

TENNEY-LAPHAM

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TLNA Council Endorses Neighborhood Plan

The draft of the new Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Plan is about to enter its next stage - submission to the city for consideration and eventual adoption by the Common Council. The previous plan, called the "Tenney-Lapham Old Market Place Neighborhood Plan" was adopted by the Madison Common Council on June 6, 1995.

A full draft of the new plan was posted to the TLNA website on 10/23/2005. The elements of the plan were submitted to a vote by the membership at the TLNA Annual Meeting on October 26, 2005. Detailed ballots were handed out and members were asked to review the plan and return completed ballots by November 11, 2005. Almost all elements of the plan were endorsed by the resulting vote. Some changes reflected in the vote were acted upon

by the TLNA council at their December 15th meeting.

A revised draft of the plan is now viewable at <http://danenet.wicip.org/tlna/web-data/issues/plan2005.html>. The main content of the plan is organized into 6 topics:

1. Zoning, Land Use and Redevelopment
2. Transportation
3. East Johnson Business District
4. Parks and Open Space
5. Housing and Infrastructure
6. Community Enhancement

Each topic is divided into goals, anywhere from two to eight of them depending on the topic. For each goal, a number of specific Action Steps are listed that will lead to making that goal a reality. The Action Steps are really the heart of the plan. Altogether, the plan proposes

ninety-one Action Steps.

What's next?

Further input on the plan, focusing on the Action Steps, is needed. With so many Action Steps, it will be important for the city to know which ones have the highest priority to the neighborhood. On December 1, 2005 a public meeting was held at Lapham School to begin this process. Results of that meeting are also posted on the TLNA website. In addition, staff from various city departments will be sending us feedback on the plan which could result in further changes. Beginning in January, the TLNA Council will continue to seek feedback from the whole neighborhood on plan priorities. In the spring of 2006, the plan should be ready to submit to the city for formal review and adoption.

- Patrick McDonnell, Cheryl Wittke

1873 Fire Destroyed Neighborhood's First Brewery

First in a series of articles about the history of the old 2nd Ward.

Leonard J. Farwell, later Governor of Wisconsin, is the man who really put Madison on the map. He purchased most of the east isthmus area from James D. Doty, believing that the Yahara River offered a better "canal" site. Farwell had a course dug out at the outlet to Lake Mendota



John Rodermund

and a dam constructed for water control and power. At this site a five-story mill was constructed between 1849-1851. Across the Westport-Lodi road (now Sherman Avenue) a brewery was established in 1850 under the management of John Keyes and the firm of Tibbetts & Gordon. Farwell's intent was to tap the farm trade entering Madison from the northeast. The mill ran around the clock and the waiting farmers could drink at the attached saloon and purchase supplies at a retail establishment.

Farwell became dissatisfied and sent to

Milwaukee for a young brewer of his acquaintance, John Rodermund. Rodermund, a native of the Prussian Rheinland, arrived in Milwaukee, age 20 in 1844. In 1847 he became manager of

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Rwanda: Closer Than We Think

A discussion of Philip Gourevitch's book, *We Wish to Inform You that Tomorrow We Will Be Killed With Our Families: Stories from Rwanda*, will be held at Christ Presbyterian Church (CPC) on Wednesday, February 22, starting at 6:45 p.m. Gourevitch is an American author and journalist who traveled to Rwanda in the wake of the 1994 genocide, where 800,000 people were slaughtered in 100 days.

Scott Straus, Assistant Professor of Political Science and International Studies at UW-Madison will be facilitating the discussion. He currently teaches classes on genocide, violence, human rights, and African politics.

The program is provided through a grant from the Wisconsin Humanities Council and co-sponsored by the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood and CPC. Copies of Gourevitch's book can be purchased at local bookstores or borrowed from CPC.

Both Tenney-Lapham and CPC have connections to Rwanda. Ellen Murdoch, a charter member of the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood and a long-time member of CPC recently returned from a trip to Rwanda. Dale Chapin, Pastor at CPC, visited Rwanda in February 2004, to learn more about the HIV/Aids pandemic. Murdoch and Chapin have developed strong ties to Nyamagabe, Rwanda since their visits. Through World Vision, CPC members currently sponsor over 125 children in the small township of Nyamagabe, Rwanda.

