

### **NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER**

Summer 2013

# Mark Your Calendar for June 30

On Sunday, June 30 from 1-5 p.m. you will experience the Tenney/Lapham Neighborhood's Twelth Annual Art Walk. Twelve artists who live in our neighborhood will exhibit their original artwork. Use the map on page 10 to guide yourself to each of the artist's home studios. Look for a fuscia-colored sign at each artist's house. The artists have described their own artwork on pages 10 and 11. For more information, call 608-256-6282. Get additional maps at 408 Washburn Place (#1 on map). Parking available in the Christ Presbyterian Church parking lot, 900 block of East Gorham.



Solstice Smoothie by Tiffany Olson



Onion Basket by Bill Redinger

# TLNA Summer Calendar of Events

June 30 - Art Walk
July 13 - Tour des Coops
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Yard Sale
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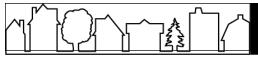
## **Tour des Coops - July 13**

TLNA will be sponsoring a walking tour of seven chicken coops in the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood on Saturday, July 13 from 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Maps for this free, self-guided tour will be available at the first stop: 459 Sidney Street. Held rain or shine. If you have questions, contact Alan Crossley at 255-2706







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# **Assembly Report**

## Overreaching at the Capitol



Our founding fathers devised a system of checks and balances amongst our three branches of government for one simple

reason: to safeguard our individual liberties by diffusing power among three branches, with each branch keeping the power of the other in check.

But these days in the Capitol, the majority in the legislature continues to overreach and abuse their power.

We saw it last session with the redistricting bill, Act 10 and the Voter ID Bill.

Republicans are unfortunately now dialing back some of our most basic rights. As of this writing, Assembly Bill 183 is making its way through the legislature that would usurp our local landlord/tenant ordinances by allowing tenants to be evicted without personally serving eviction actions, allowing landlords to dispose of evicted tenants' property in any manner they see fit, and even eliminating the requirement that landlords disclose conditions they are aware of that could create an unreasonable risk of injury unless the issue has been cited by a building inspector.

Limiting our access to, and the function of the judiciary, is also a top issue. Assembly Bill 19 recently passed the Assembly which limits a Mesothelioma patient's ability to sue if they were exposed to asbestos. Mesothelioma is quite literally a death sentence and in this instance, justice delayed is justice denied. And AB-139 changed the statutory definition of "informed consent," dialing back the information physicians must tell patients to help them make informed decisions about their health. This bill turned 40 years of patient protections on its head in order to limit injured patients' access to the courts.

Furthermore, the functioning of the judiciary is also under attack. Two of the most controversial bills Republicans have passed recently, including the Voter ID and pieces of Act 10, are temporarily unenforceable because of court injunctions. Rather than change their practice of passing laws that are unconstitutional, AB 161 would significantly infringe on the power of the judiciary when injunctions are granted by allowing an injunction to be lifted through filing an appeal. This would allow unconstitutional laws to actually go into effect until they are again enjoined by the Court of Appeals or the state Supreme Court. Numerous memos from the legislature's own attorneys warned of the constitutional problems this bill would cause, but these warnings were ignored by the bill's proponents. Despite the fact that the separation of powers doctrine is incorporated into our state and federal constitutions for the last two centuries, Republicans pushed this bill through in an attempt to dictate judicial practices and limit judicial remedies.

I am committed to not only being a vocal opponent of these bills, but to advancing a pro-active agenda that includes investing in our children, in our UW System, in health care quality and access, green energy jobs and in protecting our most basic rights. We must change the policies, and the practices, of this legislature.

I'm proud to represent you in the State Assembly. Your voice is important to me. In just the first few months of this year, I've held eight office hours, one listening session and responded to nearly 2,000 constituent contacts. If you would like to share your thoughts with me, please feel free to email me at rep. taylor@legis.wi.gov or call my office at 266-5342.

- Rep. Chris Taylor



# The Yellow Dot of Death: A Comment on the Fate of Our Ash Trees

Biking up E. Gorham a couple of weeks ago, I began to notice an odd addition to the terrace landscape. From N. Ingersoll on up the 1000 block, several trees bore a large yellow dot a few feet up from the ground. Now, our trees get treated a number of ways---a tree in front of one address frequently displays a signboard giving philosophical advice. Others have sprouted sporadic swings and seasonal decorations. But these dots looked official and ominous. I thought I knew what they meant and I soon found that I was right—green door-hangers announced that those trees—all ashes had been designated for pre-emptive cutting and stump-grinding and eventual replacement. The Emerald Ash Borer a scourge that has marched down from Canada and already destroyed forests of trees—is on the move to our fair city.

On an adjacent to our property alone, we will lose three. On my side (1011) the trees have been so maimed for so long by the annual MG&E and City cutting to service the snaking overhead cables that cutting them might be called a mercy killing. Each time I protest, which is every year, the tree-maimers seem to hit them harder. Each year the city offers to cut them entirely, and each year I have them over for a chat and ask them if they would like to look at what

will remain—two gigantic canisters (I call them transformers, but don't know their technical name) on the electrical poles framing our home and the house next door, plus bundles of tangled wires. Please know that I love my electricity as much as the next guy, as witnessed by my strings of tiny lights, and I have heard all the arguments about why we can't place the wires underground, so I have eased up on that fight. But when I saw the Dot of Death on the really large ash in front of my first Madison home—1010 E. Gorham—I nearly wept. Unlike its cousins across the street it has grown to stately size and has shaded and protected us for many many years, asking only in return that we protect it (and Roto-Root the basement of the house occasionally.)

