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## Avenue Bar Helps 'Green' the Neighborhood

Tucked between East Washington Avenue, Miffin, Ingersoll and Few streets is a little street called Curtis Court. The street is one block long and eighteen feet wide and its claim to fame is that it is the back door to the eastside landmark, the Avenue Bar.

Little more than an alley, the street has eleven residences, housing some forty people. Five of the homes are owner occupied, the others are rental properties. The street has been home to many long time residents who've lived into their 80s and 90s. The street even has a park bench dedicated to two longtime residents, Nellie Smith and Pearl Rust.

The Avenue Bar has also been a long time resident and neighbor of this street. The business has been here since the 1970s. It is a family run business originally owned and operated by Skip and Claire Zach and now by their son Paul. Dinner at the Avenue Bar is certainly a neighborhood tradition for many eastsiders including the residents of Curtis Court (and really has become

a famous landmark in the city of Madison).

Skip and Claire Zach and Paul Zach and family have served up more than meals on Curtis Court. Because of them Curtis Court has ever so gradually been transformed from a very ordinary street to a street with trees and a terrace.

In 1994 some Curtis Court residents, helped by then Alder David Wallner, developed a plan to plant trees and shrubs on Curtis Court (the street at that time had no terrace, no trees, just a sidewalk and asphalt). Other businesses and neighbors contributed as well but the Zach's contribution provided significant support. Finally in the spring of 1994 the street became home to six linden trees and a terrace of other plantings. The trees and the greenspace are much appreciated by those whose homes face this street and to passersby as well.

Skip, Claire, and Paul have continued their commitment to the neighborhood as they recently purchased another property at 1138 E.



Photo by Tim Olsen

### WINTER POTLUCK

Thursday, January 24  
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A-G: Soup or salad

H-Q: Dessert

R-Z: Main Course

Washington which borders Curtis Court. With the purchase of the parking lot there was the need for landscaping; the landscaper thought this would be a "straight forward parking lot project."

The neighbors saw it differently. They saw it as an opportunity to plant more trees and create more greenspace. The Zachs in their commitment to the neighborhood welcomed that vision. Paul Zach arranged several meetings between the landscaper, former Alder Barbara Vedder, the neighbors, and Bob Shaw, an eastside horticulturalist. The plans for this "straight forward parking lot project" bloomed. The lot went from having only four green ash trees to eight trees. The choice of trees was discussed, finally allowing for having a variety of trees.

Now there are two Regal elms, two  
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## Affordable Housing is Needed in the Isthmus

**Q: It's great to hear from our alder. Why hasn't TLNA heard much from you?**

A: It's important that citizens hear from their elected representatives. Unfortunately, less than two months after my election, I spent a week in the hospital and learned that I have diabetes. The good news is that, with careful monitoring, things are getting back to normal and I am excited to be getting back up to full speed!

**Q: What is your vision for Madison's future?**

A: Madison is a terrific place to live. We have parks and culture and city services that families, students and the elderly find very welcoming. Unfortunately this city can be a very expensive place to live and we have segregated low-income people into pockets of poverty that concentrate low income kids in the same schools which affects their performance in schools. Many working people, particularly those with children, cannot afford the high price of housing, especially on the isthmus. I want affordable housing in all neighborhoods and ordinances to prevent discrimination based on economic status. This includes renters and homeowners.

**Q. What are your other key objectives?**

A: I want to see strong citizen input to city issues. I made this a campaign issue and it is still important. I want to see agendas posted well in advance so citizens can come to hearings and have their say. I've tried to notify neighborhood association board members when important issues arise.

**Q. What takes most of your time as an alder?**

A: Committee work. I sit on eleven committees and commissions, including: Transit and Parking Commission, Madison Development Corporation, EOC Housing Committee, Inner City Rail Oversight Committee, East Washington Oversight Committee, East Washington ad hoc BUILD committee, City-County Liaison Committee, Yahara River Parkway Implementation Committee, Backyard Parking Implementation Committee, Public Input and Access subcommittee, Breese Stevens Committee and many other miscellaneous ad hoc committees.

**Q: What else keeps you busy?**

A: There are also four neighborhood

organizations within our district and I stay in touch with all of them. In addition to TLNA, there is the Emerson East Neighborhood Association, the Old Market Neighborhood Association (which I once chaired) and the Mansion Hill Neighborhood Association. These latter two have been very active in development issues, particularly new housing developments proposed close to the Capitol. I send e-mails of things of interest to people in each of these neighborhoods. To be included on those lists please contact me (information below).

**Q: Is there anything else you want TLNA to know?**

A: I always want to hear from constituents. Please get in touch. Submit a question to this newsletter or contact me directly when you need a quick response.

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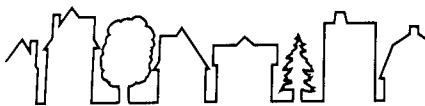
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## Volunteer Opportunities Abound for Parks Projects

### Introductions All Around

At the TLNA meeting in November, I was honored to be elected chair of the Parks Committee. Some of you know me from work with the Friends of the Yahara River Parkway, but that is but one of the many projects in the neighborhood. If you are working on one of these projects, I would like to get to know you and your work. Give me a call at 257-5718 or email me at [mmb@chorus.net](mailto:mmb@chorus.net), whether to acquaint me with the work you have already done or to enlist support for a great new idea you have.

