johnson | 796 | \$159,900 |
| 511 E Mifflin | 1088 | \$194,900 |
| 1317 E Dayton | 1494 | \$199,900 |
| 1034 E Gorham | 1394 | \$206,700 |
| 123 N. Blount | 824 | \$227,900 |
| 123 N. Blount | 850 | \$233,900 |
| 313 N Livingston | 1550 | \$239,900 |
| 919 E Johnson | 1920 | \$249,000 |
| 422 Sidney | 2056 | \$279,000 |
| 421 Jean | 2467 | \$315,000 |
| 410 N Livingston | 2507 | \$449,000 |
| 822 Prospect Pl | 2800 | \$599,900 |
| 1144 Sherman Ave | 1744 | \$569,000 |
| 1026 Sherman Ave | 3718 | \$799,000 |
| 752 E. Gorham | 5839 | \$799,000 |
| 1028 Sherman Ave | 2144 | \$825,000 |
| 1662 Sherman Ave | 3234 | \$1,229,000 |

Pending


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| 18 Sherman Terrace Unit 1 | 852 | \$54,900 |
| 123 N. Blount | 546 | \$117,900 |
| 1032 E. Gorham | 1468 | \$255,000 |
| 1015 E Johnson | 2044 | \$264,900 |

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| Address | Days on Market | List Price | Sale Price |
|---------------------------|----------------|------------|------------|
| 12 Sherman Terrace Unit 3 | 24 | \$109,500 | \$105,000 |
| 441 N Baldwin | 31 | \$276,500 | \$260,000 |
| 461 N Baldwin | 13 | \$269,900 | \$265,000 |
| 851 E Gorham | 112 | \$300,000 | \$280,000 |
| 406 Sidney | 316 | \$429,900 | \$365,500 |

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hang out in the
neighborhood
(upside down on our yoga
ropes wall)



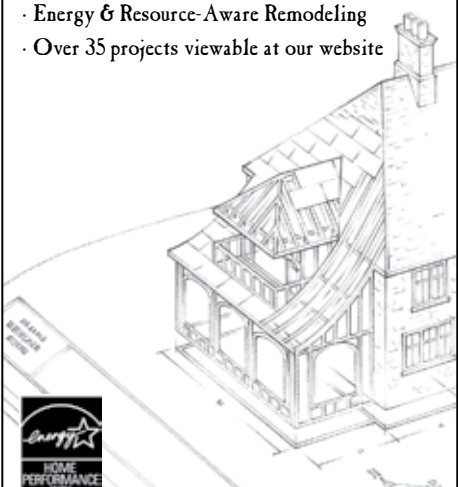


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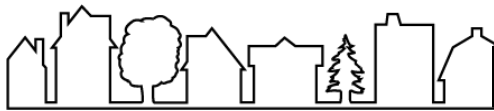
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Woodstock had a festival, Summer has a fest, Willy Street has a fair, the Marquette neighborhood has a Water-front festival, heck, even Orton Park has a festival. So you've probably been asking yourself, why the heck doesn't the Tenney Lapham Neighborhood have a festival?

We'll ask no more because we do have a festival and it all begins at noon on Saturday, July 18 at Reynolds Park (or thereabouts). We have to admit that we are no Bob Queen when it comes to organizing a festival, but hey, it's our first attempt and you have to start somewhere.

We don't exactly have all the details for this first festival worked out yet, but here is what we are thinking:

- If we make any money, all the proceeds are going to the Tenney Park Shelter Fund

- We know we will have at least one amazing band - our very own Cork n' Bottle String Band

- We want it to be a family friendly event so we will be organizing games and events for kids of all ages

- We hope to have food and beverages available

- We want to feature our amazing Johnson Street businesses as part of the festival

- And we want YOU to be there to kick it off!

So stay tuned for more information. We will plan to do a neighborhood literature drop to give you more details as

we figure them out ourselves. We are working hard to pull this off. If you want to help, give one of us a call, our contact information is in the newsletter.

Otherwise, mark your calendar and plan to stop by Reynolds Park any time between noon and 7 p.m. on Saturday, July 18. Be a part of a new tradition in our neighborhood!

- Jim Wright, Ariana Hauck, and Alan Crossley

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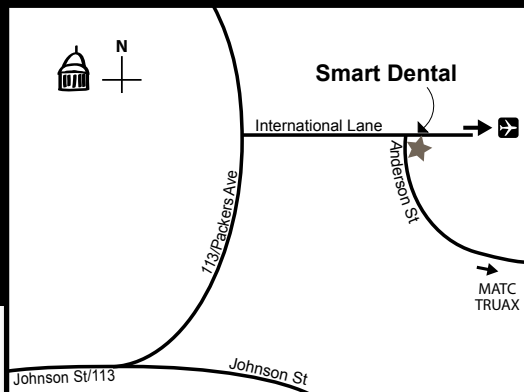
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