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## Friends of the Yahara River Parkway Launch Membership Drive

The Friends of the Yahara River Parkway got off to a very successful start this fall, hosting an inaugural get together at the Tenney Park Shelter and launching a membership drive. We've been busy ever since, getting our organizational house in order, participating in the planning processes for the East Rail Corridor, the Sherman Avenue Bridge Reconstruction, and the East Washington Avenue Reconstruction project. We've also been communicating with members and others about possible projects to pursue in the spring and summer of 2003 in addition to maintaining the sites we have already replanted. Dozens of people have shown their support by becoming members, and so far we have raised over \$1000 to support our projects. It's never too late to join; here in the newsletter you will find a membership coupon. Please join

in!  
 The 2003 City Budget includes \$10,000 for preliminary planning on repairing and adapting the old bathhouse at the corner of Sherman and Marston, and \$10,000 for new plantings in Tenney Park and the Yahara River Parkway. Madison School Community Recreation has also raised the money necessary to replace their storage shed at the pontoon boat dock.

On January 18 the Friends of the Yahara River Parkway will be hosting a morning get together to brainstorm projects for the spring and summer. Project selection will depend in part on how many volunteers are willing to commit to take on a particular project, so please, if there is something you would like to see happen in the park this summer, come join us to share your idea on the morning of Saturday, January

### WINTER POTLUCK

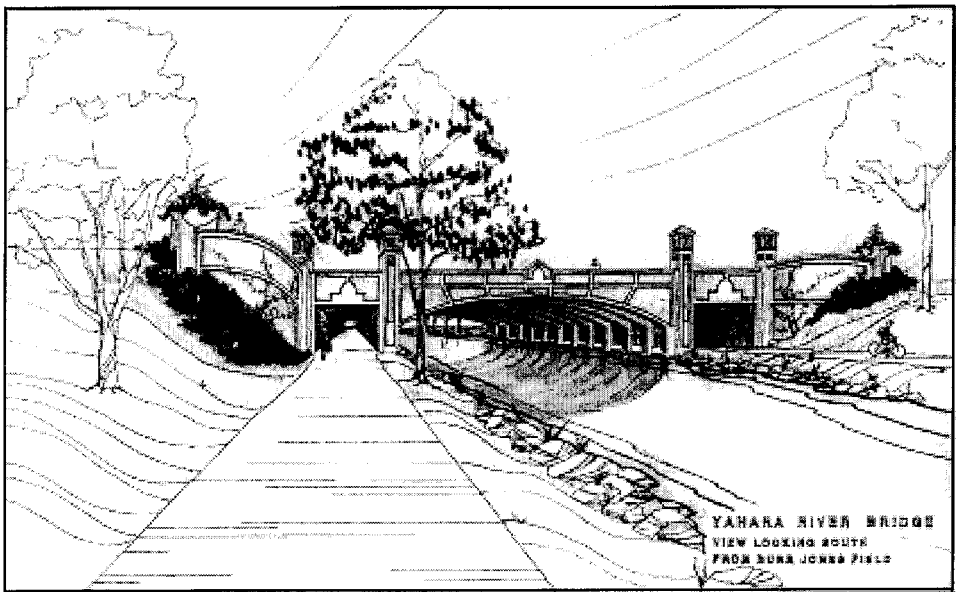
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Join your neighbors at TLNA's annual winter potluck. Plates, cups, and utensils will be provided along with tea, coffee, milk, and cider.

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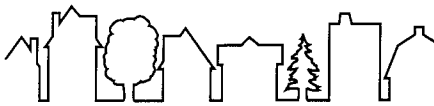


Proposed E. Washington Avenue Bridge, including two underpasses for pedestrians and bicyclists

18<sup>th</sup>. The gathering will be a potluck brunch at the home of Ed Jepsen, 2317 Oakridge Avenue from 10 until 1. If you would like further information or instructions on how to get there, call Ed at 244-8847.

And finally, you are invited to join the Friends – a membership form can be found on page 16 or call me at 257-5718.

-Margaret Bergamini  
 TLNA Parks Chair



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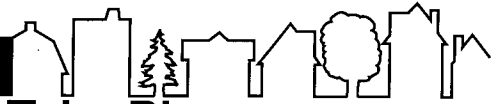
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## **Compromise Smoking Ban to Take Place**

I hope everyone survived the holidays and is adjusting to winter in Wisconsin. I'm happy to report progress in many areas over the past months.

First, the fence to screen the generator in Reynolds Park has finally been installed. A big thanks goes to Alan Larson of the Water Utility for helping this project along.

We had a very successful public hearing about the future of Breese Stevens Field. While the final decisions will not be made until spring, it seems that there is quite a bit of support for having soccer remain at Breese Stevens Field, with the potential to have more games played on the field. There seemed to be a strong desire to preserve the historic walls of the field, with many people speaking eloquently about the special feel of playing a game at Breese. I am also excited that there may be potential to open the field up for neighborhood and music events and that there is a possibility of having meeting or neighborhood space under the stands. Of course, we also heard concerns about the lights and the spill-over into the surrounding neighborhoods.