Upon inspection, I had to admit that the scarring that was just a little unsightly by now has become a wide white swatch of graying trunk. (The irony is that I was present when this tree became damaged— a reckless backhoe driver skinned it up when E. Gorham was being resurfaced a few years ago.) I had also been present when a summer after that a City Forester came by with a clipboard on which he had three columns—the Good, the Bad, and the Ugly. It was the beginning of the end

for 1010's tree—much as I begged and wheedled, my tree ended up in the worst column—the ugly.

I also freely admit that the City has little recourse to some cutting right now—partly due to poor decisions in the past concerning monoculture plantings—lessons that one might think could have been learned from Dutch Elm disasters. A little research and a few calls have not really soothed my tree-hugging soul, but have at least convinced me that due diligence has probably been practiced—that the real villain, a rather pretty little bug with a voracious appetite for ash wood called the Emerald Ash Borer—has drawn a bead on our neighborhood trees.

Some useful statistics drawn from referrals from Ms. Laura Whitmore, Public Information Officer for the City department:

"There are over 5.2 million ash trees in Wisconsin's communities - on streets and rights-of-way and in parks, private landscapes, natural areas and woodlots. About 20% of all trees in Wisconsin communities are ash. They have an estimated value of over \$1.5 billion and also provide millions of dollars of environmental, social and economic benefits annually. On average, ash also make up about 20% of all street trees, but for some communities, over 50% of their street trees are ash!" (https://datcpservices.wisconsin.gov/ eab/articleassets/2008WIEABRespon sePlan.pdf)

Googling around, I found a blog by horticulturalist Tim Andrews that summarized the facts this way: "When Dutch Elm disease took our Elms away from us, it took nearly 20 years to wipe them off the face of our landscape. This will not be true this time. Some of my Michigan colleagues tell me that we will be wiped out in as little as 18 months.



Sadly there are areas within the city of Madison where ash comprise up to 70% of the urban forest. [the statistics vary since an accurate exact counting of only terrace trees has been made."

The City issues this disclaimer on its website: "The City of Madison is in the process of completing the street tree inventory. At this time the street tree inventory is about 80% complete. We have inventoried 19,923 (24.66%) ash trees, with another 2,000 ash street trees estimated to be added when inventory is complete with a total estimate of all species of Madison street trees of 95,000. However, tree inventories have not been conducted in city parks, greenways or on other municipal properties."

Mr. Andrews continues: "We seemed to have learned very little from our previous experience with Dutch Elm and planted near monocultures of easy to grow ash trees. This scourge will sweep through our county like a wildfire." (I am a poet, not a scientist, so cannot attest to the accuracy of these prognostications, but they seem to jibe well with official government documents)

All sources I could discover agree on a few observations: The Emerald Ash Borer has been found in Janesville—28 miles away. It is likely inevitable that the nasty little beasts, which do their adult flying between May and July, will hit us soon. Branch-sampling was begun in February 2013, prompting City Forester Marla Eddy to make this pronouncement: "We need to be proactive with the spread of EAB. Ash trees

comprise 25% of Madison's street trees. With early detection we will be able to make better decisions as to what strategies Madison should use."

So is there any hope for our sweet, tall trees? Well, it depends on how optimistic one is—and how deep are one's private and public pockets. According to the following city of Madison website (http://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/services/forestry/pests/EAB/documents/2012SeptemberEABPlan.pdf) effective treatments exist:

"Currently there are four insecticides that are found to protect healthy ash trees from EAB. They are Imidacloprid, Emamectin benzoate, Azadirachtin and Dinotefuran.....Tests have shown that we can protect healthy trees from EAB with insecticides, but successful protection of compromised trees is less likely. By the time you see dead branches, thinning of the canopy, and woodpecker activity, the ash tree is severely damaged, and it may be too late to save it with insecticides." (Smitley, D. 2008).

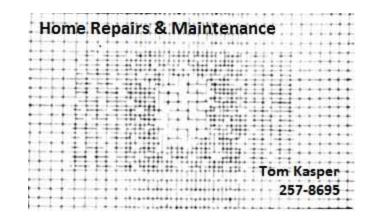
Madison also has an "Adopt a Tree" program if one is really invested in these gentle giants. I myself am troubled about the rising cost of a single Christmas tree, so am not imagining that I can afford to sponsor a cure for even a very small tree as my personal contribution. I have seen the very pretty, but small bushy-like species that the City offers in replacement. Two popular ones are an ornamental pear and a type of lilac.

They are, of course, dwarfed by the rather large Victorian-era homes they front and will never offer the kind of cool comfort that the old large-canopy trees can, but neither will they run afoul of the electrical wires or endanger passing motorists if they fall. There is even a kind of nifty plan in which a "bait tree" is designated to attract the EABs: "When EAB is found in your community, one method being tested to minimize spread is to create groups of girdled trees known as sinks that will attract EAB to that area rather than dispersing farther away. The trees are removed that fall to destroy the EAB. Lethal trap trees work on the same principle, but are also treated with a systemic insecticide which kills the larvae once they hatch and start feeding. Trees identified for possible treatment should be easily accessible and treatable."(https://datcpservices. wisconsin.gov/eab/articleassets/2008W IEABResponsePlan.pdf)

In writing this article, I was at first prepared to take on the cruel bureaucracy that so callously slaughters these stately citizens, but in talking with those who actually have to make the decisions, I came to realize that nobody really wants to kiss our ashes goodbye (pardon the terrible pun—I just could not resist it.) This time, I am a little comforted by the fact that the City, with whom I often have issues, is on the case.

