

# TENNEY-LAPHAM NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

## NEWSLETTER

## WINTER 1992



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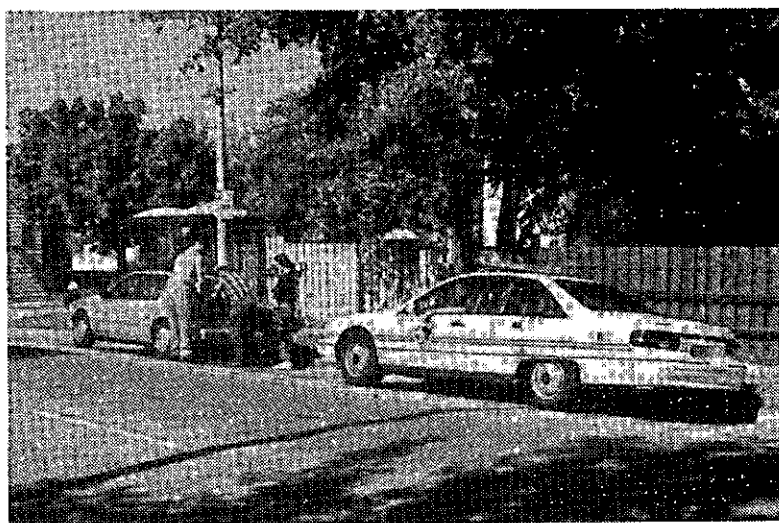
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## "25 FOR 25" CAMPAIGN GRABS MEDIA ATTENTION

The TLNA Transportation Committee recently took a somewhat novel approach in its fight against the unrelenting onslaught of speeders in the neighborhood. With the generous assistance of an anonymous donor, they were able to ask the Madison police to stop those people who were actually driving *under* the speed limit (25 mph) and hand them a \$25 savings bond! This project

was appropriately dubbed the "25 for 25" Campaign.

Over the course of several different weekdays in September, 15 savings bonds were distributed. The idea was creative enough to grab the attention of several of the local newspapers and TV stations, so you may very well have heard about it already. Response was generally very  
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*Officer Hankins watches from the police car, and the Channel 27 TV camera rolls, as Sup. Richard Linster does the honors in the "25 for 25" Campaign.*