The East Washington project is moving forward. One point of concern is the plan for the Yahara River Bridge. While many are excited to finally have underpasses for pedestrian and bicycle traffic, others remain concerned about the historic aspect of the bridge and the effect it will have on the Parkway.

At the request of the Tenney Lapham Neighborhood Association and the neighbors, I appealed the approval of the

conditional use for the 18 N. Baldwin property. On January 7, the Common Council will be voting on this matter. The concerns of the neighbors and the association regarding traffic, storm water run off, the inappropriateness of a 4-unit building on this site with side orientation and lack of green space remain unaddressed by the developer. One fortunate outcome of the discussion about this property is that Smart Studios has agreed to upgrade the appearance of their building next to this property.

I've been asked to report on a few issues not specific to the neighborhood. First is the compromise on the controversial Section 8 issue. Section 8 is a program that assists low income tenants in paying their rent. Tenants receive a voucher from the Community Development Authority to assist with payment of rent. The City's Community Development Authority currently helps about 1500 families, elderly and disabled renters through this program. The Common Council finally took action on this issue by agreeing that any landlord receiving city financial assistance will not be able to reject a tenant solely because they receive Section 8 assistance. A landlord who has a tenant who is in a lease that gets a new Section 8 voucher must accept the Section 8 voucher as payment for rent. Also, a landlord may not deny a tenant because they might apply for Section 8 or are on the waiting list.

Finally, another controversial issue was temporarily put to rest: smoking. The Common Council passed a rather

flawed compromise that increased the number of restaurants that would have to be smoke free. The ordinance changed the definition of restaurants that must be smoke free, having alcohol sales of less than 33% to less than 50% or less of the establishment's gross receipts. Restaurants affected by this change must be smoke-free starting January 2, 2003. On January 2, 2005, smoking will be prohibited in full service bar areas of restaurants whose sale of alcohol beverages is less than 33% of the establishment's gross receipts. On January 2, 2006, smoking will be prohibited in full service bar areas of restaurants whose sale of alcohol beverages is 33% to 50% of the establishment's gross receipts. Many of you know I moved to reconsider this. There were enough votes on the council to kill the seriously flawed compromise ordinance, but there wasn't agreement about whether the issue should go to a referendum or just start over.

A quick reminder that if you have input about the time that the light at the corner of Ingersoll and E. Washington starts blinking, please feel free to contact me. Also, several people on Paterson have contacted me requesting that the city consider some traffic calming measures for Paterson by Reynolds Park and Breese Stevens Field.

As always, if you have input on any of these issues, or any other issue, please feel free to contact me by phone 345-8720 or e-mail [district2@council.ci.madison.wi.us](mailto:district2@council.ci.madison.wi.us).

-Alder Brenda Konkel

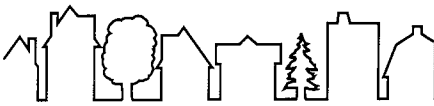
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## Breese Stevens Listening Session Held in November

On November 20<sup>th</sup>, the Breese Stevens Neighborhood Planning Committee held a listening session at historic Lapham School. Approximately fifty citizens attended and were afforded an opportunity to speak, submit a written statement or simply listen to others express their opinions concerning the future of Breese Stevens Field.

Eric Bertun, committee chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., introduced the committee members and explained their charge. Next, Brad Weisinger of the Madison Parks Division gave an overview of the current state of Breese and the fiscal climate under which it operates.

Then, anyone who had registered to speak was given up to three minutes to express his or her opinion of Breese. Committee members were allowed to ask questions of the speakers and did so on several occasions. The committee also collected the written statements submitted for evaluation at a later date.

The speakers represented a rather diverse group: young and old, male and female, "soccer people" and non-soccer people, Tenney-Lapham residents and non-residents.

For many years now, Breese has been used exclusively for soccer. It was not surprising that those from the soccer community made a big showing and were supportive of it remaining a soccer venue. The captain of the East High School boys' varsity soccer team said that Breese was the best field on which he had ever played.

Another theme that is apparent is that while neighbors seem generally supportive of soccer, they also want access to Breese for other activities. One Tenney-Lapham resident, who also happens to be a soccer enthusiast, came armed with a copy of the Tenney-Lapham—Old Market Place Neighborhood Plan. This 1995 document, under its parks' recommendations heading states:

*"Preserve the historic character of Breese Stevens Field, and increase its accessibility for recreational activities by the neighborhood."*

This is a goal that most agree with, but must be considered carefully by the committee when formulating its recommendations to the Common Council.