--Norma Gay Prewett, girl reporter







### **Business**

# Meet Your New Neighbor: Iona

Get ready folks! We are about to add another exciting business to the E. Johnson Street business district. Iona, a fashion boutique owned and operated by Pamela Wilson, is slated to open August 1st at 807 E. Johnson Street. Iona will offer modern and edgy pieces from designers that can't be found anywhere else in the city. With a carefully curated selection of clothing, accessories, bags and jewelry, Iona will be a destination for anyone who values quality goods and VIP service.

From a young age, Pamela Wilson had a passion for art, design and fashion, but instead of pursuing this passion, she appeased her parents and pursued a career in business. When business brought Wilson to Madison four years ago, she immediately noticed a gap in the marketplace: edgy designer fashion found locally. Wilson is now coming full circle, rediscovering her artistic roots while also utilizing her business acumen to open a one-of-a-kind boutique. Iona is the culmination of Wilson's lifework and lifelong love of fashion.

A carefully chosen selection of goods will be featured in the boutique. Instead of 'fast fashion', Wilson will offer handmade pieces with special attention to how and where garments are made. Iona will carry top clothing designers such as Helmut Lang, Theyskens' Theory, ALC

and Raquel Allegra. The shop will also carry pieces from jewelry designers K/LLER, Heather Gardner, Gabriella Artigas, and other emerging designers. To match this top-of-the-line selection, Wilson has hired industrial architect, Adrian Pereya to create an urban, modern, minimal-yet-warm environment for shoppers.

Wilson views a wardrobe as something that should be continuously added to over time, melding the old and vintage with the new. Through her collection of quality pieces, she invites shoppers to truly express themselves. Beginning August 1, the boutique will be open 12-6pm Tuesday through Friday, 10am-5pm on Saturday, and will be closed Sunday and Monday. You can follow Iona's progress by following the shop on any of these techno-forms:

Web: ishopiona.com Facebook: facebook.com/ionamadison Twitter: twitter.com/Madison\_iona Pinterest: pinterest.com/ionamadison Instagram: ionamadison

Do not hesitate to stop in and say hello! Wilson plans to be working on the shop all summer and would love friendly faces to pop in. In addition to being a neighborhood business owner, Pamela and her husband Monty are also Tenney-Lapham residents, living just a short walk from their store. When asked why she chose E. Johnson St. for her boutique, Wilson said she just "really believes in the neighborhood." She is extremely proud and excited to live and work here, so don't be shy! Introduce yourself and welcome our new neighbor, Pamela Wilson, at Iona, 807 E. Johnson Street.

- Gwen Johnson



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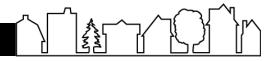
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# Neighborhood Yard Sale - August 17

The Tenney Lapham Neighborhood Association is sponsoring the third annual neighborhood-wide yard sale on Saturday, August 17, from 8am - 3pm.

# What do you have to do to be a part of this event?

Not much - just save up your stuff and set it out in your yard by 8am on the 17th. TLNA will take care of advertising the event on Craigslist, through the listsery, through the newsletter, and any other way we can think of to get the word out. Neighborhood-wide yard sales really bring folks in because they can hit a lot of sales in a small geographic area. Last year there were 33 yard sales going on at once in the neighborhood. So get ready to move some product.

### Why is TLNA doing this?

In the spirit of building community, it is one more thing that we can do together as a neighborhood.

In the spirit of sustainability, we are reducing (you're getting rid of stuff), reusing (someone else can use your stuff), and recycling (you'll probably end up buying at least one thing from your neighbor).

And we're hoping that you'll consider donating 10% of the proceeds from your yard sale to TLNA to help support the work of YOUR neighborhood association.

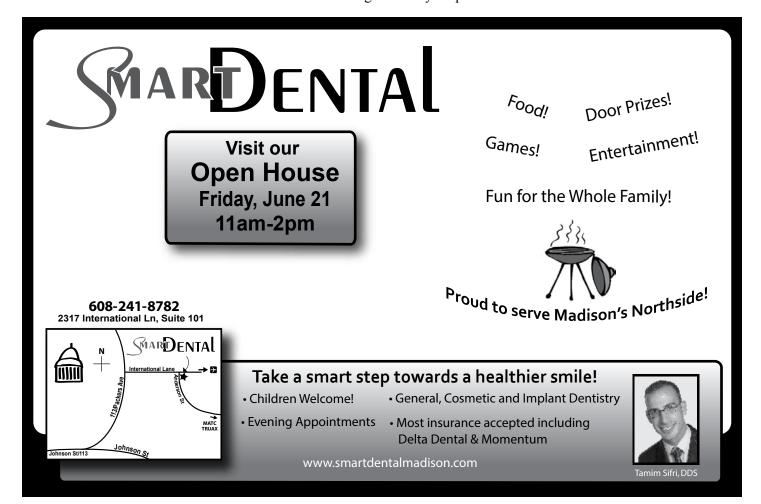
You definitely don't have to give TLNA a dime to participate as you'll still be building community and supporting sustainability by having a yard sale. But if you want to go for the trifecta consider donating some of your profits.

You can send a check made out to TLNA to TLNA, PO Box 703, Madison, WI 53701. Please write "Yard sale" in the memo line.

If you want to participate in the yard sale, please give me a call at (608)255-2706 or send me an e-mail: wildmgr@sbcglobal.net and give me your name and address. I'll pass your contact information to Bob Shaw who will create a sweet spot on our website with addresses (no names and no contact information - just your address) for each yard sale participant as well as a Google Map showing folks where they can go to find your cool treasures.

