

TENNEY - LAPHAM

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Summer 2016

Take a Walk on Sunday, June 26



Tenney Tree by Hannah Sandvold

On Sunday, June 26, 2016 from 1-5pm, you can experience Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood's fifteenth annual Art Walk. Fourteen 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 galleries. Look for a fuchsia-colored sign at each artist's house. The artists have described their own artwork on pages 10-11. For more information, call 608-256-6282. Get additional maps at 408 Washburn Place (#1 on map) or download the map at http://www.tenneylapham.org/. Parking is available in the Christ Presbyterian Church parking lot, 900 block of East Gorham.



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President's Report



Creating Community in the Neighborhood



I read a column today in the New York Times by David Brooks that expresses some optimism for our future in the face of our increasing

cultural isolation. (Tuesday, May 17, 2016). He points out how smart phones, the internet, and our other technologies allow us to become isolated, to retreat into our own world. A generation or two ago, we had more community organizations. His column cites a town in California's central valley where those types of groups had withered away. Luckily, a large local employer is investing in rebuilding the town's social fabric with a new daycare, a library, a

team approach to healthcare, and lots of similar constructs. And it's working!

It reminds me how lucky we are here in Tenney Lapham. There is no one single organization that promotes community (although that's the main mission for TLNA), but a whole network of groups informal and otherwise, who allow us to be a neighborhood.

There's a group that goes to Reynolds Park on Friday evenings in the summer for a picnic supper. Christ Presbyterian invites everyone to come speak English with foreign students also on Friday evenings. People stop by gardeners to admire their work. I know of a group of neighbors who banded together to provide childcare that was needed. Last summer a group went to Tenney Park to admire the lunar eclipse through telescopes. There's the Saturday wine tasting at Cork n' Bottle. I always marvel at how

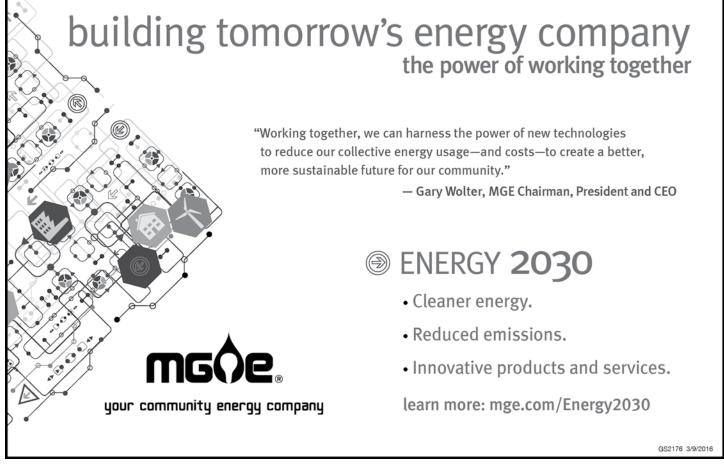
the first snow brings shovelers outside chatting and helping each other get their vehicles moving. While TLNA uses the listserv and Facebook to communicate, there's also a new web site called Next-door.com that operates like a bulletin board. The list goes on and on. Check out the events outlined in our newsletter and enjoy the community you live in!

- Patty Prime

Bike Commuter Station Refreshments

TLNA is sponsoring a refreshment stand at the corner of E. Mifflin/N. Paterson at Reynolds Park on Tuesday, June 7 from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Stop by for some coffee and treats.

Wisconsin Bike Week 2016 is June 4th - 11th



Alder's Report

Summit Credit Union Headquarters Planned for East Washington



As I write this Simon and I are planning for a trip to France; our first time there. I'm really looking forward to it and have benefited from "not-to-bemissed" suggestions

from friends who have spent time there. I expect our trip will result in some of those recommendations ourselves.

District 2 continues to be one of the most active districts in the city. I'll cover some of the things which may be of interest. Feel free to get in touch with me if you have questions about any of these or other things happening in the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood or in the rest of the city.

707 through 711 E. Johnson Street -- Renaissance Property Group Development Proposal

Renaissance Property Group is moving forward with a development proposal which substantially revises their first concept. Their new proposal excludes the apartment building initially considered for the 200 block of N. Blount. They are now proposing to move one house from E. Johnson (#711/713) to a gap between houses on the 200 block of N Blount. They are also proposing to demolish the house at 707/709 E. Johnson. If approved, they will build a 3-story building with commercial presence on the 1st floor and 21 "micro-units". The steering committee will meet at least one more time and will provide input to the TLNA Council. The proposal will require review/approval by the Plan Commission and the Common Council.