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## HISTORY

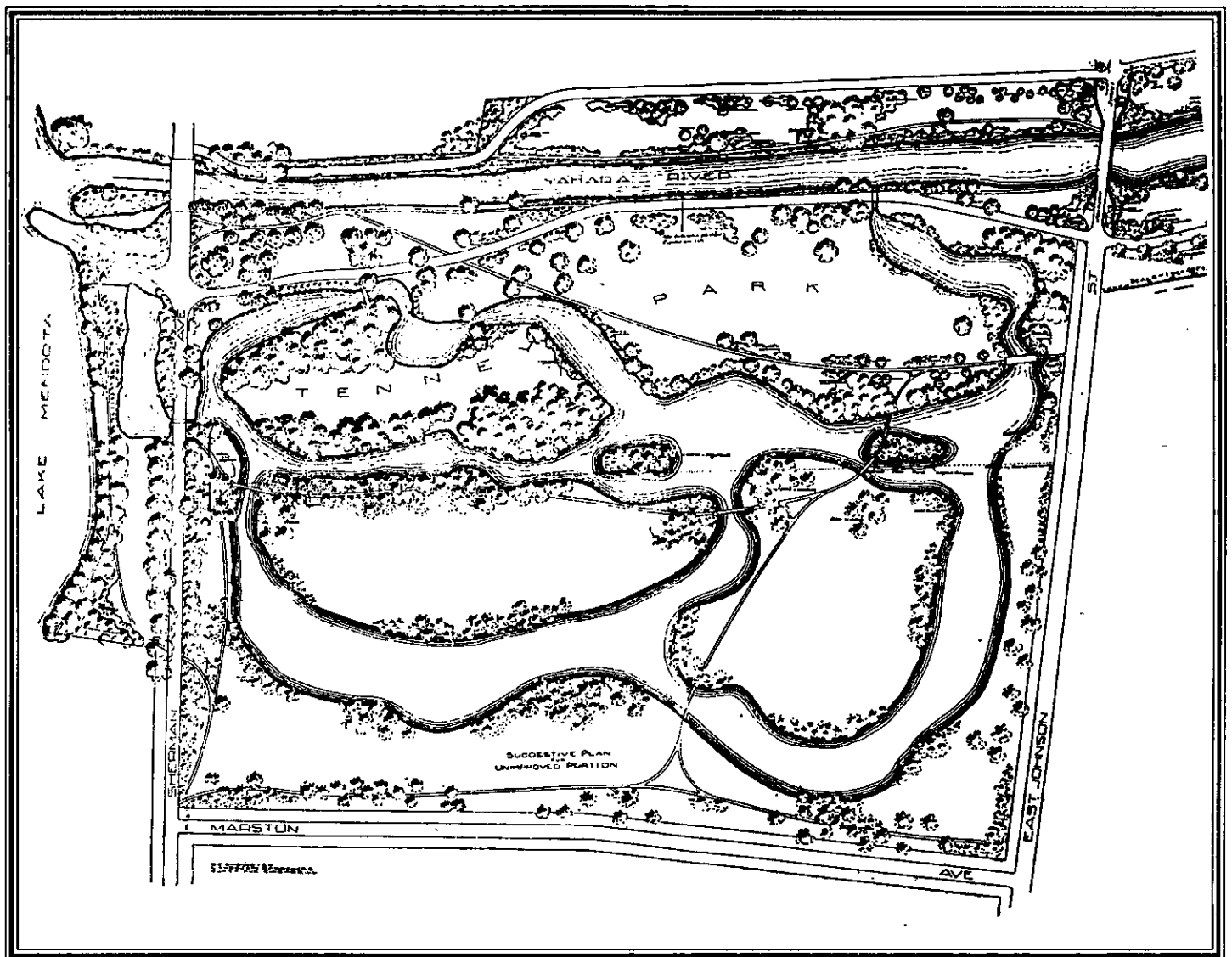
### THE ORIGINS OF TENNEY PARK AND THE YAHARA RIVER PARKWAY

First-time visitors to Madison receive a delightful introduction to the city as they travel from the airport past Tenney Park. What nicer welcome than to see ducks and children in the summer and ice skaters in the winter enjoying the beauty of this romantically inspired park.

Born out of the visions of two of Madison's early leaders, Daniel Tenney and John Olin, Tenney Park captures the mood and charm of a bygone era and invites us to enjoy quiet pleas-

ures of walking, swimming, fishing and skating as well as more active pursuits of tennis, boating, wind surfing and ice hockey. It was in the 1890s that the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association (MPPDA) first proposed the idea of a "peoples park" in response to an offer by the Thornton family to sell some marsh land to the city valued at \$8,000 for a mere \$1,500. Madison in 1896, however, was not interested in the offer. D.K. Tenney gave the \$1,500 requested on condition that the MPPDA raise an additional \$2,500 for development.

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The Madison Parks and Pleasure Drive Association had been founded three years earlier by the wealthiest citizens of the city for the express purpose of creating beautiful scenic carriage drives around Lake Mendota in emulation of great European cities which they greatly admired. But, as three-quarters of the residents at this time did not even own a horse, let alone a carriage, these Sunday pleasure drives were enjoyed by just a few of the citizens of the "City of the Lakes." In fact, the laboring people found it difficult even getting to the water's edge as the land was either in private ownership or swampy. Olin recognized the value of the Thornton offer of land and, calling it the "lungs of the city," he proposed to the Association the creation of a public park for the pleasure of all city residents. Tenney took a vital interest in the project and, under his stewardship, Olin's vision became reality.