Breese Stevens Field was acquired by the City of Madison from the Breese Stevens family in 1923. The Article of Agreement between the parties' states:

*"It is understood and agreed, as a condition of this agreement and as part of the consideration thereof, that said block shall forever be known and designated as the Breese Stevens Athletic Field and that said premises shall never be used for any other purpose than that of an athletic field."*

It is generally accepted, in 2002, that as long as Breese is used primarily as an athletic and/or recreational facility, the 1923 agreement is honored.

Some of the supplemental uses for Breese that have been suggested so far are: concerts, neighborhood festivals,

farmers market and an art fair. Some of the athletic pursuits suggested so far that are compatible with its current use (soccer) are: Ultimate Frisbee, lacrosse and rugby. Among the suggestions that would be non-compatible with its current use are: converting Breese to a competitive swimming complex or a recreational water park.

Any significant increase in the number of games or events at Breese will in all likelihood affect its playing surface. Breese is recognized as one of the best soccer fields in the state. This is no accident. There are several key reasons why the surface is so lush:

Restricted access. Parks staff carefully monitor the number of games played on Breese. Overuse of any athletic field leads to rapid deterioration with no chance for recovery. Weather is always a wild card when considering how often and when the field can be used. One game played on a saturated field can ruin it for an entire season.

Sprinkler system. Amateur landscapers should be able to relate to this concept. One cannot rely on Mother Nature alone to keep the field green from early spring through late fall.

TLC. Breese is extremely fortunate to have an excellent caretaker. Tom Tierman of the Parks staff is meticulous in his care of the field and the results are obvious.

In order for Breese to become more of a multi-purpose athletic field, it is likely that the "premier" status of its surface cannot be maintained over the

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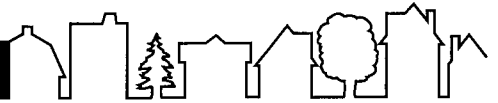


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## Let It Snow, Let it Snow ...

Older adults in the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood can get help with snow shoveling this winter thanks to a new program developed by Independent Living, Inc. Independent Living will match older adults in need of snow-removal assistance with a volunteer who will provide shoveling services when there is an accumulation of two or more inches of snow.

Independent Living is a nonprofit organization providing a unique array of services to help older and disabled adults live with dignity and independence. If you'd like to learn more about receiving

the service for yourself, a parent, a friend, or a neighbor, call Susannah at 274-7900.

If you would like to volunteer to help older adults in the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood with snow removal, call Linda at 274-7900 to learn more about the program.

### Police Alert

In the last few days we've had several burglaries to homes along Sherman Avenue and Norris Ct. A home on the lake, was recently entered via a porch area on the lake side. An apartment on Norris Ct. was entered via a cut screen on a window at ground level. This is a time when many people are away and these types of crimes occur. Please pass this on to your neighbors and ask them to keep an eye out for each other. They should call 911 immediately to report suspicious activity. Thanks,

### Correction

In the last newsletter, it was stated that Eric Minton wrote about Breese Stevens in the Spring 2002 issue. It was actually Eric Bertun who wrote the article.

long term. This does not necessarily mean it is destined to become a strip of dirt either. It does mean that Parks staff will have to carefully balance the need to expand its use without seriously compromising the playing surface. That has the potential to be a "win-win" situation for all.

NEXT ISSUE: Infrastructure. Breese is currently undergoing a Historic Structures Review by River Architects from La Crosse, WI. This detailed report will make specific recommendations pertaining to the infrastructure and will help the Committee and others formulate a plan of action for restoring and/or renovating Breese Stevens Field.

-Eric Bertun

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*(Editor's Note: The opinion expressed is that of the author and not necessarily that of the committee).*

# Energy advice is close at hand

Call the Home Energy Line at 252-7117 for energy-saving ideas from your community energy company.





## Endowment Fund Campaign Launched for O’Keeffe

I am very happy to report about an important community project under way. The O’Keeffe Middle School Community has launched a Special Endowment Fund Campaign.

This original and commendable idea began two years ago when community leaders and educators came together to establish the Foundation for Madison Public Schools. This foundation is an independent, private, non-profit 501(3)(C) organization dedicated to sustaining and extending the excellence of Madison public schools. The foundation raises funds, makes grants for innovative projects that will benefit children in Madison’s public schools and develops partnerships between the schools and community groups throughout Madison.

The Foundation for Madison Schools has been very successful in building a general endowment fund. Thus far, more than \$1.4 million has been raised and more than \$160,000 in grants has been awarded for projects that will enhance educational opportunities for Madison’s students. More than that, the foundation has taken the endowment concept to a

new level by initiating individual endowment funds for each of the 47 schools in the Madison district. This first in the nation initiative provides the O’Keeffe Middle School community with a unique opportunity to partner with the foundation to create a permanent endowment fund that will benefit our local school.