The Galaxie (800 Block of East Washington)

The most noteworthy happening here since the last newsletter was the opening of Festival Foods on April 8. It is a

wonderful addition to our neighborhood and from the several times I have been there Festival Foods appears to be a popular destination. The first phase of this project is on track to be completed in July and the second phase (apartments and offices) to be completed in August. The third phase (condos) is planned for completion in spring 2017.

McGrath Project - 1200-1212 E. Wash and 9-13 N. Few This project is slated to open with new neighbors beginning to move in on June1, 2016.

Reynolds Crane Lot (Veritas Village)

A recent conversation with Terrence Wall confirmed intent to break ground by the end of June.

Breese Stevens Field

A complete listing of events at this Tenney-Lapham renovated landmark destination can be found at breesestevensfield.com. The Bodega, featuring local produce, arts & crafts, live music, antiques and more will occur on five Thursday nights this summer from 4:00-8:00 starting May 19. There are many other events scheduled for Breese to which we can easily walk and share in the fun with our neighbors.

1000 E. Washington – West Half of the Block

The proposed Stone House development on the western half of the former Madison Dairy building site has been passed by the Plan Commission and Common Council.

On May 2 we got the welcome news that Stone House received the affordable housing tax credits they had applied for through the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority. Yet to happen is a needed Tax Incremental District boundary change which is

scheduled to go the Joint Review Board (made up of City, County, MATC and School District representatives) on May 18, 2016. This boundary change is needed to allow for Tax Incremental Financing support. I anticipate that approval to go smoothly and that the project will get underway soon.

Summit Credit Union - 1000 E. Washington – East half of the block

Summit CU is looking to build a headquarters building for their growing credit union, and Stone House Development is proposing town homes on the E Mifflin Street façade of the East half of the 1000 block bounded by E. Wash, N Ingersoll, E Mifflin and N Brearly. Preliminary designs for Summit are for a five story building on E. Washington stepping back to 10 stories with a 420 stall enclosed parking structure. As part of their proposal, Summit is requesting a change in Urban Design District 8 (UDD8) which would allow for commercial/office floor to floor heights. Currently UDD8 includes floor to floor heights more commonly found in residential buildings. A TLNA steering committee continues to work with Summit.

Homeless Day Resource Center

After the failed RFP process, the County met with various entities (United Way, City of Madison, and others) to reconsider/change the goals for the Homeless Day Resource Center. The meetings were held/facilitated by United Way and were not open to the public. As a result of these meetings the County issued a "Draft Day Resource Center Concept Paper" in April. TLNA held a steering committee meeting on May 2 which was attended by about 20 neighbors. A number of things were discussed including funding needs and budget expectations, as well as the "Concept Paper". More information and notes from the meeting can be found on the TLNA

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website by clicking the "Development in Tenney-Lapham" heading in the lefthand column.

The Preliminary Homeless Day Resource Center Project Timeline expects the selection of the service provider to occur by early August, 2016 and to have a Conditional Use Permit request submitted by September of 2016. The County is hoping to begin construction (if all approvals are obtained) in January 2017 with the Homeless Day Resource Center opening by the end of 2017.

308 N. Blair Street

Renaissance Property Group is proposing a development for 308 N Blair Street. This is just across the street from the official boundary of the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood. The home at that site would be demolished. and a three-story building plus partially exposed "garden" level would be constructed. The garden level would have two 2-bedroom apartments and floors one through three would each contain two two-bedroom apartments for a total eight units and 14 bedrooms. No parking is planned to be on the site. A neighborhood meeting will be held on June 14 at 5:30 in room D240 of the downtown MATC building. Interested Tenney-Lapham neighbors are encouraged to attend.

Parking

Because of the growing challenges with parking in Tenney-Lapham I asked for a neighborhood committee to be formed to work with me and city staff to explore options which may help address some of the issues. Currently, there is also a City subcommittee of the Transit and Parking Commission, of which I am a member, exploring a number of things related to parking in the city including the Residential Parking Permit Program -- its structure, hours it is in effect and associated enforcement. The subcommittee is also considering such things as rates for parking garages during special events, enforcement times for on-street limited hour parking, meter hours of enforcement, etc. TLNA Council member Mark Bennett is chairing the TLNA parking committee. Contact him if you are interested in being notified of upcoming meetings.