Bringing Tenney Park to fruition was a classic urban development project involving many and varied resources. The marshy site at the edge of the city was bounded at the northeast

end by the Catfish River, now called the Yahara River. Built at the mouth of the Catfish were two industrial operations, Farwell's Mill and the Briggs Woolen Factory, both powered by the waterhead which had been created 50 years earlier by building an earthen dam to raise Lake Mendota four feet.


The MPPDA raised money for purchases and administered the complete project. Many parcels of land were assembled in the area of Thornton Marsh by donation, trade and outright purchase over four years. According to Association records in 1902, the Thornton family eventually gave 19 acres and sold the remaining land for the very "fair" price of \$200 per acre. An additional 20 lots were donated by Tenney; and a neighborhood development group, the Willow Park Land Co., provided additional support.

Development began in 1900 with the hiring of O. C. Simonds, Landscape Gardener, to design the park; and men with teams of horses began the endless task of filling the marsh and dredging for the lagoons. David Mollenhoff, in his book, *Madison: A History of the Formative Years*, termed the years 1901-1909 the "era of the dredge" as hundreds of cubic yards of lake bottom sand were pumped into the marshes extending from Tenney Park to Brearly Street. This was also the method used to straighten out the Yahara River.

Today, Tenney Park still closely resembles the original design of O.C. Simonds who envisioned a series of three interconnected lagoons, making all areas of the park accessible by boat and by foot. For a short while, another landscape

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## EDUCATION

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Our charge is to rename our middle school after an African/American, Hispanic, Asian, Native American and/or woman. As a community, we want to look for an individual preferably from the local community who exemplifies the spirit of service to the community and is a representative of our cultural diversity.

The process that we will follow includes:

- Nominations from students and staff organized

through our 5 Olympic Teams at Marquette this year.

- Nominations from parents through a handout at Parent Teacher Conferences on November 13 & 14.
- Nominations from parents and community members at a forum at Marquette on Wednesday, January 8th at 7:00 p.m.
- Students will then do research on the nominees and prepare a presentation for school and for parents and community.
- Presentations for parents and community will be made by students at an April 8th forum at Marquette at 7:00 p.m.
- Each group will vote following the presentations. The top three votes will be sent to the Madison School Board for their final decision.

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gardener, **Emil T. Mishke**, guided the development. Finally, **John T. Nolen** of Cambridge, MA, was hired to complete the work. Nolen was asked to address a problem with weeds and slow water movement in the lagoons. Nolen's design, shown here, simplified Simonds' concept by eliminating one large lagoon in the center and another in the area of the present **Tenney Beach**. And, as it was reported in the 1902 MPPDA Annual Report, the conditions of the lagoon were much improved after Nolen's recommendations.

It is most appropriate that the park is named after Tenney. As an outspoken supporter and major contributor to the park, he doggedly pursued his vision through completion. An example of his stewardship was the 1911 donation of \$400 for a bridge to allow the children at nearby Lapham School (originally on

E. Johnson St.) to walk to the island. This bridge was replaced by the new iron bridge in 1972.

Tenney Park was not the first park in Madison. **Orton Park**, which initially contained a cemetery, was donated to the city several years earlier.

In 1903, John Olin pressed for extending the park with development of the **Yahara River Parkway**—actually widening and deepening of the Yahara so "electric launches" could pass from lake to lake. Olin moved rapidly and within six months had raised \$20,000 and convinced the **Northwestern and Milwaukee Railroads** to raise four railroad bridges. The city donated 20 acres to the park creating 7,200 feet of waterfront.

The 1908 MPPDA Annual Report provides us with a picture of the energy of Madison's early benefactors. To date, \$65,500 had been spent on Tenney Park and the Yahara River Parkway. Of that, the City had raised \$32,000, some of

which came from the sale of park bonds. Tenney gave \$13,000 plus 25 lots. The balance came from voluntary gifts of the Association members and others including the Willow Park Land Company. Expenditures that year as overseen by the Association comprised \$4,200 for men and teams for dredging, \$900 for top soil, \$500 for tiling, cement, and pipes, \$300 for gravel, \$200 for lumber, \$150 for marsh hay and \$200 for interest payments.

The Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association supervised development and maintenance of Tenney Park and the Parkway until 1932, the year the Association dissolved itself. All of their properties were given to the newly formed **City of Madison Parks Department**. At the time the value of the properties was estimated to exceed one million dollars.

For all its unique beauty, weeds in the lagoon continue to plague Tenney Park today, and proposals for improvements—cleaning up nutrient-rich Lake Mendota, spraying with herbicides, lining the lagoon with plastic netting—continue to create controversy. But in response to a question posed in the 1908 Annual Report of the Park and Pleasure Drive Association: "*Has the investment been a wise one?*" When Tenney Park constitutes the only outlet the city had, exclusive of street ends, to the shores of this lake... our answer must be a resounding "yes!"

Jane Scharer

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## SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

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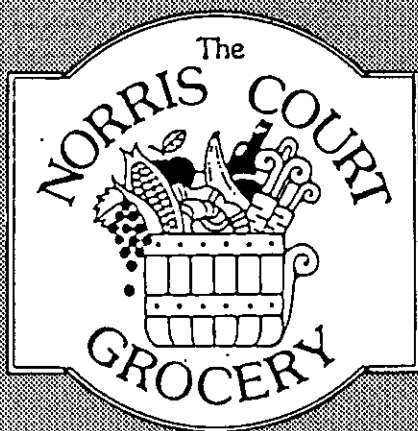
Tonight, November 18, the financing of the new jail was decided. The County authorized spending up to \$19.7 million. This is to be comprised of \$3.5 million carried forward from this year's budget, \$1 million in a Federal grant for housing Federal prisoners, the use of \$5 million in sales tax receipts in 1993, and the remainder of \$10+ million to be borrowed. I had proposed an amendment, which was defeated 16-22, to borrow \$15 million and return the \$5 million sales tax as property tax relief. This would have reduced your county taxes in 1993 by 10%.

In previous nights' actions: Six deputies were added for rural patrol beginning March 1, 1992, to bring shift levels to 10. However, we will

not see the benefit of these deputies until July-August. A better action—and one I supported—was to bring on seven deputies at the beginning of the year and deploy them in an existing task force. This would have led to safer staffing levels in the jail (a concern since last month's hostage incident); it also would have cut into the overtime we must use to staff the jail and would have allowed approximately a half year of 10-shift staffing for rural patrol. Also, we will face a bill of over \$300,000 in overtime (unbudgeted) next year.

A full-time lobbyist was approved, as were pay raises for County officers. A proposal for decentralization of the Human Services Dept.—to the tune of \$1+ million—was only budgeted by the Executive for \$200,000 (for the possible use of

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rental of space), but this was slashed by action of the Board, and the money used for other purposes. That brings us up to date (as of Nov. 18)!

We hope to complete action on the budget Wed., Nov. 20. The Executive, when presented with the budget, has six days to respond with possible vetoes. A further meeting would be scheduled if that happened.

Many thanks to all who called, wrote, registered, and spoke on behalf of the final draft of the Greenspace Plan. It was adopted after the longest meeting in memory. A note to supporters: now the real work begins, with the implementation of the plan.

A recent special meeting of the board on Oct. 30 on the issues of crime and drugs, the "Blue Blanket," and continuing jail overcrowding presented us with additional challenges. A new Jail Diversion Advisory Committee has been set up by the Judiciary, and I hope to be ap-

pointed. It is also very likely that a task force will be set up to tackle on the county level the twin issues of crime and drugs. A continuing committee on the issues surrounding the new downtown jail has been working with neighbors, staff, elected officials (including myself), and other interested parties. There is plenty to do.

It is my intention to seek re-election to another term on the County Board. To that end, I have been making inquiries with constituents. I find that I am enjoying a high level of satisfaction and can expect strong support. I hope that I will have YOUR support. A campaign is always to be expected, so I will endeavor to acquaint you with my positions on the issues. Please expect to see me over the next few months.

Remember that if you have a concern, need assistance or information, call me at 251-1937 (home) or 266-5758 (office).

Thank you ... and Happy Holidays!