For more information on how members of the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood and CPC are involved with Rwanda, visit CPC's website at www.cpcmadison.com or call 608-257-4845. The next book discussion, *The Plot Against America* by Philip Roth, will be held on Wednesday, April 19 at CPC.

Kimberly Genne

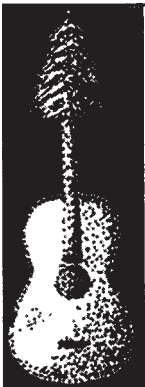
The New, No-Buy, Easy-As-Pie O'Keeffe Money Raiser

The O'Keeffe Middle School Parent-Teacher Group is trying a new approach to fundraising this fall. Because of a general burn-out with the traditional "wrapping paper"/catalog program, we are simply asking people for direct contributions – in exchange for a big savings in time and hassle! As you know, budget cuts have made community support for our schools more important than ever. This is not money for "fluff" or "extras", this is support for basic, key programs/projects at O'Keeffe. In order to meet fundamental expenses, we need to raise \$4000 by March 2006.

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Yoga Co-Op Offers Classes in the Iyengar Tradition

In September 2003, the Yoga Co-op of Madison opened the doors of its attractive new studio at 812 East Dayton between North Livingston and North Paterson, one floor above the Artist and Craftsman Supply store. With as many as three different classes per day, the Yoga Co-op offers many options to neighborhood residents interested in trying yoga or resuming their own practice.

The Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association (TLNA) checked in recently with a co-op member / teacher for an update.

TNLA: The co-op offers yoga classes in the Iyengar tradition. What is Iyengar yoga?

A: Iyengar yoga, named after B.K.S Iyengar, is the most classic and traditional form of Hatha yoga, emphasizing attention to alignment, integrity in

the practice of classical poses and the creative use of props. Our teachers tailor instruction to fit the needs of individual students.

TLNA: What are some of the benefits of practicing Iyengar yoga?

A: The practice of yoga brings both physiological and psychological benefits. We know for example that practicing yoga lowers blood pressure and promotes more efficient ways to breathe, including a larger lung capacity. As a teacher, I have observed greater muscle flexibility and better range of motion in many students. In addition, it is common to report better endurance, an increase in levels of energy and better sleep patterns. On the psychological side, I have found that yoga improves attention and concentration. In addition, because the practice of yoga emphasizes balancing

activity in opposing muscle groups, there is less risk of injuring muscles and ligaments compared to conventional exercise. Because of its focus on breath and internal awareness, yoga offers unique opportunities for lifelong learning.

TNLA: Why a yoga co-op?

A: Because all of our activities are run co-operatively, from scheduling classes to answering the phone, to cleaning the studio or paying our bills; all of it is done by co-op members who volunteer their time to make sure it all runs smoothly.

TNLA: Does one have to be a member to take classes?

A: No. Actually the majority of students are not members.

TNLA: Are there advantages to being a member of the yoga co-op?

A: You get a discount on class

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TNLA: The studio features beautiful wooden panels that support ropes and small cubby holes. Is that used in classes?

A: Yes, the "ropes wall," chairs, blankets, bolsters and blocks are all used to help each student find a good way to work with the poses.

TNLA: Can one drop into any class or is registration required?

A: Almost all our classes are available on a drop-in basis, so you can just show up for class and try it. In addition, we also offer occasional series, i.e. a set of 6 or 8 class sessions for which you must sign up and register [see flyer or website for 2006 dates].

TNLA: What kind of clothes do I need? Do I need to be in great

shape?

A: It is best to wear leggings or shorts, but no baggy pants. It is also better not to eat for a couple of hours before class. Iyengar yoga is suitable for all ages, body types and levels of fitness. In fact, tight and loose bodies, athletes and couch potatoes can all benefit.

DETAILS:

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To Helen: A Little Piece of Neighborhood History Revisited

When we bought our first house at 1010 E. Gorham, we knew that only one elderly woman lived across the street at 1011, a modest, high and narrow Victorian with the kind of porch that calls for a swing. From my front porch, I could see Helen Olson, who lived her entire life in this upright house, sitting like a carved image in the front window, watching whatever there was to watch. According to the neighbors, she was in her 90's, unmarried, but still looked well-kept, ladylike. Then, in November, she died peacefully in her life-long home. Since we had just purchased our home at 1010 in August, and since I was convinced that my brand new husband was a madman when I saw him going through yet another house with a realtor three months later, I wandered around in shock for quite a while. Our home at 1010 was beautiful to us, and was economical—like so many other first time owners, we needed the income from one apartment in the two-flat to pay our mortgage, so were willing, even eager, to live cramped, or cozy, as I preferred to think of it. When Alex came along a year later, he slept in a bassinet beside our bed and we used a walk-in closet for his nursery. He still claims to have memories of the place that I can't quite believe he could have. But 1011 had one really important element that I never felt in 1010—the house at 1011 exuded the ambiance of a real home.

But, when we purchased the home from Helen's nephew, the executor, we knew little to nothing about the family who had stared into the fireplace—that's where I felt her presence most strongly—who had had Christmases and birthdays, baked cakes and simmered soup in that tiny cramped kitchen. When we discovered a tall box in the attic filled with Helen's things though, I sat down as we sifted and wrote the poem that follows. Each layer was archeological, redolent of a friend and an era we would not be able to otherwise evoke.

As we gradually redecorated, I tried to stay mindful that lives had passed in this house. It had rung with laughter—its modest, lovingly and meticulously carved Victorian woodwork and arches had had small hands cling to it. Maybe some other teenager, as our son became while living here, had leapt the way teenage boys are always striving upwards, and tapped the top of the wooden frieze, causing me to scold. Did Helen have brothers? I did not know. One morning, I was awakened by the smell of baking bread—I swear I was—and it wafted about the kitchen for a while and then mysteriously vanished. Now, this is ironic, since I am allergic to grains and shouldn't be visited with that particular spirit at all. But I could nearly hear some mother call her family to dinner. I never saw anything—this was no candidate for the creepy supernatural type

shows on TV, but I was comforted by the lives that pervaded the house. Helen, if Helen it were, eventually passed on over, and gradually I became less aware of her presence. The spirit had dissipated almost completely when this summer I received an email from House and Garden TV, who had heard that I lived in a 100-year-old house and that I knew a little about the former resident. They would love to come do a photo shoot for a segment of their show "If These Walls Could Talk." And yadda, yadda, yadda.

Suffice to say, they courted me shamelessly, for I at first refused. There is nothing to cause ice water to flood a housewife's veins like the words "national television" and "photo shoot." Those endearing little idiosyncrasies one lives with and grows fond of in one's home just look like big old mistakes on big-screen TV. To make a nerve-wracking story short, HGTV cancelled the shoot just days before they came—much to husband Ken's relief and to my chagrin. I had worked like a woman possessed, even repossessed, to set the pleasant stage show. I had Helen's things cunningly arranged in the awful attic where they insisted on shooting, not believing me when I said I actually found her things on my newly-refinished wood floors downstairs. I had employed a whole cadre of boisterous boys to help clear a narrow passageway in the house-high rubble of the attic. I had even contacted friends who work at the local historical libraries at the university and State who uncovered some great facts about Helen. What began to emerge was a picture—finally literally a picture of her when she was young—but a portrait of a lively and interesting woman, who twinkled a bit. Staring at her face made me feel all the more close to her being. So HDTV bumped me, but they gave me gifts too—a cleaner attic and a re-acquaintance with dear Helen.

-Gay Davidson-Zielske



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To Helen: The Rest of the Story

“This is the part,” I tell my sweating spouse,
“where the struggling young couple finds
The tiny box at the bottom of the trash
Hauled from the attic of the 100-year-old house.

Therein, a diamond long-forgotten in the folds
of the respectable serge suit. Or I’d settle
for the version where it’s a gold locket
holding a few strands of some fellow’s hair—
a locket she can’t stand to look at—
much less to open.”

But instead, we toil three hours and find our
Helen Olson was a scholar, yet a proper Victorian
Girl. Helen kept playbills and loving, spidery-script
Letters on stationary onion-thin, from the old
Blackstone Hotel, Chicago. I hear the voices
Of girlfriends long gone saying, “You are a
Scandal, Helen. Driving a rental Ford!”
Another notes, “Myrtle had the smallpox
And the city inoculated the whole neighborhood
And mine became infected. Pa’s did not.”

Topeka and Santa Fe timetables with sepia
Nobel Savages perched on rocks watching
Trains go by. And whole lifetimes of
Newspaper-bundled scraps of clothes
Marked things like “Coat, 1924” and
Instructions for making perfume from the
Leaves of sweet peas.

Brown silk gloves that reached halfway
Up the inner arm of a thinner woman than I.
We find a racy bustier that you must never
Have worn, in embroidered blue that might
Barely make it round my thigh. (I don’t try)

Class notes and a reference to thesis binding
For something called “Regional Variations
In the Intensity of Wisconsin Dairying as Indicated
By the Quantity of Milk Produced per Acre of
Land in Crops.” Whew! There’s one term
Paper simply titled “Oceans.” (“Narrow that
One to a stream,”) my English teacher self
Wants to scream.

Far down a stenciled yellow box, marked in pencil,
72 cents. It once held Narcissus bulbs and bowl—
Some season long by. Now, a pleasant odor and
this verse:

“Water well these little bulbs
And they will surely do
Their best to bear my greetings
And best wishes on to you.”

My heart is a tree full of wrens; I lift the lid
And see mementoes of a dance and bridge party
Alpha Xi Delta, March 19, 1921.
Your dance card lists several, including “Jack”
In quotation marks, as if he’s not really Jack,
But that’s his “nom de danse.”

I know he was a blackguard. We know you
Never married. Just before your quiet death
As you sat still as stone in your (now my)
Front parlor window, we’d see you there.
Were you grieving? Were you proud?
I cannot know. Oh, you had lots of visitors,
But none of them were Jack, I think.

Beneath the last scrap of bridge scorecard,
The last item to be moved in 75 years—this ring.
It’s silver, tiny, and engraved with a little frieze.

I thank you, Helen. My letter to your family
Asking whether they would like it went unanswered.
So I place this ring on my own smallest finger.
Oh, and if I see Jack, I’ll be sure to shun him.
Because you know, in the deepest way,
You and I and this house are wed.

Norma Gay Prewett (aka Gay Davidson-Zielske)





East Attendance Task Force to Make Recommendations

The East Attendance Area Long Range Facility Needs Task Force has been meeting for three months to consider new school boundaries, school closings, restructuring or moving programs, and a host of other difficult issues.

Mike Wygocki has represented Lapham, Laura Chastain has represented Marquette, Gloria Marquardt has represented alternative programs, and I've represented O'Keefe. By early December we had pared down a list of about twenty-five proposals to six and then held two public hearings to get feedback from area residents, teachers, and administrators. Our charge from the School Board is to bring forward our final proposals by Jan. 16, according to our original schedule. (As I write this on Dec. 17, the task force's final recommendations are still in flux.)

The meetings have produced a plethora of district maps, statistics on school capacity, enrollment numbers, alternative programs, and economic diversity on the Eastside. The committee has

spent much of its time discussing the impact on families and neighborhoods of school closings and the relocation of alternative programs. The task force voted 12-5 on Nov. 22 not to close any schools at this time. Other key recommendations included to continue looking at pairing options to help balance economic diversity; to move the MSCR programs from the former Hoyt School into the East Attendance Area schools; to move alternative programs into one or more East Area school, to save tax dollars on using rental space and as a better option to closing schools; and as growth occurs on the Far Eastside, to consider shifting La Follette area students west to use space capacity in under-utilized schools such as Lapham, Lowell and Emerson. Several task force members and I questioned the rationale of building a new, multi-million dollar school within a few years in the newly developing Far Eastside neighborhoods, while we face school closings in our older, established neighborhoods (The board has already purchased land

east of the interstate highway for a future school site). We maintained that it makes more sense at this time to eventually redraw boundaries to alleviate crowding in the La Follette area.

For TLNA residents, it's important to realize that closing Lapham School was indeed one of the options some task force members considered. Many of us still remember the pain and sad impact of closing Lapham and other older school more than 25 years ago. Obviously, we don't want to see that happen again. