

PEDESTRIAN RIGHTS

CAMPAIGN: MOVIN' ALONG

The Madison Police Department has recently completed the first phase of its citywide pedestrian rights education/enforcement campaign.

Through extensive media coverage and distribution of informational literature, police officers and the public have been reminded of the rights and responsibilities of motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians.

The Traffic Engineering Department's recent issuance of the "I Stop for Pedestrians" bumper sticker marks this agency's involvement in the program. Residents of the neighborhood may obtain a bumper sticker from the Madison Police Department, at the City-County Building or by calling Doris Fischer at 251-6451.

The second phase of the campaign has now begun, with the police watching for violations of traffic safety laws. More warnings and perhaps citations will be issued. With the help of concerned citizens, police will identify and monitor particularly hazardous intersections and work with traffic experts to correct problem areas.

If you have a complaint regarding a dangerous traffic situation in the neighborhood— or elsewhere, for that matter— contact the Madison Traffic Bureau at 266-4622.

ALTERNATE PARADE THIS WEEKEND

This weekend, our neighborhood plays host to the third annual Alternate Parade of Homes. The Parade, which originated in our neighborhood, is designed to let the rest of the people in the city and county know why we like it here.

We hope to call attention to the good bus service, the increasing enrollment at Lapham School, our friendly neighborhood stores and Tenney Park. We also want to emphasize the convenience of living close to the Square, MATC and the University.

This year, the Alternate Parade is being co-sponsored by Historic Madison, Inc., the Marquette Neighborhood Association and the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association. Six homes in each of the two neighborhoods will be open to the public from noon until 5:00 pm on Sunday, May 15th.

The homes on the Parade are not sterile model houses. They are real homes which your neighbors have cared for and, in some cases, remodeled or restored. The point of the Parade is to let people know that the central city is a good place to live for everyone: families, students and older people.

If you'd like to go on the Alternate Parade, you can pick up maps and information at the Independence Center parking lot (Baldwin & East Washington Avenues) between noon and five in the afternoon on Sunday. A fleet of shuttle buses will convey people to the various clusters of homes.

The Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association would especially like to thank the following individuals and families who will be opening their homes for the Alternate Parade:

- the Frank Hansberry family,
- the Varsos family,
- the Caldwell family,
- the Whitfords,
- the Murdochs,
- and Anthony Varda.

OUR NEW EDUCATION COMMITTEE....

At the February 20th Neighborhood Association meeting, the membership voted to create an Education Committee. Sue Fieber was elected chairperson.

The Education Committee will attempt to keep abreast of developments affecting area schools.

Anyone interested in working on the committee should contact Sue Fieber at 251-3909.

IT'S WATER

CONSERVATION TIME

Last year, the Madison Water Utility formulated a "Water Conservation Campaign" which was aimed at summer lawn sprinkling abuses. Citizens were asked to follow suggested guidelines and most people cooperated very well to make the program a success.

This year, you are again being asked to remember and use the following suggestions for good water usage practices:

1. Give your lawn only the water it needs— one inch per week at one time should do.
2. Adjust your sprinkler or soaker hose to water only your lawn... sidewalks, gutters or driveways won't grow a thing.
3. Avoid watering when windy or in the heat of the day— evaporation robs both you and your lawn.
4. To water small garden areas, use a sprinkling can rather than a hose to put water exactly where you want it.
5. Above all and most important: if you must sprinkle, please do it before 10:00 am or after 8:00 pm, when it will have less impact on the water system.

FATE OF TRAFFIC PLAN TO BE DECIDED SOON

The Tenney-Lapham traffic plan has been in the testing stage for six months now. The plan was designed to reduce the speed of traffic moving through the neighborhood and also move some of the through traffic off of East Johnson and East Gorham and onto East Washington Avenue.

To do this, stop signs, traffic lights and special turn lanes were installed. East Johnson Avenue's designation as a through truck route was also eliminated.

The Transportation Committee of the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association recently conducted a survey of area residents in order to determine how people felt about the six-month test of the traffic plan. Sixty-four people from randomly-selected blocks were interviewed.

Following are the questions asked and the results:

DO YOU KNOW OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC PLAN?

yes: 53% no: 45% undecided: 2%

HAVE YOU NOTICED ANY CHANGES IN TRAFFIC PATTERNS?

yes: 50% no: 43% undecided: 7%

DO YOU APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE OF THESE CHANGES?

yes: 42% no: 12% undecided: 46%

DO YOU FAVOR CONTINUANCE OF THE PLAN?

yes: 62% no: 13% undecided: 25%

ARE YOU AWARE OF THE TENNEY-LAPHAM NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION?

yes: 65% no: 30% unsure: 5%

A number of conclusions have been drawn up, based on these results:

- most neighborhood residents have heard of the traffic plan and have noticed some changes.
- there is no agreement on what changes are most beneficial.
- despite this general lack of agreement as to the benefits of the plan, the majority of the respondents would like to see the plan continued.

The traffic plan test was due to officially end on May 1st, but was extended for 60 days by the City Council. This extension will allow the City Transportation Department to evaluate the test results.

The Transportation Commission will make a recommendation as to the fate of the traffic plan's changes at its June 15th meeting at 4:00 pm in the City-County Building.

If you wish to express your opinion on the plan, call or write the Department and be sure to attend the June 15th meeting. If you would like more information on the plan or the survey results, contact Rich Whitnable, 425 Sidney Street, at 256-3789.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR NEIGHBORHOOD REHAB WORK

For the past five years, Project Home has promoted the upkeep of homes in the Madison area by providing minor housing repair assistance to low-income homeowners, primarily the elderly.

The work is done by volunteers who operate under the supervision of a Project Home staff person skilled in the area of home maintenance. They will do interior and exterior painting, light carpentry, plumbing, electrical work and other repair jobs.

The person who needs the repair work purchases the materials while the volunteers do the work.

Project Home is trying to help low-income and elderly people in our neighborhood to rehabilitate their housing. But in order to do so they need your help.

If you have some free time on your hands (especially if you know something about home maintenance), please contact the Project Home office, 203 Wisconsin Avenue, 53703, or call 257-4624.

* NEIGHBORHOOD BULLETIN BOARD *

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- * Check out our new neighborhood businesses! All within a block of Johnson & Paterson:
 - * like rocks? check out Bunie's Rock Shop.
 - * want a gift? look over Gerry's Gift Shop.
 - * sewing needs & natural fibers? try the Material World Coop.
 - * anyone interested in starting a neighborhood gardening club should call Donna Jackson (255-7368)
 - * many thanks to our neighborhood businesses who have helped the Neighborhood Association in our activities!!
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If you'd like to join the Neighborhood Association or simply want to help defer the cost of printing the newsletter, please forward a dollar to Mary Legried, 1230 Dayton Street, Madison, 53703 (or call 255-4942) and fill in the below information:

NAME: _____ TELEPHONE: _____
ADDRESS: _____