Start saving that stuff!!

- Alan Crossley





# **Supervisor's Report**

# **Kathleen Nichols Honored by County Board**



On February 21, we honored Kathleen Nichols, former District 2 Supervisor, long-time

chair of the Long Term Support Committee, and community leader. I was honored to sponsor the resolution. Ms. Nichols was in attendance to accept the honor and enlighten us with her funny and thoughtful recollections of her long history working with county government, advocating for persons with disabilities, and reminded us of the importance of citizen participation in the committee process - particularly by those who rely on Dane County human services. I am humbled to succeed her as Co-Chair of the Long Term Support

On Febary 21, with another co-chair there is no way honored we will be able to fill her shoes. Her experience, passion, intelligence, and wit will be deeply missed.

### Sustainability Update

I recently received an update from Lisa MacKinnon, the Dane County Board's Sustainability Coordinator / Audit Analyst, on Dane County's recent sustainability efforts that I think will be of interest to the neighborhood. Ms. MacKinnon was hired to to lead various efforts, including the formation of the cross-departmental Sustainability Work Group, to improve the sustainability of the county's operations, management, and policymaking. She is an intelligent and helpful sustainability expert and we

are fortunate to have her on our team.

Ms. MacKinnon explains: "Dane County government has a goal of becoming more environmentally, socially, and economically sustainable in its operations, management, and policymaking. Over the last several years the county has implemented numerous projects, initiatives, and policies to save energy, reduce waste, and conserve natural resources while meeting the needs of residents."

The County Board took a great step forward in our commitment to sustainability last October when we formally adopted a set of broad sustainability principles to provide a more systematic approach and a framework to make strategic decisions regarding all aspects of county operations. To ensure that Dane County's operations, programs, services, policies, and decision-making processes

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# Save money this summer with tips from MGE

- Set the thermostat at 78°F or higher. Turn the air conditioner off when no one is home.
- Use ceiling fans instead of air-conditioning. Use exhaust fans to remove heat and moisture from cooking and showering.
- Close drapes during the day to keep the sun and heat out.
- Cook outside or use your microwave. Using your oven adds heat to your kitchen.
- Turn off lights and TVs when you are not using them.

Call the Home Energy Line at 252-7117 or visit *mge.com*.



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reflect our commitment to environmental, economic, and social sustainability, we will:

- Reduce and eventually eliminate Dane County government's contribution to fossil fuel dependence and to wasteful use of scarce metals and minerals;
- Reduce and eventually eliminate
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   contribution to dependence per sistent chemicals and wasteful
   use of synthetic substances
- Reduce and eventually eliminate Dane County government's contribution to encroachment upon nature and harm to lifesustaining ecosystems (e.g., land, water, wildlife, forest, soil, ecosystems); and
- Reduce and eventually eliminate Dane County government's contribution to conditions that undermine people's ability to meet their basic human needs.

These principles are intended to be applied across departments, agencies, and in the policymaking body of the Dane County Board of Supervisors to achieve greater sustainability in everything we do. (Dane County Board of Supervisors 2012-2013 Resolution 103). I was a proud supporter of this resolution and spoke out with particular affinity to the last stated principle. I am also committed to making sure these

strong commitments translate into real, practical environmental improvements in Dane County.

To that end, I am pleased to report on these recent initiatives:

- Converting county landfill gas to electricity, generating \$3.75 million in gross revenues for the county;
- Using compressed natural gas (CNG) in fleet vehicles, offsetting the use of approximately 20,000 gallons of fossil-fuel gasoline and saving county taxpayers roughly \$40,000 in the first year of implementation;
- A Sustainability Plan for the Dane County Airport;
- Completing renewable energy and energy conservation upgrades at county facilities, such as: LED runway lights and solar panels at the Dane County Regional Airport; geothermal technologies at Badger Prairie Health Care Center and the Children's Zoo Barn; and manure digesters that generate renewable electricity, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and divert manure from county waters;
- Creation of a \$100,000 Departmental Sustainability Fund in the 2013 capital budget to assist departments with ongoing sustainability projects that improve efficiency and cut costs;

 Ongoing development of a Sustainability Plan for Dane County Government Operations; and-Major land conservation purchase on the Sugar River in Southwest Dane County.

As Lisa aptly states: "Working toward greater sustainability reflects not only the county's commitment to future generations, but also to good governance. Our focus on sustainability rewards efficiency and resourceful and continuous improvement. And our successes in achieving sustainability goals will allow us to deal more resiliently with future risks and uncertainty by being more efficient with limited natural and fiscal resources."

As always, should you have any questions or concerns regarding District 2 or Countywide concerns, please contact me at 333-3676 or <a href="weegleitner.heidi@countyofdane.com">wegleitner.heidi@countyofdane.com</a>. Thank you for continuing to impress me with your care for the neighborhood, concern for your neighbors, and your ongoing commitment to civic engagement.