E Johnson Street Reconstruction from N. Baldwin to N First

This project will reconstruct the existing roadway from just east of N. Baldwin Street to immediately east of N. First Street. The project includes pavement reconstruction, curb and gutter, widening along N. First Street, existing sidewalk spot replacements and repairs, new multi-use path/sidewalk, Americans with Disabilities Act compliant curb ramps, on-street bicycle lanes, storm sewer lateral replacement, new street lighting, replacement of sanitary sewer and water main, new pavement marking, and new signs.

The first Public Involvement Meeting took place on April 28, 2016. There was some very good input/ideas. City staff and the contractor are open to and willing to incorporate ideas which will improve the outcomes. As they told us, the project at the time of the April presentation, was about 30% designed to allow for inclusion of concepts brought up by the public. There will be additional opportunities for input. Please contact TLNA president Patty Prime to receive notification for any special neighborhood meetings scheduled on the topic. I will publicize future meetings with City staff and the contractor which are scheduled to discuss changed plans (as a result of input received) and for providing additional input.

Out of District 2 - Of Interest

Madison Public Market District

The Madison Local Food Committee, the lead committee for implementation of a Public Market, is supporting proceeding with the work plan to move this initiative forward. They are now beginning to explore a different option for locating the market which includes partnering with the owners of the Washington Plaza Shopping Center to build a new Public Market Building on that property. The potential for repurposing the City's Fleet Services Garage for the Public Market will also continue to be considered. Either way, the Public Market will be a publically-owned building and operated according to the City's approved Business Plan for the project.

Your Voice

I continue to hear from a number of you. I appreciate that. I value your ideas and opinions. Phone, email or in-person all work.

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What I Gained by Getting Rid of the Car

I live car free in Tenney-Lapham.

Before I accidentally paint myself as any sort of savior of the environment or protestor against the evil corporate big oil machine, I should say that going car free was a somewhat selfish decision—it's really expensive to own a car.

But in the past few years, I've discovered so many unexpected benefits beyond just saving money. And I think it's possibly now more feasible than ever to live car free in Tenney-Lapham. (I should say too I realize that going car free is not reasonable for everyone, but hear me out anyways.)

Let's start at the top: When you consider car payments, parking, gas, maintenance and more, the typical median cost estimate for annual car ownership in the US is somewhere around \$9,000-10,000. So an immediate benefit of car-free living is some extra money in your pocket.

And that's a figure I go back to a lot. Because it's true, sometimes it is inconvenient to not own a car in a country that's been designed around cars for the last 70 years. Sometimes it costs more to catch a bus to Chicago. Sometimes it takes longer to get across town. But whenever I consider these costs against what I save, I always come out way ahead. (And I never worry about parking.)

But it's not all about money.

Living car free also means a more

active and healthy lifestyle. And it's healthy for my relationships too: I run into friends and neighbors by chance all the time just by walking everywhere. I've also discovered bits of our neighborhood and city I would only have ever found on foot. And research shows commuting by foot, bike or public transit is significantly less stressful than by car.

So getting out of the car puts me back in touch with people, places and even inner peace.

We're fortunate to live in one of Madison's most transit-rich neighborhoods. We might not have a perfect mass transit system, but it works well if you live in our neighborhood. And recent technology like real-time bus tracking phone apps make relying on the bus actually pretty easy.

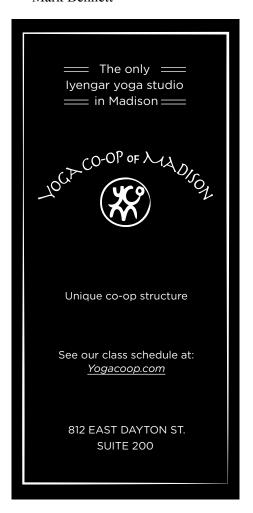
Tenney-Lapham also, of course, benefits from a world-class bicycle network as well as plenty of safe, walkable streets (my preferred mode of transportation). And we have three Zipcars as well as a car rental lot right in the neighborhood.

Further, the arrival of Festival Foods this spring has pushed car-free feasibility in Tenney-Lapham to a whole new level. Groceries used to be my biggest headache. Now, it's all just a short walk away.

I know the car-free lifestyle isn't reasonable for everyone. Families and jobs make it really difficult for many of us. But maybe some of us are ready to give it a try.

Because, in the end, owning a car is expensive on levels beyond just money. And we're fortunate to live in a great neighborhood where living without a car is entirely possible!