O’Keeffe Middle School is the first among our cluster of neighborhood schools to initiate an endowment campaign. The O’Keeffe middle school community hopes their work leading this effort can serve as a model for other area schools. The initiative is to establish a permanent endowment fund with the Foundation for Madison Public Schools specifically designated for O’Keeffe Middle School. Strong neighborhood schools are the foundation of a caring vibrant community.

More information about the endowment fund campaign and why the endowment fund campaign is important to O’Keeffe Middle School will follow in the next Tenney-Lapham newsletter. We invite your enthusiastic participation.

In the meantime, if you have questions and ideas or if you wish to assist in helping to accomplish our goals associated with establishing a permanent endowment fund designated for O’Keeffe, please contact Karen Crossley, lead volunteer for O’Keeffe Middle School’s Endowment Fund Campaign, 255-2706, [kargusto@aol.com](mailto:kargusto@aol.com)

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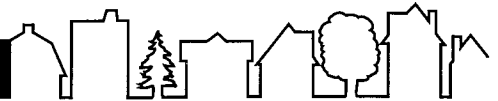
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## Volunteer Tutors Needed for Lapham and Marquette

The Schools of Hope Literacy Project, a partnership between United Way of Dane County, Madison Metropolitan School District and R.S.V.P. of Dane County, was conceived in 1996. Its objective is to increase the third grade reading test scores of 21 MMSD schools and to work on closing the gap between the scores for students of color and their white counterparts.

In order to work on this objective, the project concentrated on two main goals. One, the schools needed to increase and enhance the use of community literacy tutors. Research shows that the more time children spend reading one-on-one with an adult, the better their reading skills become. It was felt that if the schools could tap into the volunteer energy of Madison, both community members and struggling students could benefit from having a strong literacy tutor program in place.

Two, there needed to be an increase and improvement in school and family partnerships in literacy. In order to accomplish these goals, the project wrote and received a grant for 21 VISTAs (Volunteers in Service to America) to act as volunteer coordinators and literacy advocates at 21 local elementary schools, including Lapham and Marquette.

The Schools of Hope Literacy Project, now in its fifth year, has expanded into more schools, community

centers and pre-schools throughout the Madison school district. As volunteer coordinators, the VISTAs recruit, train and place volunteers from all over Madison to work one-on-one with students. Throughout the year, the VISTAs are working as advocates for literacy in their school and take on other literacy-related school projects.

In your neighborhood, the Schools of Hope Literacy Project seeks motivated volunteers who are willing to commit at least one hour per week to work one-on-one with students at Lapham and Marquette Elementary Schools. Even if you have little or no experience tutoring elementary-aged

children, students in your neighborhood can use your help. The Schools of Hope Literacy Project provides training, assistance, and support. There are regular volunteer opportunities Monday through Friday from approximately 8:00 am to 2:30 pm. In addition, Lapham Elementary is looking for many volunteers who are willing to spend a Friday afternoon reading to each of the grade levels while the students eat lunch. If you are interested in any of these literacy tutoring opportunities in your neighborhood, please contact your VISTA Volunteer Coordinator: Kari Nelson, 204-4166 or [knelson@madison.k12.wi.us](mailto:knelson@madison.k12.wi.us)

-Kari Nelson

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## Project Home Assists in Weatherizing/Repair Projects

Madison homeowners and renters who meet income requirements may be eligible for assistance in weatherizing and repairing their homes under the Project Home program located at 104 N. First Street, within walking distance of most of us in the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood.

I spoke with Project Home staffers Paula Gibson, outreach specialist, and Denise Mateyka, a staffer who is also a resident of our neighborhood. They believe a number of neighborhood residents could benefit from Project Home's services. Mateyka said the program most likely to be applicable to Tenney-Lapham homeowners was the

City of Madison Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Home Repair Program. Homeowners whose house is assessed at or below \$157,415 and whose income is at or below 80% of the county median income level are eligible for this particular program. 80% of the county median income for a household of two is \$43,500, with other household sizes proportional to this level. If you are not sure of your home's assessment check online at <http://www.ci.madison.wi.us/assessor/property.html>.

The CDBG Home Repair Program is for minor repairs. Examples of services covered include minor

plumbing, electrical or carpentry work, water heater replacement, and accessibility modification such as grab bars around bathroom fixtures. Paula Gibson told me many people who use this are elderly or handicapped but the program is open to all who meet eligibility guidelines. All participants must pay for materials and pay only \$8.00 per hour for labor, usually done by Project Home's employees.

Arrangements can be made to pay in installments over a period of around four months. More complicated jobs such as furnace or roof replacement are done by contracted workers and Project Home offers a subsidy of \$500 for a furnace and \$1000 for a roof in those cases.

You are reminded Project Home is not a chore service! Those who need assistance with snow shoveling, cleaning, and the like should instead ask for help at a senior center or other social service provider.