- Heidi M. Wegleitner Dane County Supervisor- District 2 1941 E. Dayton St. wegleitner.heidi@countyofdane.com 608-333-3676





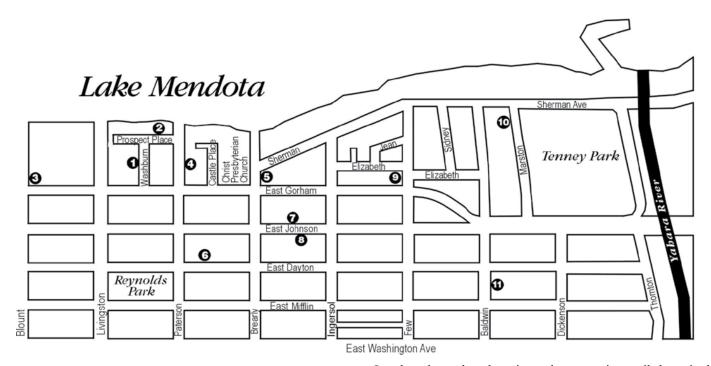
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### Art Walk - June 30



# **1. Sharon Redinger, 408 Washburn Place** 608-256-6282,

### WATERCOLOR PAINTING

The close-up world of leaves and the splendor of landscape has captured Sharon's attention in her painting. Sharon's watercolor style is described as Hard-edge Watercolor Painting. 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. Google *Redinger Creations* to see Sharon and Bill's art facebook page.

### 1. Bill Redinger, 408 Washburn Place

608-256-6282, billredinger@gmail.com

# SERIGRAPH PRINTING & WATERCOLOR PAINTING

Since 1987, Bill has found it enjoyable to depict scenes from creation—imitating nature. A 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 through a silkscreen stencil. Recently Bill has begun a watercolor series called "Kitchen Art".

### 2. Jane Scharer, 842 Prospect Place

608-251-0850

### PRINTMAKING

Jane has always loved art; it was her avocation until she retired to make a commitment to becoming an artist. Madison is a great town in which to practice art with its excellent museums, galleries and studio courses. Today, she primarily considers herself a printmaker creating works using woodcut, etching, callographic and monoprint techniques. Most recently she has been experimenting with kite and scroll forms as well as oil painting.

# 3. David Waugh, 704 East Gorham Street

608-251-7713

### LEAF SCULPTURE & PHOTOGRAPHY

David makes cement sculptures from leaves found in his garden and then paints them in vivid colors. They make excellent garden art sculptures or even bird baths or water features. Examples of his leaves may be found at <a href="http://www.morningwoodfarm.com/leaf/gallery.htm">http://www.morningwoodfarm.com/leaf/gallery.htm</a>. He also photographs flowers in his garden and then applies an oil painting filter in Photoshop that renders a funky Van Gogh style effect.

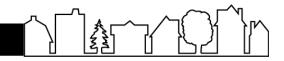
### 4. Chris Julson & Mike Franke, 421 N. Paterson

608-219-0088

### **PHOTOGRAPHY**

Chris and Mike have managed to combine two of their favorite pastimes: travel and photography. Mike has been traveling the world since the early 70's with Chris joining him in the mid-80's. Together they have visited more than 50 countries. Though neither is a professional photographer, both enjoy making

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photos that capture the faces and places they've visited and sharing them with their families and friends.

### 5. Brian McCormick, 407 North Brearly Street

608-255-6769, brianmc52@yahoo.com

### WATERCOLORS & WOODBLOCK PRINTS

Previously a preservation architect, Brian now spends much of his time making art. While he has been working in watercolor for many years, his woodblock prints are a newer endeavor. He often combines the two media, adding watercolor to his prints. He recently bought a small printing press to allow him to produce larger editions. He is inspired by both the natural and built environments that create a special sense of place. Brian has been active showing his work in juried competitions regionally. More of Brian's work can be seen at Gaston School Gallery in Cottage Grove, Outside the Lines Gallery in Dubuque, IA, and at his website: brianmccormick.artspan.com

### 6. Emily Forscher, 918 E. Dayton #5

913-709-1935

# ORIGAMI MOBILES & SCULPTURAL ARRANGEMENTS

Emily has been folding origami for over twenty years. Her mobiles are made from multiple finished origami pieces, carefully mounted on hand-shaped wires. She also combines origami flowers with beads, feathers, and plastic figurines to create colorful bouquets and floral arrangements. Emily is excited to share her work with you and wants to thank you for visiting the Art Walk!

# 7. Tiffany Olson, 1024 East Johnson Street

608-515-8433

### **OIL AND ACRYLIC PAINTING**

Since earning a BFA in Visual Art at the University of Texas, at Austin, Tiffany has been exhibiting her paintings in Madison, Baton Rouge, and Austin. Inspired by the flavors of regional cuisines, as well as the colors and forms of produce and our planet, she continues to find new inspiration in the world around her. Ignoring the traditional division between landscape and still life, her paintings reveal an alternate reality that is extraordinary, yet familiar. Tiffany will be displaying artworks from her Edible Landscapes series as well as other paintings that examine the relationship between humans and our environment. www.TiffanyOlson.com

### 8. Steven Knurr, 1041 E. Johnson

414-708-1541

### **PHOTOGRAPHY**

Steven's photography focuses on finding magic in Madison. He loves dynamic natural light because of the way it adds a touch of mystery to even the most ordinary scene. Juxtaposing bicycles, street art and black labs against the iconic fixtures of Wisconsin's capitol city is core to his artistic formula. It's these ordinary moments bathed in perfect light that is the signature of his work. <a href="http://www.sknurr.com/">http://www.sknurr.com/</a>

# 9. Bettie Kessenich & Molly Regan, 408 N. Few

### **MIXED MEDIA**

Bettie and Molly will be exhibiting mixed media/acrylic painting pieces, jewelry, fabric/embroidered wall hangings and small paintings.