-Mark Bennett





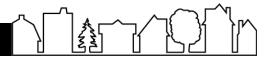
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Downsizing the Family Fleet and Not Missing a Beat

A little over three years ago, my spouse, Alan, and I, boldly decided to sell our two old, high mileage cars: a 12 year-old, sage Toyota Camry sedan and a 15 year-old, maroon Toyota Corolla sedan. We replaced them with a new, silver Toyota Corolla sedan. A big decision at the time. Could we manage our comings and goings with just one car? To ease the perceived hardship and adjustment, we immediately purchased a membership in Madison's former car share program, Community Car. And our one-car family journey began.

We happily discovered that owning just one car was a breeze. In fact, our car often just sits in the driveway for days without going anywhere. What has made it so easy? A number of contributing factors:

- Our three adult children were

launched and no longer living at home

- We both worked downtown and regularly rode our bicycles, bused or walked to work rain, snow or shine
- We later, more or less retired, so had more flexibility with our schedules and routines.
- We've especially enjoyed the fun, challenge, and social neighborliness of getting to and from places without using our car, for example, stringing together a series of meetings, engagements and/ or errands around town via bus (and being friendly while at bus stops or riding and discovering new parts of the city never seen before), figuring out what outfits can be accommodated on our bicycles (like even a vintage tuxedo and cocktail dress for a classy event and evening downtown), and getting creative about transporting necessary

gear (using baskets, string bags, bungee cords, shoulder straps, and the like).

- We like being outside.
- Living in the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood!

And we found that we never even used our Community Car membership.

So, our one family car experiment continues. Perhaps the next step in downsizing our family fleet will be owning no cars! We'll see. Stay tuned. In the meantime, see you on the bus, sidewalk, bike path, or in the bike lane.

- Karen Crossley

TLNA's annual chicken coop/ garden tour will be held in the fall this year. The neighborhood listserv will announce the date later on in the summer.





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Parks - Then and Now

Reynolds Park Garden Turns 25!

2016 marks the 25th anniversary of the Reynolds Park flower/shrub garden (a.k.a. Peoples Communal Flower Garden) located at the corner of East Dayton/N. Paterson.

This all-volunteer garden was proposed in the winter of 1991 by some neighbors who lived on E. Dayton street. They approached TLNA's Park's Chair, Alan Crossley, and the 2nd district alder, David Wallner, who enthusiastically approved the plan and helped facilitate city approval. The neighbors raised money from the neighborhood association, Reynolds Transfer and Storage, and neighbors for the infrastructure and the plants were provided with money from the Marguerite Pohle Trust Fund. Ms. Pohle, who was a graduate of UW-Madison, left money in her estate for flowers to be planted in Madison's parks.

Bob Shaw has maintained the garden for the twenty-five years. He said that the original plants were mainly perennials but over the years he has switched to shrubs, ornamental grasses, and drought tolerant perennials because there is no water source at the garden.

Keep your eyes out in 2041 to see how the garden evolves in its next 25 years.



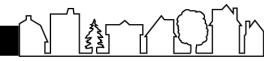
Spring, 1991 - (l-r) Dee Rennick, Bob Shaw, Jon Cummings, Richard Freihoefer



Spring, 2016 - (l-r) Bob Shaw, Kiki Rabiebna, Boone Freihoefer, Richard Freihoefer







Neighborhood Yard Sale is August 20

The Tenney Lapham Neighborhood Association is sponsoring the sixth annual neighborhood-wide yard sale on Saturday, August 20, from 8am - 3pm.

What do you have to do to be a part of this event? 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. Give me your name, address and a list of some of the things you will be selling, e.g. children's clothes, toys, books, tools, etc. I'll pass your contact information to Bob Shaw who will create a sweet spot on TLNA's 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.

Then have your stuff out in your yard

by 8am on the 20th. TLNA will take care of advertising the event on Craigslist, through the listserv, 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 30-40 yard sales going on at once in the neighborhood.

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.

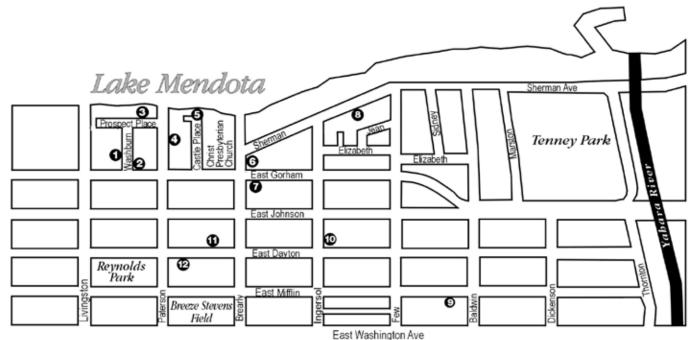
Start saving that stuff and get ready to move some product!!