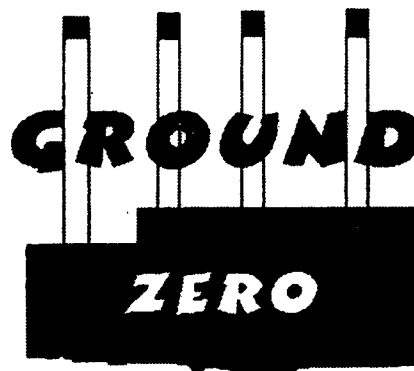
For major work, homeowners may

be eligible for a second program, the Dane County Rehabilitation Program. Those who qualify can receive a non-interest bearing deferred loan which is repayable upon the sale of the home. Major projects are those which exceed the scope of the minor repairs described for the CDBG Home Repair Program described earlier, and income and home assessment guidelines are the same as for the CDBG program.

For example, a person who has become disabled and requires significant accessibility modifications to remain in her own home could

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# A Look at the Madison Police Department

In mid-fall, the City of Madison Police Department (MPD) held five community hearings about police staffing. I attended one of those meetings, found it very informative and am writing this column to share some of what I learned. The purpose of the hearings was to discuss issues related to police staffing, with a focus on services and costs. Such hearings have been held in the past (e.g. one was held approximately five years ago), but this fall was the first time that citizen input was invited. In this article I will describe current MPD staffing and then describe suggestions that were made for change during the hearings.

## Current MPD Structure and Staffing

The MPD has five Districts – North, East, South, West, and Central. The Tenney Lapham Neighborhood falls within the Central District, a district that stretches (roughly) from the Yahara River to the west edge of the University campus, and from Lake Mendota to Lake Monona and Monroe Street.

The overall structure of the MPD is relatively straightforward. The city budget authorizes the MPD to have 382 law enforcement officers, inclusive of the Chief. The Chief (Williams) has two Assistant Chiefs. One of those Assistants is Noble Ray who is responsible for operations and the other is Chuck Cole who is responsible for support activities. To over-simplify

somewhat, “operations” refers to reactive and proactive police activities that are required to maintain peace and community relations, while “support” refers to duties related to traffic regulation, parking enforcement, and administrative services. For the rest of this column I will be focusing on operations, reserving a discussion of support for a future column.

On the operations side, each district has one captain and two lieutenants. In the Central District, we have Captain Luis Yudice and Lieutenants Sue Williams and Mary Schauf. In addition, each District has at least one Sergeant on each shift, and at least two detectives on the first (7am to 3pm) and second (3pm to 11pm) shifts. Most districts also have neighborhood officers, and educational resource officers.

Finally, all districts have Patrol (Beat) Officers. There are 78 beats in the MPD, 20 of which are in the Central District, and 3 of which fall specifically within TLNA territory. In order to cover one beat for 24 hours, six officers are needed. Said another way, to cover a beat 24 hours-a-day, 7-days-a-week, given the necessity of allowing days off and vacations, 6 officers are needed to have at least one officer on the beat at all times. It is important to know that Patrol Officers do not necessarily “walk” a beat and are, in fact, likely to spend most of their time in a patrol car so that they can respond rapidly and effectively to calls for assistance. The minimum number of Patrol Officers covering the City of

Madison is 20 at 1pm, 31 at 5pm, and 23 at 5am.

“Neighborhood officers” are officers who walk the streets of a selected, usually high-problem area. These officers know the people, issues, and history of a neighborhood on a first hand basis. Such officers are not in great supply, even though it appears from discussion at the hearings that they are in great demand. There are only 15 neighborhood officers in Madison. The Central District has four — one for Langdon Street, one for State Street, one for the Bassett Neighborhood, one for Williamson Street.

The final staffing issue of note is that the Central District has no secretarial support. Rather, officers answer telephone calls, type reports, and do filing.

## Areas of Concern & Suggestions for Change

Citizen input at the Central District hearing fell into three areas – separating State Street from the rest of the Central District, adding a TLNA Neighborhood Officer, and beefing up traffic calming efforts.

The idea of separating State Street from the rest of the District came about for several reasons. First, it was acknowledged that State Street consumes the vast portion of the MPD resources that are allocated to the Central District. This is, in part, due to the large number of bars and the density of the population in the State Street area. The most common law enforcement needs in TLNA relate to noise and vandalism, problems that tend to arise

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Figure 1.  
MPD staffing: Facts for 1996 and 2001.

	1996	2001	Percent Change
Population of Madison	200,814	208,217	3.7%
Number of calls needing police service	139,519	151,595	8.7%
Authorized police strength (Number authorized by the city budget)	350	382	9.1%
Number of detectives in the MPD	46	53	15%

## Safety

when bars close. This is precisely the time when most officers are consumed with problems on State Street, leaving little coverage for Tenney Lapham. In the past the MPD has had little interest in separating State Street from the rest of the District, but it was pointed out that the construction of the new Arts Center affords an opportunity to reconsider whether the State Street area should be considered as a district separate from the rest of the Central District.