### 10. Lorna Aaronson, 464 Marston Avenue

255-0296

### BOOKMAKING

After nearly 25 years of making journals and decorative boxes, my artistic spirit is being called in other directions, as yet not fully known. To make room for new pursuits, during the Art Walk I will be offering much of what I currently have on my shelves (including some papers and book cloth) at reduced prices. I will continue to make and sell this work through two venues, Absolutely Art and A Room of One's Own, and elsewhere as the spirit moves. See my website for examples of my work. www.inward-bound.us.

### 11. David O. Williams, 111 N Baldwin Street

608-443-9583, davidowilliams7@gmail.com

### WATERCOLOR PAINTING

I have always been interested in art and did a lot of painting in my teens and twenties. Life then intervened. But in 2007, I decided it was time to get back to painting. I started experimenting with watercolors, took a few classes and found that I enjoyed watercolors more than the acrylics I had been using. I have been learning about the magic of watercolors ever since then and am looking forward to retirement and the opportunity to paint full time. I use a variety of styles and techniques and paint a wide range of subject matter. <a href="https://www.williamswatercolors.com">www.williamswatercolors.com</a>

Sometimes the resident at 109 N. Baldwin (next door to David Williams) has his wood sculptures on display in his front yard. He does not want to be a part of the Art Walk, though you are welcome to look at his work from the sidewalk, of course.

# Alder's Report

# Gebhardt/Metcalfe Proposal Chosen for E. Washington



First I want to say how much I appreciate your good wishes and support as I settle in to my District 2 alder duties. Our city government affects things that

are closest to our everyday quality of life and I see opportunities for us. We have one of the best neighborhoods in the city with our proximity to Lake Mendota, with all our great Johnson Street businesses, with the best farmer's market in the country in our backyard and with wonderful engaged neighbors. I look forward to working with residents, city officials and city staff to make our living environment as good as possible. Please contact me

with your ideas and concerns.

Our parks are looking forward to another active summer. Paddle and Portage again will include James Madison Park on the route for the 34th annual event on Saturday, July 20. Hundreds of people from across the country are expected for this event. One of our newest city-wide events is Make Music Madison. This is a free, musical experience which will be held on the Summer solstice, June 21. Both Tenney Park and James Madison Park are designated venues including a performance by Forward Marching Band as they sail the Yahara River in pontoon boats. By the time the solstice rolls around other neighborhood locations may also be "making music".

Another park related activity is bike polo. We will be seeing a return of this sport in Reynolds Park thanks to the persistence of our TLNA bike polo enthusiasts and our partnership in problem solving in collaboration with the Parks Department. This international sport grows every year and is great fun and a good workout for participants. I was happy to be able to help facilitate a solution.

One of the most enthusiastically received pieces of development news for the district was moving closer to getting a full service grocery store in our neighborhood. The 800 Block East Washington Avenue Committee voted unanimously to recommend that the Gebhardt/Metcalfe plan be built on the city-owned 800 block between the soon-to-open Constellation and Breese Stevens Field. The proposal has 48,000 square feet of commercial space, 262 residential units including 22 which



## **Alder's Report**

will be owner occupied, and a 50,000 square foot Metcalfe's grocery store. The Gebhardt team is now negotiating with the city to make the project a reality. Sustainability and affordability were components the Committee endorsed. If all goes well, the next step after successful purchase negotiations will be going through city commission approvals and council approval if a rezoning is required. The developer is eager to start construction and hopes for the grocery store to be open by Thanksgiving 2014.

Also moving forward is a proposal for the development of the Reynolds crane lot on the 700 block of E. Mifflin Street which, if approved as currently designed, would include 190 market rate apartments. The development team provided an informational presentation to the Urban Design Commission (UDC) on May 8 and has received an endorsement by the TLNA council. Other steps in the city review process include a final presentation to the UDC as well as review by the Plan Commission and Common Council. Because the developer is not combining the General Development Plan and the Specific Implementation Plan approvals, he will need to go through those commissions and council two times to get the final go-ahead.

Just outside the TLNA borders, in the James Madison Park District of Capitol Neighborhoods, two development proposals are emerging for the first block off of East Washington on N. Webster Street. One is for a 10-story hotel by the Alexander Company on the site of the Pahl Tire Company. The other is by Rouse Management to build 5 to 6-story apartments. Both would require demolition approval. The Alexander hotel proposal would need approval to demolish the Pahl Tire building and the apartment proposal would require a demolition permit for four houses constructed between 1872 and 1904. The Rouse proposal would need to go to the Landmarks Commission due to being adjacent to the Frank Lloyd Wright Lamp House which is a local landmark. The Rouse proposal would also need a rezoning to allow for the proposed construction. Both proposals would need to go to the Urban Design Commission and the Plan Commission. The Rouse proposal would need Common Council approval because of the rezoning. The Alexander proposal is not requesting rezoning and so would not need to go to the Common Council. Neighborhood meetings were held on the two proposals on May 14 and May 15 and steering committees are in the process of being formed.

Road construction will certainly be on everyone's mind this summer as the city continues to replace the century-old sewers, water mains and storm sewers, as well as the roads themselves. N. Livingston has been under construction

from E. Washington to E. Johnson, but that project should end by mid-June. The reconstruction of N. Brearly and E. Dayton is just getting underway and will continue into October, although the city plans to minimize the impact on Lapham School traffic by finishing the block near the school during summer months. Given that East Johnson will be totally reconstructed in 2014, neighborhood and commuter traffic will be highly impacted for both this construction season and next. The TLNA and the E. Johnson Business Association have been working with city staff to plan for the 2014 construction.