- Alan Crossley



Art Walk - June 26





1. Sharon Redinger 408 Washburn Place 608-256-6282 sharonredinger@gmail.com 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. Multiple layers of color washes create saturated colors and dark shadows. 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. Bill is also working on a watercolor series, along with Sharon, called "Fruitful Art".

2. Alex Connelly 401 Washburn Place 608-234-7008, www.alexconnelly.com alexconnellyart@gmail.com PHOTOGRAPHY,PAINTING,MIXED MEDIA

Alex is a multi-disciplinary artist from Madison, WI. He completed his BFA at The University of Vermont with a focus in photography, painting and mixed-media. He has exhibited in both solo and group shows throughout Madison. Connelly's work is defined by a strong sense of harmony within abstract forms. The colors he uses are vibrant and nourishing with imagery that is a meditation on composition. His whimsical illustrations speak to the broad range of his artistic exploration. Throughout all his disciplines, there is a common search for the creative truth.

3. 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 ink on oriental papers.

4. Chris Julson & Mike Franke 421 N. Paterson, #2 608-219-0088 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 and have visited over 60 countries. Photos from 37 countries on all 7 continents are on display from A (Antarctica & Australia) to Z (Zambia & Zimbabwe). Though neither is a professional photographer, both enjoy making photos that capture the faces and places they've visited and sharing them with their families and friends.

5. Stefan Schmidt 920 Castle Place MIXED MEDIA

Stefan earned his Masters of Fine Arts degree from the UW-Madison in 1986 where he studied printmaking with an emphasis on Serigraphy (silk screen). Stefan converted an old warehouse space in the Schlitz Park area north of downtown Milwaukee into his studio where he worked

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and lived a number of years before returning to Madison. In this space, he produced screen prints, but more importantly began his work on larger scale construction (mixed media) 'paintings' that were exhibited in local shows, the Milwaukee Art Museum, and the Rohr West Biennial show. Stefan is always experimenting with technique and imagery. Paper and tape constructions, beginning with the abstract, meander toward a figure or narrative displaying a complexity of surface within which simple figures emerge. "I am often challenging myself with unusual color combinations, the relevance of found objects, color and texture of everyday materials (like tape) in the ordering of simple compositions."

6. 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 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 U-Frame-It on Johnson Street: Gaston School Gallery in Cottage Grove; Outside the Lines Gallery in both Dubuque, IA, and Galena, IL; Water Street Gallery in Douglas, MI; and at his website: brianmccormick. artspan.com

7. Norma Gay Prewett 1011 East Gorham 608-692-5003 PAINTING

Norma Gay has a comprehensive minor in Art from Northern Illinois University, but put her art aspirations on hold for 30 years while she wrote and taught English. Upon retirement she rediscovered her passion for painting. Her work has been shown in Yellow Rose Gallery in Madison and in Old Town Triangle Gallery in Chicago.

8. Jay Solwold 1127 Sherman Avenue 608-255-8577 ASSEMBLAGE ART

After retiring from a 30+ year art teaching career, Jay has been creating assemblages out of various objects he has been collecting over the years. His work includes natural objects like sticks, feathers, rocks and driftwood along with man-made material such as salvaged wood from numerous remodeling projects, jars, old photos and other interesting things. His assemblage sculptures are freestanding and wall hung. You can see some of his work at The Hatch Art House, 1248 Williamson Street.

9. Rebecca Cuningham 1229 E Mifflin Street 608-445-4514 PHOTOGRAPHY

Rebecca has been taking photos near and far for over twenty years. Her themes include travel, architecture and nature. Beauty is everywhere and some days the camera catches its radiance. Step on up to the porch to see her photographs and photo art cards.

10. Hannah Sandvold 207 N Ingersoll Street 608-609-7296, hcsandvold.com PRINTMAKING

Using a wide variety of media to conduct her artistic expression, Hannah's preferred fine arts approach is woodblock printmaking. The carving process is meditative, and the resulting images both stand alone or blend together in larger collages that reflect on how we remember places we've been. The images represented feature both local icons, as well as the mountainous landscapes of the west. Hannah also freelances as an illustrator and graphic designer.

11. Shelby Ellison 936 East Dayton Street 715-570-0217 VEGETABLE JEWELRY

Shelby became passionate about designing and creating jewelry at a very early age. She was also very intrigued by biology and nature and in 2012 received her PhD in plant genetics from the University of California, Davis. Soon after, she returned

to Madison and began working as a postdoctoral researcher at the University, in a carrot research lab. Realizing the beauty in the various pigmented carrots she worked with, Shelby wanted to find a way to artistically display her study organism; enter carrot earrings. Shelby has been making carrot, and other root crop, earrings for several years and has had

trouble keeping up with demand. She will

be displaying her earrings and several other

pieces tying together nature and art.

12. Ken Vogel 917 East Dayton Street 608-256-8131 PUPPET MAKER

Puppet mogul, Ken Vogel, has been making marionettes and hand puppets of the famous and infamous for 45 years. You've seen his work at the Wisconsin Historical Society Museum gift shop, at Ellas' Deli and at craft fairs.



Parks

What's Happening at Tenney Park?

Tenney Park is a venerable old park. It is both well-loved and well used.

Lately, the park has been receiving quite a bit of attention. A new shelter, better access and, most recently, a significant amount of landscape work.

Heard of the emerald ash borer? One of the main reasons for the land-scaping work is the reduction in the number of ash trees that would have likely succumbed to this pest. Over three hundred trees, many of them large to medium sized ash, were cut and removed.

The soft soils on the banks have been slumping into the lagoon for decades. Last year the banks were reshaped and replanted to stabilize the soils while still providing access for fishing, skating and enjoying the views.

Finally, the city and volunteers have been working for at least 15 years to renovate the historic tree and shrub beds in the park. Many of the original planting beds still exist and much progress has been made in reducing the exotic invasive species in the park. The recent work is building off these efforts. Many of the shrub beds will be cut back to rejuvenate the plantings and many new and more diverse plantings of native species and cultivars will be planted this summer.

Consider the following:

July 1, 2016 - The planting work will be completed, but the contractors will follow-up with watering and care for the next two years as part of the contract. The landscaping activities in Tenney will cost about \$400,000. 150+ new trees and 800 shrubs will be planted. 80,000 plugs of native wild flowers and grasses will be added. Adding wetland plants will also be part of this effort to help stabilize the banks. Some areas will also be seeded with wildflowers and grasses.

There will still be challenges. Invasive species, droughts, muskrats and beaver will be with us for years to come.

The changes over the last year have been dramatic. With patience and appropriate maintenance the landscape will be attractive, sustainable and enjoyed by the many users, the neighborhood and the wildlife we enjoy watching.

- Ed Jepsen



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Coming Home

When I taught night classes in Whitewater, sometimes driving alone through sideways snow and arriving at the Beltline exit with knuckles permanently whitened from gripping, my body relaxed when *It* appeared-the floating birthday cake with candles blazing whose proper name is the Monona Terrace Convention Center.

With its sudden view of the stately Capitol, the view still thrills, though I come now as a resident with the new eyes of a visitor after a brief sojourn in Chicago. Any time of year is great, but early spring, if one can take a chance on calling it that this weird year, seems most exciting. There is a thrum of life returning, a waft of barbecue fires where bundled figures huddle nursing beers because gosh darn it, the Mifflin Street Party has come and gone, the Farmer's

Market is open, and we are declaring it party time. There are the majestic and always-changing lakes, the same low-slung saddle of a limb on the willow in Giddings Park. When Ken and I moved here 30 years ago, there hung a long rope swing that people used to hurl themselves out over the cool waters and then let go. Another such swing hung from the gigantic oak once gracing the corner of N. Brearly and E. Gorham. Both tree and swing are apparitions now, victims of liability laws

In my return, I stopped first at the new Festival Foods. Though I had been following its progress and had seen pictures of the way the company endeared itself to our tree-loving TL neighborhood by actually repurposing our unfortunate ash trees from shady Tenney Park giants to polished support beams, both horizontal and vertical, nobody prepared me for the warmest of welcomes there. The staff seemed proud and were eager to help me find their vast, so-gratifying-to-the-celiac gluten-intolerant, huge selection of GF goods. I paused to snap shots of a massive red grouper who looked like he might wink at me - he seemed so fresh.