*Sup. Richard Linster*



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## CITY ALDER'S REPORT

**CITYBUDGETNEWS**--The City Council recently passed the 1992 city budget, with a total spending increase of under 4 percent. Despite another decrease in state shared revenues and growing demands on city tax dollars, we were able to hold the overall spending increase close to the inflation rate for this year.

During budget deliberations I was a sponsor of several budget amendments, including:

- Three amendments to restore funds for bike programs. These included restoring the bike monitor program; retaining the important pedestrian/bike safety program, which provides crucial safety training for elementary students; and retaining the bike licensing program, which should help generate additional city dollars for future programs.
- Restoring funds for transitional housing.
- Amendments supporting community access television for WYOU and Channel 12.

- Small increases for Centro Hispano and ARC House's Project Respect.

The budget also calls for increased support for Madison Metro and for the Metro Plus service for the disabled and the elderly. Because of state cost controls and decreasing state shared revenue, this was one of the most difficult budgets we've faced in the past 7 years. Most city departments will have to hold the line on spending or get by with a small budget cut for 1992.

**BOOZE BAN AT JAMES MADISON PARK**--Ald. Ricardo Gonzalez and I recently sponsored an alcohol ban ordinance in James Madison Park. Neighborhood residents and the Police Dept. support the ban, following several violent alcohol-related episodes in the park this summer. Community groups using the park for special events will still be able to bring alcoholic beverages to the park if they receive a permit from the Parks Dept. A similar ban has helped cut down drinking and fights this year at Brittingham Park.

**NO-WAKE ZONES**--Following the death of a windsurfer last year at Tenney Park, I worked with the Parks Commission and 2nd District residents to establish an expanded no-wake zone near  
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the Tenney locks. Alan Crossley of the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood also spoke before the commission in support of the no-wake zone. We also lobbied to create a no-wake zone in Cherokee Marsh to prevent further shoreline erosion and wildlife habitat destruction caused by high-speed boats.

**EAST HIGH TRAGEDY**—The city's Transportation Commission recently met with East High Principal Milt McPike and East High parents following the tragic death of two students in an accident on E. Washington Ave. As chair of the commission, I'll keep working with city staff and parents to find some solutions to create a safer environment for pedestrians trying to cross E. Washington. Students going to East or to Emerson need safe routes to get to school, and the elderly in the area are also especially vulnerable while trying to cross busy streets.

The main problem, of course, is traffic speed. The majority of motorists using E. Washington or E. Johnson exceed the speed limit, even while driving in school zones. I urge all motorists to take special care while driving near our schools. Please slow down, and obey posted speed limits. That's the easiest and surest cure for this growing problem.

I've also discussed pedestrian safety issues with other constituents. Getting to Tenney Park across E. Johnson, crossing at Baldwin and E.

Johnson, and turning traffic at First St. and E. Johnson are topics of concern that I'll bring up with transportation staff in the coming weeks.

**HOUSING PROGRESS**—I met recently with developer Jerry Mullins and Plan Dept. staff to discuss a future housing development at the old Trachte site on E. Dayton behind Washington Square. The site is a prime location for new Isthmus housing, and Tenney-Lapham residents have for years hoped to see the site developed for housing. Mayor Soglin and his staff are also interested in this important project. Stay tuned for further "developments."

Slow but steady progress also continues on the Old Market Place housing plans. The city wants to swap land in the 700 block of E. Mifflin with a parcel in the 600 block of E. Dayton, which is owned by the Reynolds Co. The Reynolds firm is hoping to build new facilities on the current city-owned parking lot on E. Mifflin. The city would then seek a developer to build housing on E. Dayton.

Additional environmental borings will be done this winter on the city-owned parcel, and we hope that by this spring the land swap will be finalized.

As usual, it's been a hectic but productive year on the City Council. And before the year ends and the holidays zip by, I'd like to wish you all a happy and joyful holiday season. It's been my honor and pleasure to serve you for another year.