Again, please don't hesitate to contact me at: <u>district2@cityofmadison.</u> com or 417-9521 with questions, ideas and concerns. I look forward to hearing from you.

- Ledell Zellers

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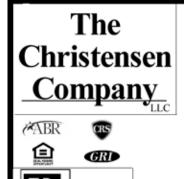
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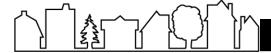
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### We're Booked

## **Our Summer Reading**

### Summer Reading - from Jean

Looking back at what I've read the last few summers confirms that if I did make a list, I sure didn't read from it.

This summer my criteria are the books must fit in a pannier, Duluth pack or backpack, along with the rest of my gear. AND I need enough pages to last the trip. (My life may be easier with an e-reader).

This summer I'm looking forward to reading:

Cooked: A natural history of transformation by Michael Pollan

**Selected Letters of Willa Cather** by Willa Cather

True Refuge: Finding peace and freedom in your own awakened heart by Tara Branch

Jewelweed by David Rhodes What Maisie Knew by Henry James Round House by Louise Erdrich

### **Summer Reading – from Ann**

First--I don't know who started the tradition that summer reading picks must be light, fluffy, and short. During the summer is when I pick my heavy, complex and loooong books.

Second—I belong to many book groups and sometimes I over commit. Summer is my time to catch up. Book Group Obligation (BGO)

Third—I'm a sucker for group reads, such as those offered on college campuses, etc. For example, Madison read *Bel Canto* by Ann Patchett as part of its Read It Share It program. (Group Read)

Fourth—I make little rules for myself. Two years ago I declared that I would read the 5 best fiction titles of the year selected by the New York Review of Books. (Rule)

Fifth—And of course there is always reading for pleasure (RFP). I do that too.

So here's my list:

**Dr. Zhivago** by Boris Pasternak (RFP)

!000+ pages of Thomas Wolfe (BGO)

*The Yellow Birds* by Kevin Powers (Rule)

*A Tale for the Time Being* by Ruth Ozeki (UW Madison group read)

**Bleak House** by Charles Dickens (BGO)

*The Paris Wife* by Paula McLain (RFP)

The Big Truck That Went By: How the world came to save Haiti and left behind a disaster by Jonathan M. Katz (RFP)

**Casual Vacancy** by J.K. Rowling (RFP)

Have a great summer,

- Ann Rulseh and Jean Dunn

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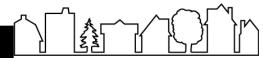
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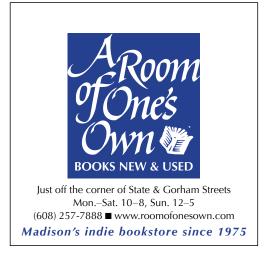
### Wheels for Winners Seeks Used Bikes

I have been volunteering nearly two years, a couple of hours per week, as a bike mechanic for a near east-side nonprofit organization that refurbishes and recycles used bikes as incentives for community service. Wheels for Winners is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that provides bicycles primarily to young people that do at least 15 hours of community volunteer service. They've been quietly doing their good work in Dane County for 21 years and operate as a volunteer organization supported through grants and donations. Check out their website to learn more. http:// www.wheelsforwinners.org/

Wheels for Winners depends entirely on donated bicycles. Volunteers like me overhaul each and every bike, repacking all the bearings, truing wheels, adjusting gears, replacing brakes and brake cables, seats, stems, pedals, reflectors, you name it, before the bikes go out the door as a reward for community service. Therefore the state of your potential donation

Breese Stevens is home to two professional teams this summer: the Madison Radicals, an Ultimate Frisbee team and the Madison 56ers, a professional soccer club. For their schedules see

https://radicalsultimate.com/schedule and http://www.madison56ers.org/



is not important. Smaller frames and wheel sizes are needed more, but all are welcome. Bikes we can't use are broken down for spare parts.

If you have a used bike, or even spare parts lying around, consider making a donation to *Wheels for Winners*. As a volunteer organization, they aren't set

up to drive around picking up donations. But you can drop your bike off at the shop at 229 S. Fair Oaks. Or if you have a bike that you want to donate, you can leave it on my front porch and I'll make sure it gets to the shop for rebuilding and a new home. I live at 459 Sidney Street.

- Alan Crossley



# **Business**

# Full Spectrum Solar attains 100% Certified Energy Star Status for their Headquarters on East Washington

As Tenney Lapham residents, we are very lucky to have such green neighbors. Recently I was asked by Scott Becher of The Becher Group to check out the Full Spectrum Solar building on East Wash as it just received the highest Energy Star rating a structure can get, a perfect score! So on the first day of spring when we still had glaciers amid strong sunny thirty degree days, I was able to check out their digs, formerly the Quality Auto Collision Repair building located at 1240 E Washington.

It was in the fall of 2010 when the O'Neal brothers moved from the business incubator across the Avenue called the Madison Enterprise Center located at 123 S Baldwin into the place they still call their headquarters. This past summer they celebrated being in business for ten years. They started their start up company in the Hypatia Co-op over on E. Gorham in 2002. Needless to say they've been green neighbors for quite sometime and are willing



to help residents and local businesses become even greener.

It took a lot of work to attain the Energy Star rating in the metal pole shed that once housed the auto body shop.

When they purchased the building, icicles hung on the inside and the configuration was not conducive to office space, nor was it anywhere near being energy efficient. With the help of James Glueck, local architect who lives right around the corner on Few St, the O'Neal brothers set about improving the structure. Keeping the sun in mind, they installed windows which would help light up the office space in the clerestory of the north side of the building while installing energy efficient windows fronting the avenue using a solar panel

as energy collector and shade for when the sun is high in the sky in the summer months. The solar panel out front produces enough energy to charge their LED lights and their Chevy Volt which they use exclusively for site visits.