Though my Chicago neighborhood, in the heart of Lakeview, had been fairly safe and the stores well-stocked with jaw-dropping excess (and heart-palpitating prices), there is just a sweetness about Madison people. After a few years, everyone looks a bit familiar, but whether or not I know them by name, Madison people tend to nod or speak and compliment my purple-streaked hair. My purpose in coming home at this time had been my special birthday celebration





which our son Alex, home on emergency leave from the Peace Corps was going to join me, my husband Ken, and old pals for the next to last evening before the closing of Bunky's Cafe to public functions. (The owner, Teresa Pullara and her husband Rashid will be catering and holding private parties). This was icing on the cake, to belabor my metaphor. Like "Cheers," it had long been my favorite restaurant since Teresa has the knack of making each customer feel as if he or she is the most fascinating creature this side of Hollywood. She and I had become like slightly ditzy sisters. To commemorate, Teresa had asked me to do a painting of the building and I felt so inspired I knocked it out that day. She loved it. (You can actually see it since she nicely allowed me to keep it for display on the annual TLNA Artwalk, Sunday, June 26)

In the next few days, I was able to help with the Earth Day cleanup with my old friend Bob Shaw where I met the new wave of good citizens who are moving in, raising their kids, and throwing their young selves into improving our sweet place on Earth. Yes, there

was a tiny grumpy incident over parking, and yes, the big high rises on East Wash did literally cast a shadow over me. (Everyone knows that while I was a voting member of TLNA I could be counted on to vigorously oppose these tall buildings. But I also grant - no new customers, no Festival foods - so with one foot dragging, I am now beginning to accept this change.). And, yes, we are still under the heavy hand of a government that not only retired me prematurely to protect money I had been promised, but also actively disrespects most of what I like about our state. Also, at one time of the year, I used to have an actual sliver of a view of the Dome from my bedroom window. That is way gone.

Just hearing people call out my name, tending my little Library, and soaking in the peaceful relaxation of this easy-going habitat lit the candles on my cake. A visit to my ever-loyal hairdresser Janice at Studio 924 yielded another great cut and some giggling comraderie. I returned to Manna Cafe also, where I had spent countless hours grading stacks of student essays. And I returned to easy bike rides and talks with my book club ladies--friends for at least twenty years. (Biking the excellent but competitive Lake Shore Path in Chicago had sometimes been as hair-raising as driving the adjacent Lake Shore Drive--no leisurely pedaling allowed). Here, sometimes, I just sit and

listen to my house settle. Stress drains from my body like a stream flows over underlying stones.

Mostly, people glance away before they are forced to meet you in Chicago. My theory is that they are afraid they are going to be hit up for change. I remained friendly as a silly puppy; they remained wary. Even though Robert Frost famously said "home is the place where, when you have to go there, they have to take you in," I felt welcomed without compulsion. Just as one cannot fake the patina of old wood, the deep stains from just years of everyday use, so no one can duplicate one's authentic home. I didn't even have to click my Ruby Slippers to get home. Thanks, neighbors.

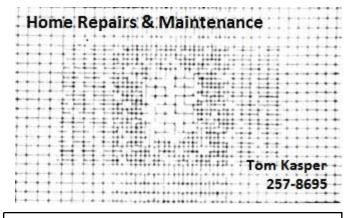
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Mayor's Report

Ride the Drive To Take Place on July 31



Back for its 8th year, Ride the Drive presented by Trek is turning the downtown streets of Madison into a biker and walkers haven on Sunday, July 31.

This community

event opens our downtown streets to cyclists, rollerblades, and residents to enjoy a car-free few hours. There will be plenty of activities as four Activity Villages will be located along the route.

They include the Madison Parks Village on the Capitol Square, Family Drive Village at Brittingham Park, Parade Drive Village at Olin Park and Bike Avenue Village on John Nolan Drive. Some of the activities include family friendly games and sports, bike decoration, helmet decoration, face painting, food sales and a bouncy house. There will also be plenty of information available, on city parks, on Trek our sponsor,

B-Cycle as well as the Madison Water Utility Water Wagon. Since the drive is in downtown Madison, feel free to stop and enjoy a snack or beverage at a local restaurant or shop at one of our many stores downtown as well.

There will of course be road closures throughout the downtown beginning at 8:30 that morning. For a complete list, please utilize the event website. The roads will reopen at 3:00 p.m. Numerous intersections will still be open to traffic during the event so please use the website to learn more about those as well. I understand this day can be frustrating for downtown motorists but by planning ahead, we can all enjoy the day.

Ride the Drive could not happen without Trek's sponsorship and the support of many other businesses, like Saris, B-Cycle, and Mid-West Family Broadcasting. Hundreds of volunteers work long hours to make this a fun and safe event and staff at Madison Parks plan and work yearlong to assure another

successful event. Thanks to everyone who makes this happen.

Stay well!

- Paul R. Soglin





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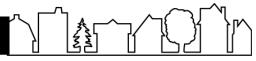
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Planning Underway for Union Corners Cohousing

In 2014 I attended my first meeting about cohousing. After two years of meetings and potlucks and tours of cohousing communities, it is finally time to make real movement toward building a community at Union Corners (E. Washington Ave and Milwaukee St). Currently there are about 25 households, ranging in size from one to six members, actively meeting and/or contributing money in order to make this dream come true.