The second idea — having a neighborhood officer — is something that many TLNA residents have wanted for a long time. As mentioned above, TLNA problems often revolve around drunken, rowdy behaviors (noise, vandalism, graffiti) that occur primarily at bar time, and many residents have wished for enhanced police presence at those times. TLNA residents have also voiced the idea that many disturbances come from residents of a few “problem”

or “nuisance” houses. It is felt that a neighborhood officer would be able to generate relationships with landlords and tenants alike with an increased effectiveness in dealing with these nuisance houses.

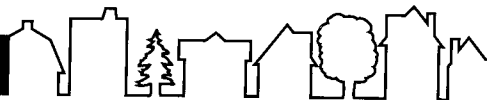
The third idea — traffic calming — is again something that many TLNA residents have wanted for a long time. It is also something that many residents have been actively involved in promoting. There seems to be some progress in dealing with this problem on some side streets, although even on side streets there is much room for improvement. The major thoroughfares, such a Gorham and Johnson, remain very problematic.

What do you think?

What Safety problems in TLNA need attention? What are your ideas about solutions for ongoing problems?

-Sandy Ward

TLNA Safety Committee



## Kudos!

The October Spaghetti Dinner was a smashing success thanks to many wonderful neighborhood residents and businesses.

Special thanks to the food providers for helping to fill all of our bellies with delicious spaghetti and sauce. If you see Anne Katz please thank her for preparing the vegetarian spaghetti sauce. When you are about to order your next pizza, please order it from Supreme Pizza and thank David Pelow for graciously donating the meat spaghetti sauce. (It was delicious!) Where would we be with all that sauce if we didn't have Peter Robertson owner of RP's Pasta to donate the incomparable spaghetti.

Many wonderful volunteers cooked and served the fabulous food. Thank you Joe Brogan, Teena Browder, Tom Walker, John Bell, Ken Zielske, Bob Shaw, Mark Pocan, and David Cieslewicz.

A special thank you to the staff at Christ Presbyterian Church for the support and the venue for our neighborhood events.

-Lisa Nett



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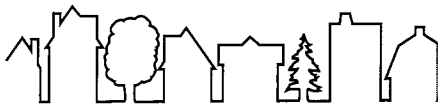
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## **Comprehensive Plan Gets Neighborhood Input**

We are pleased to serve as co-presidents of the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association. As residents we are concerned about the quality of life that is at the core of our neighborhood. The neighborhood is also feeling tensions and pressures from various forces in the city, but the overriding movement seems to be the Comprehensive Plan that is forming for Madison and Dane County. From what we have already learned about the Comprehensive Plan, it is important that we as a neighborhood stand ready to act, not react, to the initiative. We need to be part of the plan, and not just bystanders to it.

We attended the "kick-off" of the Comprehensive Plan at the end of October and contributed as much as possible the perspectives that we have gleaned from members of the TLNA. The Plan will become an umbrella for coordinating various existing and pending programs for education, safety, greenspace, land use, etc. As we understand it, the Plan is intended to prevent conflicts between various county and municipal groups from occurring as the city moves forward. Ideas that were shared at that "kick-off" will soon be compiled, and more information will be forthcoming. As much as possible, we plan to share what we learn with the

TLNA. Some of the information may appear in the TLNA newsletter but other information is available on the Internet. In fact, the website for the Comprehensive Plan ([www.madisonplan.com](http://www.madisonplan.com)) is already up and contains some basic information about it.

We were also represented at the 2002 Neighborhood Roundtable. From these sessions, it was clear that the TLNA has a healthy and growing relationship with the East Johnson Business Association. Further issues of concern, which will need additional discussion, are security and traffic safety.

In addition, the newly revised website for Madison ([www.ci.madison.wi.us](http://www.ci.madison.wi.us)) contains links to many city officers, including the Common Council. While the sheer amount of information can be daunting, we still need to use such tools to find information about the city and, especially, our neighborhood. We recommend that residents who are concerned make themselves familiar with the city's site.

We are also finding that the Common Council expects citizens who have strong feelings about issues to attend Council meetings and to share their views. We will certainly encourage this at our board meetings, but hope that everyone in the neighborhood will get involved when specific issues affect us. We need to make our voices heard and our presence known!

We look forward to working with the TLNA in the coming year. It is a time of challenges that we can certainly face together! Become active – come to our meetings, join a neighborhood committee!

-Sal Calomino, Jim Zychowicz  
TLNA Co-Presidents

# **Heaven? Gee, who knows?**



*Some believe in angels and such. Some believe in reincarnation.*

*Some say it's an entirely different plane of existence where we won't remember anything in this life.*

*I don't know. I mean, I know I'm going to die, but what happens after — if anything — scares me.*

*How will going to church help me?*

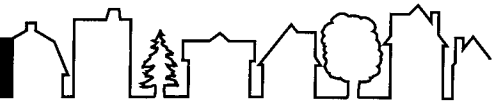
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# **Stop In & Find Out**



## Best Reads of 2002

We asked Tenney Lapham neighbors to help us with our first column of the New Year by submitting their nominees for Best Reads of 2002. As we suspected, we have a wonderful, eclectic and serious collection of readers in our neighborhood. We hope you can use the list below to jump-start your 2003 Reading List.