Owners Burke and Mark O'Neal showed me around their office space and explained Jim Glueck really helped them with energy efficiency inside by installing 2x4 wood joists and insulation in between achieving a high "R" rating. The nice bright wood floors were warm to the touch and they explained that was from their radiant heat system. Under the wood is a series of tubes in which warm/hot water circulates, so with warm air rising, the office space stays real warm, especially everyone's feet!

Their boardroom and kitchenette just off the office space also contains the heating guts and equipment which monitors the solar panels on the roof. A quick visit to a computer hooked up wirelessly to the data collectors showed a day by day chart of energy produced by the solar array versus energy consumed. The O'Neals are extremely proud of the fact that MG&E gives them a check at the end of the year for energy overproduced! My favorite feature of the greenest office in Madison was the copper tubing radiator they installed in their bathroom.

Full Spectrum Solar at its peak employed 15 workers and had five crews working out of their five vans housed in the large garage part of the structure. As owners and project managers Burke and Mark O'Neal are committed to help out anyone in the neighborhood interested in conserving energy and mentioned the tax breaks still in effect at both the state and federal levels.

Currently their sales figures are 80% commercial and 20% residential. Most of the residential customers live on the isthmus. For some examples in the Tenney Lapham area check out their old

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### **Business**

digs at the Hypatia Coop, or TLNA's secretary Patty Prime and membership chair Richard Linster's house on Sidney street. An example of a newer development in our neighborhood where Full Spectrum Solar installed solar panels is the City Row apartments on the 600 block of E. Johnson.

The O'Neal brothers are committed to our neighborhood and have contributed in many ways. For several years they've helped sponsor the Marquette Neighborhood Association Festivals such as Fete de Marquette and Orton Park. Over the past few summers I've admired a house on Jenifer that overlooks Orton. It's a stately, well kept bungalow like you'd find on Jenifer, but if you look closely at the roof, it is made entirely out of solar panels. I asked if they did that house too, and sure enough, yep! I told them how much I liked the looks of that, and Mark mentioned Velux, one of the makers of the silicon based solar panels, is in the roof window business as well, so these newer style panels are made to match roof lines. They've also sponsored this newsletter with their ad for several years now.

Burke and Mark are true Madisonians. They grew up on the west side and are no strangers to science, the environment, and construction trades. Their dad was an electrical engineer on the UW campus, so growing up they were exposed to electronics and experimenting with science. Living in the 70's under the Carter administration, conservation was stressed during the energy crisis. Burke went on to graduate in 1994 with a degree in mechanical and electrical engineering, obtaining a UW certificate in Sustainable Energy while Mark went on to work in the plumbing and HVAC fields. Burke spent some time in California after graduating from the UW working for some start ups and coops who were installing solar panels, and the idea was born to come back to Madison and work with his brother as contractors in this up and coming new field.

After ten years of smart business

practices they see prospects of growing further, possibly expanding into the building next door which is currently a city maintenance building for the firetrucks. If the current trend continues, with energy tax breaks and the idea of solar panels becoming even more affordable, that may just be a reality for Full Spectrum Solar. Prices have come down considerably from years past, and the O'Neal brothers deal exclusively with solar panels made in the USA. We talked of the myths out there, that it costs

so much energy to make the panels and that there are the bad actors from China. and Burke's responses to these myths are making me consider a panel or two for my place. Mark mentioned how the new panels are made out of 100% silicon and are solid state, guaranteed to last 25 years and probably longer! He went on to say that contractors are getting greener. You are now seeing at construction sites solar panels recharging lithium ion batteries in power tools and storing power in batteries rather than rely on the big old compressors that require constant maintenance and gas.

I asked if anyone from the three proposals for the 800 E Wash block had approached them for their services, and Burke responded that the Gephardt team was interested in possibly working with

them. As I write, it appears the Gephardt/Metcalfe proposal is the one who will get to develop the old Don Miller site, so there may be a bright future for Full Spectrum Solar to employ crews just a few blocks away.

Please consider your property for a green upgrade and check out the Full Spectrum Solar website @ www.Full-Spectrumsolar.com

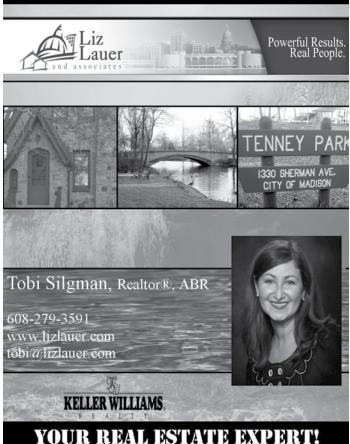
- Jessi Mulhall



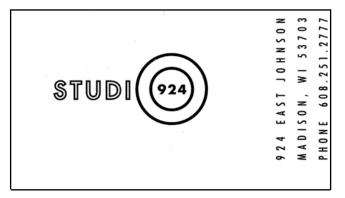
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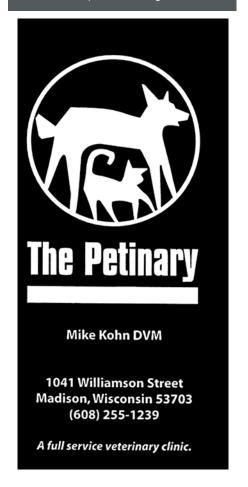
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