*Ald. David Wallner*



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## TLNA PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I hope you all enjoyed the fickle weather in October and November as much as I did! One thing that is not fickle is the hard work of your TLNA Board Members. Thanks to outgoing members **Joan Maynard** (Treasurer), **Gene Becker** (Transportation), **Ruth Cadoret** (Area B rep) and **Greg Heisig** (Housing). I'm very enthused about our new board members **Roger Bowden** (Transportation), **Anne Katz** (Social co-chair), and **Sue Bauer** and **Ann Rulseh** (Area C co-reps). If you have any concerns, please feel free to call board members. Understanding your concerns is vital if TLNA is to effectively represent you.

A new initiative we'll be pursuing this year is developing a **Neighborhood Plan** with the city planning department. It will probably take two or three years to complete the plan, but I believe the effort is important. The plan enables us to set reasonable objectives for future developments. It's proactive, not reactive. Developers and business owners whose enterprises are compatible with our plan might select our neighborhood. Undesirable activities can be discouraged from our area.

If you're interested in serving on this special project, please give me a call (255-2845).

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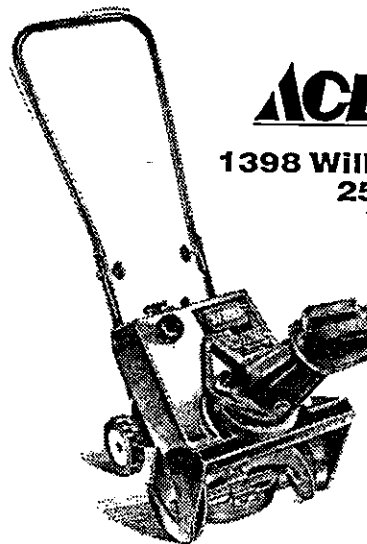
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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PUBLIC ART FOR 30-ON-THE-SQUARE

The 30-on-the-Square Site Group, a citizen committee, is interested in suggestions about themes and ideas Madisonians have for a public art piece that they are proposing for the planter area on the southwest side of the 30-on-the-Square Building. (The planters are on the concourse between State St. and the building at 30 W. Mifflin St., where Carroll St. is blocked off.)

Please take the time to write a short description of the idea or theme that you would like the committee to consider, and send it to: City Parks Dept., Attn: 30-on-the-Square Site Group, P.O. Box 2987, Madison, WI 53701.

## BIRDIES, ANYONE?

Wednesday night badminton begins its 12-week winter session on January 8 at East High Fieldhouse. There is open coed play for all levels. Some racquets and plastic birds are provided.

Register at the Madison School Community Recreation office in Lapham School by December 20 for \$22 or at East High the first night for \$24. For more information call the MSCR 266-6070 or Ken 256-8131.

## MEC SPONSORS 2nd ANNUAL FAIR

The Madison Enterprise Center (MEC) is sponsoring its 2nd Annual Arts & Craft Fair on Saturday, December 14 from 10 am. to 4 pm. The Fair will be on the third floor of MEC's building at 100 S. Baldwin St.

There will be a variety of artisans displaying their work for sale, everything from jewelry, leather work, needle work, fairy hats, ceramics to neon sculpture. There will even be food catered by Dessert Hearts.

More than just an Art Fair, it's an event!

## CONVENTION CENTER BROCHURE AVAILABLE

The City Commission that has been studying the issue of building a convention center on Lake Monona completed its mission in August 1991. It is now expected that a public referendum on the issue will be considered on the November 1992 ballot.

The findings and recommendations of the Commission have been summarized in a brochure which is now available through members of the Commission and the city's Department of Planning & Development. If you are interested in receiving a copy or asking specific questions, you may contact TLNA resident and Commission member Mary Lang-Sollinger 257-2889 or City Planning 266-4635.

## SPECIAL HOLIDAY EVENTS AT CPC

Christ Presbyterian Church, 944 E. Gorham St., has planned several special Christmas services. All TLNA neighbors are welcome. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 257-4845.