Sarah Halbach (7<sup>th</sup> Grader) was the first to respond. She suggests **Divine Secrets of the Ya Ya Sisterhood** by Rebecca Wells. Sarah said she was looking for something to read and was first attracted by the colorful cover. She said she truly enjoyed the inside as well.

Gay Davidson-Zielske suggests **The Great Gatsby** by F. Scott Fitzgerald. Gay wrote that “nothing could be more emblematic of the American plight—then (1920s) and now.” She opines that blind, soul-less materialism will do us in if we do not mend our rapacious ways. Gay, a poet herself, says that Fitzgerald was a secret poet. Gay thinks everyone is (or should be) a poet.

Madeline Kasper (8<sup>th</sup> grader) chose **A Tree Grows in Brooklyn** by Betty Smith. Madeline said this is her favorite book and feels that the movie is worth watching also.

We were not sure of the number of responses we would receive from our book solicitation. Bracing for a huge response, we reserved the right to select from the books provided and politely asked neighbors not to take it personally if we did not choose their selections.

Anna Park threatened physical

violence if we did not print hers, so here it is. Anna said that **The Secret Life of Bees** by Sue Monk Kidd contains rich, complex characters. She enjoyed the intellectual and insightful writing and believes the author made a true representation of one corner of the South free of the stereotypical Bubbas and belles.

Dan Sage offered **The Hours** by Michael Cunningham. Dan said the book is engaging and well constructed. It is a gloss on Virginia Woolf’s **Mrs. Dalloway**, though not derivative. The book weaves back and forth among the stories of three women—Virginia Woolf as she writes her novel; Mrs. Brown, a post-WWII housewife; and a contemporary character who has been dubbed “Mrs. Dalloway” by her closest friend. Dan recommends reading the book BEFORE seeing the movie if it is not too late.

Bob Shaw wrote that ever since he read **Notes from the Century Before** years ago he eagerly awaits for Edward Hoagland’s new works. Hoagland’s latest book **Compass Points: How I Lived** is a memoir ranging from Hoagland’s joining the circus in his teens to his gradual loss of sight.

Molly Tomony offered **Interpreter of Maladies**, a short-story collection by Jhumpa Lahiri. Molly said the stories are “absolutely delicious.” Lahiri is an Indian author, and the book is rich in culture, ritual and food references.

“This book is historically fascinating,” said Liz Green about the

novel **This Side of Brightness** by Colum McCann. Liz said the book contains lyrically, hauntingly beautiful writing. It is a heartbreaking story(ies) about New York City from an immigrant point of view.

Jean Dunn’s pick for the year 2002 is **Coming Home to Eat: The Pleasures and Politics of Local Foods** by Gary Paul Nabhan. Jean said the author shares a year of striving to eat only foods produced within 250 miles of his Arizona home. She feels that in today’s society we are more distant from our food and how it is produced. Jean found the book thought provoking.

Ann Rulseh picked her book because liking it came as a complete surprise. **Nobody’s Fool** by Richard Russo was a selection for her neighborhood coed book group. It is over 500 pages and written by a male author Ann had never heard of. She loved the rich, complex characters. The depiction of life in small town, upstate New York rang true. The author used tenderness, humor and honesty to tell a story of a ne’-re-do-well aging man whom the reader couldn’t help but love.

Thanks to all of the above readers who contributed to our column. Happy New Year!

- Jean Dunn and Ann Rulseh



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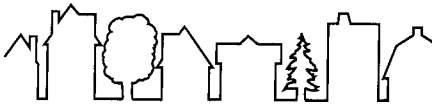
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## Host Families Needed for Students

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From a house on stilts in a Thai rice field to a stone cottage on Ireland's western shore, I have relived this scene many times in the intervening years

since that first summer. Certainly the faces change; the potatoes are replaced with rice, a whirring fan is substituted for the smoky peat fire in the hearth. Yet underneath it all runs a current of sameness: the goodness of strangers, the fragile yet persistent companionship that spans those cultural and linguistic gulfs.

It's hard sometimes to picture the reverse: that our familiar Madison scenes might conjure up the same mixture of excitement and apprehension in another kind of kid. That our homes, our streets, our gardens and trees might seem as new and yet indelible to someone for whom every fresh scene is a possible memory to be fixed. But it is

the enduring sense of how powerful this experience can be that has led me to want to share my own community as others have shared theirs with me.