Why cohousing?

Building a community requires a leap of faith. Cohousing is an intentionally inclusive cooperative lifestyle that balances privacy and connection. In addition to large shared group spaces, like a commercial kitchen, group dining room, lounges, workrooms, guest rooms, recreational spaces, garden and whatever else we choose to share together, each condo-style apartment or townhouse has its own private kitchen and all the other amenities of a privately owned home.

We shared a vision of community that kept us going, frankly, in the face of nothing. Without land, or drawings or the basic notion of where to begin, it was time to get professional help.

This spring we raised over \$40,000 from among ourselves. Using that seed money we hired a lawyer, incorporated as Union Corners Cohousing LLC, and hired additional staff. That seed money will be included in the cost of develop-

ing the property and become equity for the lenders.

Greg Rosenberg, lead housing consultant for the Jones Payne Group, is our advisor on building our cohousing development. He has a rich background in housing developments. He helped create the Troy Gardens Cohousing community and he knows how to run the gauntlet of city approval. Working with Greg and our architect we are starting to get the answers we need to recruit more families.

So many questions, so few answers (so far)

We need to secure the right to develop the land from Gorman & Company, the developer who is actively building on most of the Union Corners property owned by the city. We also need to negotiate the number of units with the city. Based on our preferences and other values like sustainability and aging in place, we will get to design the building to fit our own vision. Another important question is "How many units are left?" The answer: all of them are left!

Because this will be new construction, it will not be inexpensive. How-

ever because the shared space will provide the community we seek, the private space need not be as large as in a regular home. For example, I will not need to use my private kitchen to can 20 pounds of tomatoes at a time - I will have a commercial kitchen, and company while I work. Kids can come home to welcoming community members before a parent gets home at the end of the day. Visitors can stay in guest suites instead of extra bedrooms. I might eat out less when I share a meal or two during the week.

Come join us

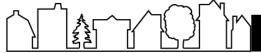
Union Corners Cohousing members will be at upcoming neighborhood festivals and markets. You will find our table at the Marquette Waterfront Festival on Sunday, June 12 and the Mad City Bazaar on Saturday, June 18. On second Saturdays of each month, we conduct a community-building exercise and informal potlucks from 10 am to 2pm. We would love to see you at any of these!

Please like us on Facebook at www. facebook.com/UnionCornersCohousingMadison (where our public events are announced). Email us at union-cornerscohousing@gmail.com with questions and check out our website at www.unioncornerscohousing.org (under construction).

- Carol Weidel







Parks

Catch a Movie at Breese Stevens this Summer

If you're looking for some fun summer activities, look no further! Conveniently located in your own backyard, historic Breese Stevens Field will be the home to many new events this year.

Get all of your shopping done and support local merchants at The Bodega, a free monthly, outdoor Thursday night market featuring locally sourced goods, produce, live music, an inflatable zip line for kids, a mural project celebrating the history of Breese, and beer and wine for sale. This event will take place on the Thursday nights this summer: June 23, July 21, August 11, and September 29 from 4-8 pm.

Lights, camera, fish - spend a Friday night at Catch & Reel this summer! Each night will feature a blockbuster film and a classic Wisconsin fish fry. The line-up includes: The Incredibles – June 10st Star Wars: The Force Awakens – July 15; and Coen Brothers classic, The Big Lebowski on August 12. Gates will open at 7:00 PM with each movie starting at

8:45 PM. Admission is free.

As the premier outdoor music venue in Madison, Breese Stevens Field will also host three national touring concerts:

Steve Miller Band - July 1 Wilco - August 19 CAKE - September 9

On August 26-27 Breese will host the Mad Gael Music Festival, a celebration of Irish and Scottish culture with hours of non-stop music and dancing over two days. And on Saturday, September 17 Bobfest will again be at Breese.

On top of all that Breese will continue to host the Madison Radicals, East High School athletics and much more. If you know an area youth soccer team, be sure to have them apply for free field time at Breese courtesy of the Electric Group.

When you visit Breese this summer be sure to check out the Gebhardt Galaxie Bar and the Festival Foods Grill. These stands are custom fabricated out of shipping containers and, along with the Salvatore's Pizza Bus, will provide a dramatic improvement to the food and beverage experience at Breese this summer.

For more information on any of these exciting new events, visit breesestevens-field com

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