In the last newsletter, outgoing Parks Chair Bob Shaw did a great job of summarizing the status of the many ongoing park and garden projects in our neighborhood. Now let's take a look at the future.

Dates have yet to be set for many of these events so if you have a project for which you would like to recruit volunteers, let me know and we can coordinate our calendars.

### Sherman/Marston Replanting

A design has been approved and orders placed for the planting of trees, shrubs and native perennials at the corner of Sherman Avenue and Marston Street this spring. This beautiful new landscape will replace the mountain of honeysuckle and buckthorn removed by hardworking and persistent volunteers recruited by neighbors, the Tenney Lapham Neighborhood Association, and the Friends of the Yahara River Parkway. We will be getting some help with the preparation work from Mick Kennedy of Wisconsin Landscapes in Mount Horeb, so sometime between now and spring you'll see Mick and his crew out there bringing in additional topsoil and regrading the area around the historic bathroom. We haven't set the planting dates yet, so look for those in the next edition of the TLNA Newsletter, or subscribe to the email list serve of the

Friends of the Yahara River Parkway at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/friendsofyaharariverparkway/>.

Bob Shaw is responsible for this wonderful new design, and deserves kudos for his calm and steadfast stewardship of this project from fundraising through fruition. Thanks, Bob!

### Tenney Woods

Another major planting event will occur this spring in the woods in Tenney Park. If you are familiar with this area you may have noticed that this woodland is not in very good shape. Most of the larger trees are box elders, notorious for their short lives, soft wood, susceptibility to storm damage and prolific breeding. This winter, city foresters will help prepare some of this area for replanting by removing some of those trees which will be replaced by species like swamp white oak. Some of these trees may be installed by contractors due to their size, but there will be plenty of opportunities for volunteers to do some of the planting themselves. Ed Jepson, a longtime champion of this project, is hard at work finalizing these plans. Again, look to the next newsletter for dates or sign up for online notification

### Filene Park and Lakeshore Restoration Information

Tim Olsen is still busy networking on behalf of neighborhood parks. In November he put us in contact with a DNR representative who is interested in doing a shoreline restoration project in Filene Park, which is located on the north side of the Tenney Locks boat landing. This would serve as a demonstration of some of the plants and techniques shoreline landowners can use on their own properties to create habitat and reduce runoff and erosion. I have some helpful publications from the DNR and the UW-Extension on tips and

techniques you can use in your own yards to help clean up the lakes: call me at 257-5718 or email me at [mmb@chorus.net](mailto:mmb@chorus.net) if you would like a copy. As of this writing the DNR is still reviewing the Filene Park site and other locations. I am hoping we will have a positive decision and a schedule for planting by the next newsletter deadline.

### The Yahara River Bike Path, East Rail Corridor and East Washington Reconstruction

While the Tenney Lapham Neighborhood does not include the East Rail Corridor, changes in land use, rail, roads and bike paths in the corridor certainly impact the Tenney Lapham neighborhood (see John Steines' article on page 6). Meanwhile, the reconstruction of East Washington Avenue and the bridges over the Yahara River at East Washington, Johnson and Sherman are all proceeding according to their various time schedules. With all the road reconfiguration planned for the next few years, this would be an excellent time to work again on the completion of bike and pedestrian paths along the river, as called for in our neighborhood plan and the Yahara River Parkway Master Plan. The goal is twofold: to make it safe for bikers, walkers and wheelers of all ages and abilities to cross the Isthmus safely; and to reestablish the sense of the Yahara River Parkway as an integrated whole. Interested in getting involved in these efforts? Give me a call at 257-5718 or drop me a line at [mmb@chorus.net](mailto:mmb@chorus.net).

### Your Project Here

All the projects above take two things: money and volunteer labor. If you've got the time and see a way to enhance a public park, median, bus stop, or other public place, there are a variety of sources of funding available to help make your dream a reality. Here are a few opportunities available now.

## Parks



### Adopt-A-Median Program

Some matching funds are available via the City Parks Division for the planting of medians and boulevards. For medians in major arterials like East Washington Avenue, funding is available for plants and for contractors to install the plants. (This so that volunteers aren't subjected to the risks of working in the middle of a busy street.) On calmer streets and other more protected areas, volunteers are permitted to do the planting and the Parks Division will assist with the cost of plants. The Parks Division would like these requests to be channeled through the neighborhood association, so if you are interested in funding for a new or ongoing median project, give me a call at 257-5718 or drop me a line at [mmb@chorus.net](mailto:mmb@chorus.net).

### Improving Bus Stops and Shelter Areas

Madison Metro administers a

federally-funded Transit Enhancement Grant program. Money from this grant, which must be matched locally, can be used for the following purposes:

1. Historic preservation, rehabilitation, and operation of historic mass transportation buildings, structures, and facilities (including historic bus and railroad facilities);
2. Bus shelters;
3. Landscaping and other scenic beautification, including tables, benches, trash receptacles, and street lights;
4. Public art;
5. Pedestrian access and walkways;
6. Bicycle access, including bicycle storage facilities and installing equipment for transporting bicycles on mass transportation vehicles;
7. Transit connections to parks within the recipient's transit service area;
8. Signage;
9. Enhanced access to mass

transportation for people with disabilities;

For more information on this program, go to <http://www.ci.madison.wi.us/metro/MR/Transit%20Enhancement.htm>.

The deadline for applications for 2002 funding is January 15, 2002. For an application send an E-mail to [metrobus@ci.madison.wi.us](mailto:metrobus@ci.madison.wi.us) or contact Metro's Customer Service Center at 266-4466 (267-1143).

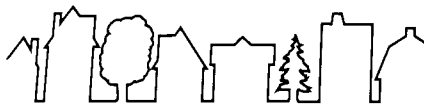
-Margaret Bergamini  
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## New Rail Alignment Sought for Isthmus

The East Rail Corridor Advisory Committee has been working for a year on a plan for future development of the corridor study area. The area runs between East Washington and Williamson Street from Blair to the Yahara River. Previous planning for the Yahara River Parkway has guided the development plans closest to the river while the bulk of the corridor has been examined for its potential as future commercial/industrial, housing and green space. This Phase I process (completion date mid-December 2001), was strictly looking at primary land use for the 177 acre district. Phase II will follow and will look at design issues in more detail.

General guiding principles include a strong recognition of the need to preserve the working/production nature of the commercial/industrial district which provides a quality job base close to the city center. Many small

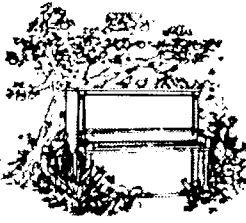
businesses and artist studios have also begun to fill the area and it is hoped this trend can be enhanced throughout the process. An increase in housing is targeted to achieve 15% affordable housing with bonuses for an increase to 20% affordable housing. The style of the adjacent east side neighborhoods will be used to guide the design issues so that the planned development fits with the existing scale, style, and look of the area housing. A green space comprising approximately three full blocks connected by green linear pathways along a walking/bike trail will connect the space to both the Yahara River and the Lake Monona lakefront. Public green space will be linked with private green space and courtyards with design constraints to ensure a feeling of continuity between the spaces.

Critical to the success of the plan is a rail alignment to the northern edge of the green strip. The city has applied for

a grant to do brown field studies in the area. One of the many challenges is the hydrogeology of the strip. The water table is only 3-4 feet below the surface. The entire site used to be marshland and was gradually filled until completed in the 1940's with materials like foundry fill. The jurisdiction overlay of the area is complex with federal, state, city and private interests. Community input is strongly sought throughout the process.


The Friends of the Yahara River Parkway (FYRP) list serve receives a posting of the minutes and agenda. Sign up with the FYRP list serve ([friendsofyaharariverparkway@yahoo.com](mailto:friendsofyaharariverparkway@yahoo.com)) or follow the progress of the committee work on the City of Madison web page where you can read the minutes and agendas: <http://www.ci.madison.wi.us/mayor/mycommit.html>.

-John Steines



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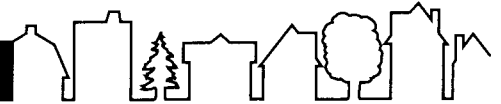



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## **Music and Poetry are Featured at Speed Jump**

In the summer of 2000, Stosh Kowalchuk and his friends gutted the old laundromat at 908 E. Johnson and, in a floor-to-ceiling remodel, created a fresh new space for Stosh's colorful coffeehouse, Speed Jump. They removed three layers of false ceilings to reveal the original pressed tin and managed to piece together enough to cover about 3/4 of the old storefront's ceiling in authentic style.

A new dropped ceiling was built over the bar area. Old terrazzo was ripped out, the floor was leveled with about fifty jack posts in the basement, and shiny multi-colored vinyl put in place. Stosh built a cylindrical kiosk for posting signs and messages to make the room truly a neighborhood meeting place. He brought muralist Tom Reichenberger, Jr. from Milwaukee to finish the space with what he believes are Madison's first permanent graffiti-style murals. Vintage 70s furniture completes the comfortable, eclectic room.

Stosh's decor and the murals are enough reason to visit, and his congenial personality and Speed Jump's tasty coffees and bakery attract a regular stream of customers throughout the day. There's space for reading, studying, and chatting, and you can even go on line at the store computer, conveniently available for customers' use on a chrome-and-plastic 50s kitchen table.

Most Thursday nights, live music is offered by Wooden Toe, a fine young bluegrass band from Green Bay. Wednesday nights feature James Travis and his guests. James is a singer/songwriter Stosh describes as a cross between James Taylor and Johnny Cash. Every third Thursday the music stops long enough for a program of poetry reading. Speed Jump's custom roasted coffees are from Johnson Bros. Roasters, and scones by Elegant Bakery exceed coffeehouse expectations.

Fancy coffee drinks, espressos, and lattes can be made to order, but those who prefer a plain cup of black decaf (like me) won't feel too out-of-place in this eclectic, sociable neighborhood spot. Stosh Kowalchuk and his friends have truly created something from less-than-nothing in this innovative venture, and the Paterson-Johnson area is much the better for their hard work and dedication.

Stosh wants to thank building owner John Wright for his support, saying "without his good-hearted tolerance we wouldn't be able to have made it." And we want to thank Speed Jump for the good energy (not only caffeine-fueled) they add to the neighborhood. Check them out next time you're in our little business district.

-Mary Pulliam

## **Ideas Needed for CEP Grant**

Do you have any ideas for making the neighborhood better? What about some public art at the corner of Johnson/Gorham streets? Do you have any ideas for new signs for the neighborhood? How about some planters for the business district?

Now is your chance to be creative because the TLNA Council will be reviewing proposals at its January meeting for Community Enhancement Program funds. This is a pot of money that the city of Madison makes available for neighborhood associations, business associations, and other community associations to make physical improvements to the neighborhoods of Madison. The organizations agree to match the amount the city contributes on a one to one basis.

In the past two years the money has been used around the city to fund neighborhood signs, create nature trails and signage, landscape areas, build fences, and restore the Brittingham boathouse. TLNA received a grant of \$2400 last year for vegetation restoration in Tenney Park at the corner of Marston/Sherman.


Details of the program can be found at <http://ci.madison.wi.us/neighborhoods/grantprogram.htm>. If you have any questions about the program, contact Bob Shaw at 255-3486.

-Bob Shaw

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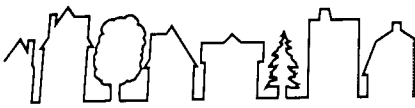
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# Some Safety Wishes and Resolutions for 2002

In reflecting upon safety issues in the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood and Madison in general, a number of issues remain unresolved or in need of improvement. We have some good programs in the city and some excellent individuals in municipal positions. Yet some of the needs seem to be things that the residents themselves could bring to the community. Thus, we've compiled from the notes that we've taken over the past year some items for a wishlist that may be helpful as we plan for the New Year and make resolutions ourselves.

### Speeding

It would be great to see individuals take personal initiative not to speed and to obey the posted limits without giving into the pressures of other drivers and road rage. If we believe that this is a good thing to do, we should take the initiative ourselves and not wait for the other guy to slow down. If we all do this, it may work!

### Turn Signals

To prevent accidents, drivers should signal before turning and not after the fact. To signal after changing lanes or turning down a street does not help. At the same time, and as basic as it sounds,

drivers should change in the direction indicated, not the other way. All of us are allowed to change our minds, but not in something as risky as driving.

### Phoning while Driving

Phoning while driving still poses problems. If the hands are not on the wheels, drivers do not have complete control of the vehicle. However, even with hands-off calling, those in the middle of calls sometimes forget where they are and go through lights or stop signs. If calls are important, and some of them are, it helps to pull to the side or find somewhere to park.

### Right Turns on Red

Right turns on red are possible after stopping, and many drivers forget this part of the rule. Also, left turns on red are permissible only when proceeding from a one-way street to another one-way. This includes intersections like East Gorham and Paterson Streets, where those illegal turns from a two-way onto a one-way have become fairly common at putting pedestrians and other drivers at risk.

### Yield to Pedestrians

Drivers of cars and bikes need to

yield to pedestrians. Drivers of both four-wheel and two-wheel vehicles seem to forget their place, and force pedestrians to scamper. Bikes on sidewalks must yield to pedestrians, and shouting a warning does not mean that walkers must jump away. Just as cars should follow speed limits, bikers need to ride at safe speeds.

### Noise Pollution

The throbbing bass sounds from cars abound and this not only detracts from the attention of the driver, but interferes with the concentration of other drivers. Perhaps the city of Madison will do something in the coming year to enforce noise ordinances already in place and, perhaps, find other ways to limit the noise pollution that is rampant.

### Unleashed Dogs

It is frightening to see the number of people who walk their dogs without leashes. Sometimes dogs go after people or other dogs. Worse, dogs may bolt after a squirrel or something else and run into traffic. It is a shame to see our pets at risk on the street, and it is almost criminal when animals are harmed due to their owners' neglect. Likewise, those who keep their dogs at home should not

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## Safety

allow them to run loose and chase after pedestrians. Use a fence, not Fido, to protect a home!

### Graffiti Abatement

While the city of Madison has made some progress in dealing with graffiti, we have not found a way to solve the problem. It has become clear that graffiti is not just caused by individuals in our area, but by people from various other communities in Wisconsin and out of state. We cannot condone this destructive activity. A proliferation of graffiti contributes to the impression of a neglected and unsafe neighborhood. If ideas occur to us toward solving the problem, we should share them with neighbors, the TLNA Board and city officials.

### Nuisance Houses

The growing density which is, unfortunately, affecting Central Madison, seems to spawn nuisance houses in various parts of the city including the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood. Landlords need to know their tenants. Resident landlords not only know what's happening in their property, but can be around to assist their tenants. We need sane legislation that encourages residents to behave respectfully, and such legislation should include warnings that help to establish parameters for good behavior. We also need the courage to let our neighbors know when things are getting out of hand and, hopefully, to prevent problems.

### Helpful Neighbors

In a neighborhood like ours, we still need to watch out for each other. When we know that our neighbors are away on vacation or during holidays, we should note any situations that may threaten our neighbors' property and report any problems. If we see trespassing or something that is out of the ordinary, the situation merits attention. (For emergencies, use 911, but for non-emergencies, dial 255-2345.) While it is useful to keep lights on while we are away, we should also let our neighbors know when we are away and ask them to watch. At the same time, we should also return the favor and assist when they are away from home. We are all in this together, and it helps us all when we work together.