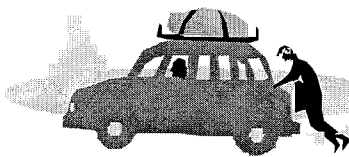
This August, 1,300 international high school students will arrive in New York through the Council on International Educational Exchange, a non-profit, non-governmental organization dedicated for the past fifty years to helping young people gain the knowledge and skills to live in a globally interdependent and culturally diverse world. Council Exchange students are between 15 and 18, come from over 30 countries, and have studied at least three years of English. Students have health insurance and bring their own spending money, but otherwise become part of American families for the five to ten months they spend in local high schools. Host families can come from all walks of life, including single- and same-sex parents, as well as couples without children.

As a local representative for Council living here in the Tenney-Lapham area, it is my hope that families in our neighborhood might be interested in sharing all that our community has to offer with some of these kids. If you are interested in hosting a student, please contact Beth Gross at 608-819-0336, or by e-mail at [egross@ssc.wisc.edu](mailto:egross@ssc.wisc.edu).

-Beth Gross



from an old post card view entitled the Fishing Lagoon in Tenney Park for Children



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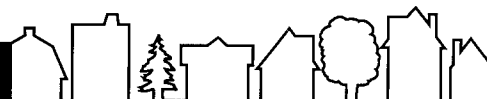
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113 Dayton Row	2	2.5	\$210,000
1205 Elizabeth	2	1.25	\$235,000
1212 Elizabeth	4	1.75	\$289,900
1020 Sherman Ave	3	2.5	\$649,900
814 Prospect Place	4	2.5	\$995,000

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319 N Few	3	1	\$137,000
1250 Sherman Ave	5	4.5	\$985,000

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627 E. Dayton	\$137,500	\$132,500	
940 E Mifflin	\$144,900	\$134,000	16
414 N Livingston St Unit 4	\$149,900	\$147,000	15
1031 E. Gorham	\$149,900	\$146,000	
1144 E. Johnson	\$210,000	\$215,000	
1029 E. Gorham	\$279,900	\$280,000	
1315 Sherman Ave	\$309,000	\$298,000	43
416 Castle Place	\$329,900	\$314,900	38
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### Skating Hours

I hope by the time you receive this true winter will be here, with lots of snow and good skating weather. If it has, you can take advantage of it at Tenney Park, where the Parks Division keeps the skating concession and shelter open on weekdays from 2 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and from 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. on weekends and school holidays. Skates are available for rent by the hour for adults and kids, starting at \$5 for the first hour for adults, \$2 for each subsequent hour, and \$3 per hour for kids 14 and under. It's a wonderful way to get a little exercise and see the park from a whole different perspective. You might even find some red osier dogwood along the banks of the lagoon.

### Reynolds Park

The fence to screen the generator in Reynolds Park has been completed. Originally the plan was to construct a brick fence to match the reservoir. However, the bids for this came in very high, and instead a wooden fence was constructed.

### Community Enhancement Grant Applications Due in February

Do you have an idea for a great project

to improve the neighborhood, but need some financial help to get it off the ground? Here's a great opportunity to make your dream a reality.

The City Department of Planning and Development is once again soliciting grants applications from neighborhood associations, business associations and other nonprofit organizations for small-scale, high visibility capital projects that can be undertaken and completed quickly. Projects that qualify include neighborhood identity signs, reforestation programs in neighborhoods or business districts, streetscape improvement projects, such as signs, banners, benches or perennial gardens and other items that will improve neighborhood livability and vitality. Projects that include youth in all stages of planning and execution, and projects that include a public art component are particularly encouraged.

These Community Enhancement Grants provide for up to one to one funding. Both volunteer hours and cash and in kind donations can be matched. The City does request that the funds requested be limited to \$25,000 and under.

Applications are available now, and there will be a workshop on the program on January 9, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in Room LL-130, Madison Municipal Building, 215 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Complete information

and application forms are available online at <http://www.ci.madison.wi.us/neighborhoods/grantprogram.htm>

If you have an idea in mind that you would like the neighborhood association to sponsor, please contact me as soon as possible. The deadline to have the applications in to the city is February 24, and grants are generally awarded in the late spring for summer completion.

### Johnson Street Bridge Tree "Trimming"

Many Thornton Street neighbors and others were distressed this fall by the removal of most of the trees and shrubs surrounding the foot of the Johnson Street Bridge. This removal was done by a subcontractor of MG&E with the knowledge of the Parks Division, but unfortunately there was a miscommunication about the extent of the cutting to be done. Unfortunately, with the Johnson Street Bridge scheduled to be reconstructed sometime in the next few years, the planners at the Parks Division are understandably reluctant to replant the bridge with trees and shrubs until that reconstruction is completed. Until then, at the City's request, MG&E's contractor grubbed out the remaining stumps and planted grass to hold the bank. Once the bridge is reconstructed the area will be reforested with masses of native trees and shrubs.

-Margaret Bergamini

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