Communion Vesper Services will be held on the first three Wednesdays of December—the 4th, 11th and 18th. Music begins at 5:15 pm, with services following at 5:30 pm.

The regular 11 a.m. Sunday service on December 22 will include a performance of John Rutter's *Gloria* performed by the Chancel Choir. If you are interested in singing this piece with the choir, come to rehearsals in the Choir Room on Thursdays from 7:30-8:30 pm.

A Christmas Eve Service will be held in the Sanctuary beginning at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, December 24. This Communion Service concludes with the congregation singing *Silent Night* by candlelight. All are welcome—come a little early for a good seat!

## MEMBERSHIP

TLNA has begun a new membership year. There are 39 new members, who have joined or renewed for a total of \$185 of dues collected. We are in the process of shifting over to a calendar year schedule for both the budget and membership dues, which may make things simpler.

The new Membership Committee has been busy this

fall updating our membership rolls in order to help us organize the new Block Captain system. We can still use several Block Captain volunteers. Please consider getting involved.

Some members have informed me of recent burglaries. Please **lock up when not at home**, secure your outside property, and let neighbors know when you are not at home. Also, **leave on an outdoor light**. This is most effective.

Another reminder: We have many elderly residents. Their mobility is severely limited in winter, particularly when sidewalks, crosswalks, and bus stops remain unshoveled. Please be a good neighbor, and **do what you can to keep ALL of our walkways open!**

*Richard Linster*

## JOIN TLNA!

Become a card-carrying member of the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association. It's easy! Send this form and some money (see below) to: TLNA, P.O. Box 703, Madison, WI 53701.

Annual dues (minimum):

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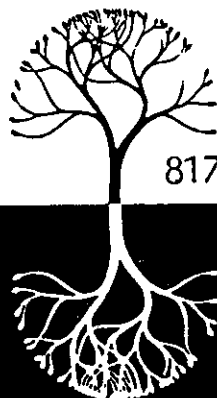
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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 1992 PROPOSED TLNA BUDGET

Below is the proposed TLNA budget for the coming year. If you have any feedback or questions for the Council before they vote on it, please contact one of the Council members (p. 2).

Item	Income	Expense
Carryover (1991)	\$ 4355	
Administration		200
Bank Interest/Fees	175	50
Fundraising:		
Membership dues	1500	100
Other	400	100
Newsletter	2500	2500
Publicity		100
Social Events:		
Spaghetti Dinner	200	100
Winter Potluck	50	50
Pancake Supper	170	130
Ice Cream Social	130	100
Hall Fees (CPC)		170
Donations:		
Marquette/Lapham		500
Fair Housing Council		25
Garden Maintenance		100
Whole Earth Mural		100
	\$ 5125	4325

## FREE LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR SENIORS

The Elder Law Center, in conjunction with the Dane County Bar Association, has certain free legal services from volunteer private attorneys available to low-income older adults.

To request pro bono services, or, if you have any further questions about the **Pro Bono Project**, feel free to call the Center at 257-5660.

## FLU IMMUNIZATIONS

The Madison Department of Public Health offers influenza immunizations (flu shots) to City of Madison residents considered to be at greatest risk for serious illness. This year a \$6.00 fee will be charged to cover the costs of the flu vaccine and clinic supplies. The fee will be covered by Medicare. Bring your card!

For more information, please call the Near East Side Coalition of Older Adults (NESCOA) 244-5353 or the Madison Public Health Department 266-4821.



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## HOUSING

### AFFORDABLE HOUSING TAKES ANOTHER STEP FORWARD

Usually, potential home buyers have to get past two big hurdles in order to qualify for a first mortgage loan. First, they need to be able to make the monthly mortgage payment; second, they need to have saved a sizeable chunk of cash to cover the down payment and closing costs. Many low-income families, although they can afford the monthly housing payments—sometimes the housing payment is lower than their rent payment—are unable to qualify for a first mortgage loan because they can't cover the down payment and closing costs.

To assist low-income households in buying a home, the "Home-Buy" program was developed. Started this year, the program is funded in part with a grant from the State Division of Housing and administered by the Community and Economic Development Unit. The program provides deferred or forgivable loans to partially cover the down payment and/or closing costs of a first mortgage loan.

There are deferred payment loans with no interest charges. At the end of five years, the deferred loan converts to a forgivable loan at 0% interest for the next five years with 20% forgiven each year. After the owner has lived in the property for ten years the note will be satisfied.

Preference is given to households with incomes between 50 and 70% of the county median by setting aside 75% of the funds during the first nine months of operation for this group. Percy Brown, Community Development Supervisor, stated: "We are really excited about this unique opportunity to provide more affordable housing for low-income families."

To qualify for a loan, borrowers must:

- Qualify for a first mortgage loan;
- Be a first time home buyer who will occupy the property s/he is buying;
- Choose a single-family home that is decent, safe, and sanitary;

- Accept a minimum of two hours of credit counseling and home maintenance training;

According to Brown, the local lenders, realtors and home seekers have responded very positively to the program: "The funds are moving very rapidly."

*City of Madison Dept. of Planning & Development*

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		Cheese	item cheese	
SM	\$ 4.50	1.00	0.90	Freebies:
MED	5.60	1.20	1.00	Thick crust
LG	6.75	1.40	1.20	Extra sauce
XLG	7.70	1.50	1.30	

SANDWICHES			
Super Sub	\$ 3.40	Roast Beef Sub	3.50
Veggie Sub	3.40	Prosciutto Sub	3.60
Turkey Sub	3.50	Meatball or Suasage	3.40
Pastrami Sub	3.60	Meatball or Sausage	
Tuna Sub	3.40	Parmesan (w/cheese)	3.75

DINNERS			
Lasagne (House specialty), meat or veggie			5.65
Meatball or Sausage Platter			4.25
Eggplant Parmesan			4.45
Spaghetti with tomato sauce			3.90
Extras: meatballs, sausage, mushrooms			0.95
Garlic Bread			1.35
Super Garlic Bread with sauce & cheese			1.95
SALADS			
Antipasto	3.85	Dinner Salad	1.65
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## TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION

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positive (see letter at right), except for one person calling the *Capital Times* who thought that we were handing out taxpayers' money from the city. When a city bus driver received one of the awards, the Madison Metro newsletter spread the word to all of its employees. One neighborhood resident even heard people commenting on the project in La Crosse (after it was mentioned on Wisconsin Public Radio)!

Our thanks go to: **Gene Becker** for initiating the plan and coordinating the press coverage, **Officers Andy Hankins and Richard Scanlon** for implementing the process, and **Sup. Richard Linster** for doing the honors of handing out the bonds.

The TLNA Council is considering a proposal to make this a regular event, so that people will get used to the idea that, if they consistently pay attention to the speed limit signs, they could get lucky anytime.

In the meantime, remember that it doesn't take that much effort on our own part to help slow down the traffic flow whenever we are driving on neighborhood streets ourselves. If enough of us do it persistently, the speeders will either fall into step or try a different route (like E. Washington Ave., where it's legal to go 35 mph).

One other method of enforcement is to make use of the city's "Speed Board." Anyone can volunteer to supervise this equipment, which merely announces to each passing car (and anyone else watching) what speed it is travelling at with a numeric light display. If you are interested in trying it yourself, contact the Madison Police Department (266-4275).

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Dear Mr. Becker:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter and the Government Savings Bond... Your efforts to improve traffic safety in your neighborhood are clearly understood. I remember a time when the biggest safety problem in the area was the street car jumping the track as it came down the Baldwin Street hill to the curve onto Johnson following an ice storm.

My father's parents owned a house on East Johnson across from Tenney Park from before 1900 to the mid-1920s... I attended the old Lapham School across from Tenney Park on Johnson for grades K-3 and 6. Traffic before World War I was mostly horsedrawn vehicles... We played baseball on the streets.

[I am returning the \$25 which you gave me, and] I hope you will use [it] to further the development of my original neighborhood.

Sincerely,  
C. Fred Pollock