These are some ideas that have emerged in various discussions and which this neighborhood and others in the city need to address. We have a city that is more congenial than others in the Midwest, and a place like Madison stands in stark contrast to other towns and cities. This is the result of the consciousness that neighborhoods like Tenney-Lapham bring to the city, and we need to keep reminding the city and its residents of what it takes to keep Madison a nice place to live. Here's to all the improvements that we can make in 2002 and in the years to come!

Salvatore Calomino  
James L. Zychowicz  
Chairs, Safety Committee

**John Bell** (from page 16)

Bern. Residents of Madison and the Tenney-Lapham area for more than twenty years, they chose the area because of the comfort of an older neighborhood, to have Tenney Park as their back yard and as a good place to raise a family. They have four children. In his ninth year as a nursing assistant for the school district, now at Sandburg, John credits his late father with sparking his interest in gardening.

Over coffee I had the opportunity to talk with John recently. He believes that the strength of this and other neighborhoods rests on our diversity and a willingness to involve all people and balance their needs. He feels that people have a responsibility to their community and in Madison, if people are truly committed and work together, they can educate and influence the public and policy makers to give priority to this and other issues.

Despite the challenges of high land values and perceived "higher use", John remains optimistic for the future of community gardening in Madison. "It's the most popular and fastest growing form of outdoor recreation and touches on our nutritional, spiritual, economic and political well being." Chairman of the City of Madison's Advisory Committee on Community Gardening, John emphasizes the "connection" to neighborhood and place with the garden plots and their positive role in community building. "I feel a stronger part of my neighborhood and Madison by being involved."

-Richard Linster

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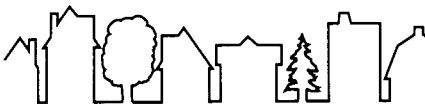


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## Singing Whales and Giggling Dolphins

One sunny day in November (and weren't they all this year?) I betook myself to O'Keefe Middle School to help one of the teachers there teach a habit I can't seem to break myself—the making of poetry. And because I believe the soul of poetry is inspiration and “making it new,” every soul needs a body to move it about the earth, so I taught the kids how to discover a metaphor.

I had them close their eyes and envision a person each of them likes a lot—though not necessary romantically. Like college-age students, on whom I try this exercise all the time, they squirmed and did a little eye-rolling. As expected, when I asked them to open their peepers and write down the first thing that came to mind in response to a series of increasingly weird “prompts,” they were properly bored and a little reluctant. “What if your person were a piece of fruit?” I queried and braced myself. Nervous titters, but then some scratching of pencils. “What if your friend awoke one morning and discovered that she or he had sprouted a tail?” I pursued them to describe that tail. And each one found at least one genuine metaphor—a glowing, unexpected, made-me-want-to-cry-or-just-clicked-like-a-well-made-box metaphor. Some were already so accomplished that they whole poem hung together—though I told them neither that, nor rhyme, nor rhythm was something to force. The results are below. I loved every single one of these and feel honored to have helped birth them.

-Gay Davidson-Zielske

### **Mom** by Anna Holcomb

She can cuddle you up like a small cabin with a fire on a cold winter day. Sweeter than a strawberry. A dream to cure cancer and AIDS She would ride on her bike for days to accomplish it.

### **Dani** by Emilia Olsen

Dani is like an ocean, always changing With its horrible hidden rocks and tidal Waves, and its beautiful colored fish And its singing whales, giggling dolphins.

### **She's** by Alex Zielske

She's like an ocean ever vast And forever. She's like a Kiwi, sweet and nice. Old-fashioned, but always happy. No one in the world can compare To her. She's the great shield, The teacher, the mother bird.

### **Me** by Kazo Vang

Me can be a bird sometimes chirping all day, But knowing when to stop when her wind kicks in.

### **Mom** by Lewis Olesky

She is purple clouds glowing On the shallow sunset In her dreams she rides a PT Cruiser With her brief case, which is full of \$\$\$'s of Thousands of \$100 bills.

### **Dad** by Alex Eagan

We're in a race; Instead of running it, He walks and collects plants Along the way. He's kind of like An ORV, but he has respect for the land. He's never inside when he could be out, Could never be coaxed into a cubicle job. He teaches about plants, and birds, To whoever will listen. I'd laugh if he said, I love the TV. A house to him is like a cage. He's an outdoor guy.

### **Poem-Free Verse** by Leah Jeedas

a fire-engine red sports car wishing to drive wild. she's much stronger than me letting everthing happen natural. She's a dreamer, with a cottonhead.

### **Untitled** by Caleb Crossley

he is a sponge who sucks up all the knowledge that comes his way he seems out of control sometimes, but most times he rides smoothly and in control he would never be a burger flipper.

### **Metaphor** by Amy Stein

A summer sundress. Light and free the Flower would be a daisy, Simple, but just perfect.

### **Don't Laugh!** by Jordan Herman

He can also be a bulb-shying away from spring, unless you give him proper care and he could turn into a lovely daffodil.

### **Brother** by Claire Tradewell

(I helped Claire arrange her poem into two haiku-like poems)

He's a sweet, (sometimes sour) Orange that squirts Little pains into your eye.

A snow-covered Mountain, just waiting For a sound To make it crumble.



**Untitled** by Billy McCoy

A juggler with a lemon bitter face  
waits for Halloween and world history to drop.  
thinking of his friend who says, I ain't ever happy,  
but always with a smile on his face.

**Metaphor Poem** by Jessica Doughery

Wild and free,  
You love to take risks,  
You are like a lion,  
My little brother.

**Bryce** by Bryce Powell

He is like a mountain,  
Singing in the breeze.  
He is a night person, the night man.

**Me** by Lloyd Cosme

I am a shallow ocean  
I am quick, like J-J the Jet Plane  
And slick and intelligent

**Metaphor** by Bubba Cure

She is a hilly area, smooth  
But sometimes rough.  
If she woke up one day with a tail,  
It would be a lion's, smooth but rough,  
Orange, bright, and fiery.

**My Grandma** by Harrison Holtzman-Knott

Fun as mid-day always bringing sunny conversations  
Soft wool as a sweater, but can be reasonable scratchy.  
My grandma is a classic car, steadily moving through life.  
Black as night or white as the moon. if she were a color  
Of the rainbow, it would be red, like the color of her curly hair.

**Myself** by Isaac May

I'm a Friday afternoon ready to go  
I would be a lizard quiet, quick,  
And stealthy, always ready to go.  
I'm a Ferrari, fast and sporty.

**Special Friend** by Arielle Nguyen

the smell of this island would be  
coconuts and wildflowers  
Would you like to know who  
My island is? Maybe next time.

**Poem** by Jo-Jo Herrera

Some days she is like a reinforced steel door,  
Hard to open without the code.

**Beanie** by Mehla Goodrich

Mangoes were his bright yellow cheeks  
Beanie was a bright blue, sunfilled, spring day.

**Untitled** by Abby Evans

She is wild; she is a jungle  
She rises in the darkness of the night.  
The brightness is the sun in her.  
If she had to pick a time, it would be now.

**Untitled** by Brittney Falkowski

In the sunny time, we ride horses.  
We both wake up and have horse tails.  
She is a mean Ompah Lumpah dreams of owning horses.

**Untitled** by Georgia Strebe

My brother is a little knoll,  
A peach,  
The sunrise on the brink of understanding.  
His mostly sunny attitude,  
Brings everyone around him joy.  
He is a pair of shoes,  
That want to build a robot.  
And just by him saying, Guess what?  
You'd think that he was 12.

**Ode to Dad** by Vinnie Stepmock

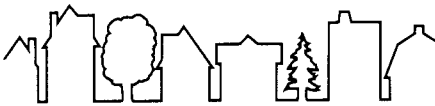
He likes the color orange  
Bright and determined. He's  
a pair of old jeans, tough and strong.

**Alex Zielske** by Josh Goglio

Once you surpass him in anything  
You look down and notice how far  
You have gotten. Like a rainstorm,  
He can change in the blink of an eye.  
Such great knowledge and talent,  
It would be a shame if he worked  
At McDonald's.

**Untitled** by Anna Hudek

She wants to shout out 'stop controlling me'.  
But at the same time, she is the evening,  
Calm and understanding. She is the year 2001, hip and spunky.



## Newsletter Goes Quarterly

The TLNA newsletter is changing its publication schedule from bimonthly to quarterly. It will be delivered to homes in the neighborhood during the first two weeks of January, April, July, and October. Deadline for copy and advertisements will be the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month preceding publication.

Ideas for articles are always welcome – if you would write the article it would be even better. You don't have to make a permanent commitment to write for the newsletter; one-time articles are very much appreciated. And if you have an artistic bent, send me photographs of your artwork. I plan on incorporating more graphics in the newsletter.

- Bob Shaw

## Web Site Features Calendar of Events

TLNA's web site is now incorporating a calendar of events so that you no longer miss your favorite neighborhood potluck or other neighborhood events. You can view the calendar by going to the website (<http://danenet.wicip.org/tlna>); you can also sign up to have email messages sent to you two days before the event.

Jim Winkle of the Bay Creek neighborhood in Madison developed the calendar for his neighborhood's web page. When he saw how useful it was in getting more people to his neighborhood's activities, he decided to set up a small business to market the calendar. Details can be found at [www.EventsGalore.net](http://www.EventsGalore.net).

Meeting dates for the TLNA Council along with the agenda will also be on TLNA's calendar of events. So check it out; it really is a nifty way of connecting you with neighborhood events.

-Bob Shaw

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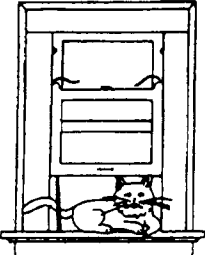
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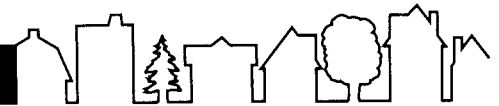
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## Avenue Bar (from page 1)

Norway maples, and the original four Patmore green ash trees plus plantings of American highbush cranberry bushes and alpine currents. This fall the trees went in with great excitement to the neighbors. An asphalt lot was transformed. Eight trees and swatches of earth now ringed this lot.

As neighbors of Curtis Court and the Avenue Bar we want to thank the Zach family for being committed to the neighborhood, for being interested in its improvement, and for contributing so generously to making the neighborhood more livable. We appreciate the trees and the green space so much. We wish the trees long life and thank the Zachs for

being a neighbor to our neighborhood.

Postscript: Those of you who might visit Curtis Court because of this article, please don't judge our trees too harshly. They are beautiful but recently the city crews came down Curtis Court giving the trees some pretty severe "haircuts" to benefit(?) the trees and to protect(?) them from truck traffic. Brian Miller, our eastside city forester who has been very helpful over the years, assures me that they will fill out and regain their full beauty. So until the city figures out how to have less traffic and more space for trees, we'll have to accept that. Do come and visit Curtis Court though. Welcome the trees. Appreciate our veteran trees

of seven years and thank the Zachs and other businesses of Curtis Court.

-Jeff Reinke and  
Karen Banaszak

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## 1990's Show a Big Jump in Housing Prices (and Taxes)

Below are the statistics a resident of the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood has kept since buying her house in 1979. The two largest taxes, school taxes and city taxes, are shown. County, state, and MATC taxes along with state and lottery credits are not shown but are reflected in the total taxes column. No remodeling was done on the house during these years; the value of the house is a bit below average for the neighborhood. The 41% increase in 1995 reflects a neighborhood wide reassessment by the assessor's office. The final column is the yearly change in the consumer price index.

	Assessed Value	% Change	School Taxes	% Change	City Taxes	% Change	Total Taxes	% Change	% Change in CPI
1980	\$31,200		\$392		\$236		\$673		
1981	\$35,300	13.1	\$444	13.3	\$261	10.6	\$768	14.1	8.9
1982	\$35,300	0.0	\$470	5.9	\$267	2.3	\$785	2.2	3.8
1983	\$35,300	0.0	\$511	8.7	\$286	7.1	\$883	12.5	3.8
1984	\$35,300	0.0	\$516	1.0	\$291	1.7	\$898	1.7	3.9
1985	\$35,300	0.0	\$660	27.9	\$503	72.9	\$930	3.6	3.8
1986	\$35,300	0.0	\$681	3.2	\$506	0.6	\$1,004	8.0	1.1
1987	\$35,300	0.0	\$692	1.6	\$513	1.4	\$1,052	4.8	4.4
1988	\$35,300	0.0	\$706	2.0	\$501	-2.3	\$1,064	1.1	4.4
1989	\$37,100	5.1	\$758	7.4	\$519	3.6	\$1,175	10.4	4.6
1990	\$39,000	5.1	\$843	11.2	\$528	1.7	\$1,268	7.9	6.1
1991	\$42,900	10.0	\$952	12.9	\$569	7.8	\$1,273	0.4	3.1
1992	\$45,600	6.3	\$1,085	14.0	\$596	4.7	\$1,399	9.9	2.9
1993	\$50,200	10.1	\$1,157	6.6	\$633	6.2	\$1,597	14.2	2.7
1994	\$56,200	12.0	\$1,264	9.2	\$706	11.5	\$1,725	8.0	2.7
1995	\$79,200	40.9	\$1,359	7.5	\$750	6.2	\$2,387	38.4	2.5
1996	\$83,200	5.1	\$1,110	-18.3	\$785	4.7	\$2,329	-2.4	3.3
1997	\$88,200	6.0	\$1,132	2.0	\$830	5.7	\$2,315	-0.6	1.7
1998	\$95,600	8.4	\$1,160	2.5	\$899	8.3	\$2,479	7.1	1.6
1999	\$97,500	2.0	\$1,130	-2.6	\$912	1.4	\$2,317	-6.5	2.7
2000	\$105,300	8.0	\$1,167	3.3	\$984	7.9	\$2,581	11.4	3.4
2001	\$115,800	10.0	\$1,247	6.9	\$1,053	7.0	\$2,753	6.7	2.1
<b>1980-2001</b>		<b>271%</b>		<b>218%</b>		<b>346%</b>		<b>309%</b>	<b>58%</b>

### Average Price of a House in the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood

	Lapham	Tenney Park	Lakeshore - Isthmus
1985	\$46,000	\$54,100	\$126,500
1990	\$51,700	\$61,100	\$159,700
1995	\$87,300	\$119,100	\$291,000
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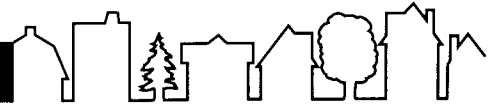
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1031 E Gorham St	1 Unit		\$136,900
208 N Breatly St	3	1.5	\$139,900
1116 E Gorham St	4	1.5	\$139,900
201 N Blair St Unit 103		1.0	\$139,900
414 N Livingston St #2	1	1.0	\$139,900
121 N Ingersoll St	3	1.75	\$139,900+
152 Dayton Row	2	2.5	\$173,000
1150 Williamson, #102	1	1	\$174,900
1339 E Johnson St	3	1.75	\$246,800
1029 E Gorham St	2 Unit		\$273,000
1212 Elizabeth St	4	1.75	\$300,000
1029-31 E Gorham St	2 Unit		\$409,900
111-115 N Blair St	6 Unit		\$595,000
807 E Johnson St	5 Unit		\$675,000
1250 Sherman Ave	5	5	\$1,250,000

## PROPERTIES PENDING

<u>ADDRESS:</u>	<u>BDRMS:</u>	<u>BATHS:</u>	<u>LIST PRICE:</u>
222 N 3rd St	2	1.0	\$ 99,900
108 N Few St	2	1.0	\$104,900
949 Johnson St	3	1.5	\$119,900
1005 E Johnson St	5	1.5	\$139,900
1110 E. Mifflin St	3	2.0	\$169,900
1035 Sherman Ave	3	1.5	\$218,000
515 E Mifflin St	2 Unit		\$225,000
124 N Franklin St	2 Unit		\$245,000
120-122 N Franklin St	3 Unit		\$407,500

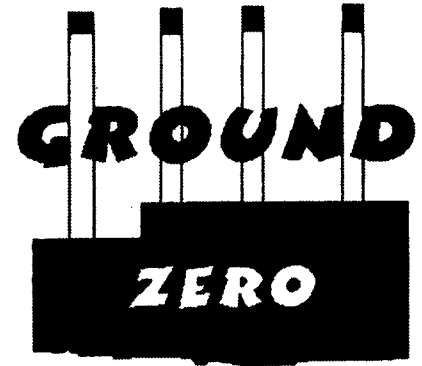
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<u>ADDRESS:</u>	<u>LIST PRICE:</u>	<u>SALE PRICE:</u>	<u>DAYS ON MARKET:</u>
1121 Elizabeth St	\$92,400	\$92,600	20
521 E Mifflin St	\$ 99,900	\$106,700	5
414 N Livingston St #4	\$139,900	\$135,000	101
1209 E Mifflin St	\$155,000	\$131,200	369
1045 E Johnson St	\$156,900	\$128,000	116
848 E Gorham St	\$139,900	\$130,000	
419 N Ingersoll St	\$165,000	\$169,600	8
844 E Gorham St	\$195,000	\$195,000	2
822 E Gorham St	\$220,000	\$200,000	11
1049 E Johnson St	\$321,000	\$321,000	2

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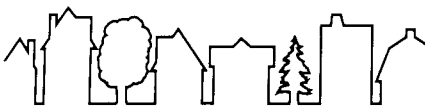
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### From the Neighborhood Cookbook

After the call for articles in the last newsletter, we felt inspired to start a regular column designed to share recipes that our families love and enjoy. Some, like the sticky bun recipe, are 3<sup>rd</sup> generation recipes, passed down from generation to generation. Others are just good recipes that we found in a cookbook or the paper. We started collecting and sharing recipes a number of years ago with the notion of possibly producing a neighborhood cookbook. Without even trying we have three years of recipes waiting to fill this column.

However, this might be a great opportunity for other neighborhood cooks to share their recipes as well. In

#### Sticky Buns from Alan Crossley

1/2 c shortening, 1/2 cup sugar, 2 t salt, 4 t yeast  
2 c milk (lukewarm), 2 eggs, 7+ c flour

In bottom of each of 4 - 9" round cake pans:  
1/2 stick butter, 1/4 c brown sugar, Droeze Karo syrup

Combine 2 c flour, sugar, salt, yeast in large mixing bowl. Add milk in which shortening has been softened. Mix, then add eggs and 1 cup flour and beat for 1 minute. Work in more flour until it feels right. Allow to rise until double, punch down, rise again, punch down and cut into 4ths. For each 1/4 roll out as for jelly roll, spread equal parts white sugar and brown sugar in middle, then roll up. Cut into 2 inch pieces and arrange in cake pan. Continue same process for all 4 pans. Then allow to rise again. Bake at 400° for 10-12 minutes. Then remove from oven, allow to cool for several minutes, then invert pan on large plate to allow brown sugar, butter, Karo syrup mixture to run down onto rolls.

#### Saucy Salad from Jean Dunn

2 medium tomatoes, diced  
2 stalks celery, cut into diagonal 1/4 inch slices  
1/2 cup canned corn, drained  
1 ripe avocado, peeled, pitted, and diced  
1 scallion, chopped  
1 tablespoon fresh cilantro (coriander), chopped  
1 tablespoon olive oil  
1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice  
pinch salt  
freshly ground black pepper  
Toss all ingredients together in a bowl.

fact, we are contemplating resurrecting the notion of a neighborhood cookbook with this column. So here is the deal. If you have a recipe or two that you wouldn't mind sharing with the neighborhood, send them our way. We will begin to include some of your recipes in future columns. We will also add them to our growing list of recipes and perhaps, with a little luck and a little financial support, produce a neighborhood cookbook.

Send those recipes to: Alan Crossley, 459 Sidney Street, Madison, WI 53703 or Jean Dunn, 1209 Elizabeth Street, Madison, WI 53703.

-Alan Crossley and Jean Dunn

### John Bell Wins Community Award

This spring the TLNA established the "Barbara Vedder Community Participation Award" to honor the service of our former alderperson and to recognize an individual or group for their efforts to improving access to civic and community life.

This summer Barbara, Carol Weidel and I met to establish criteria for the award. A first mailing to solicit nominations from elected officials coincided with the September 11 attack. Therefore, Barbara made the selection.

John Bell of 423 Sidney Street has been chosen as the first recipient for his leadership role in community gardening. He is 56, a veteran of the Navy and had a brief career as a journalist. He moved to California where he met and married Dr. Lauren  
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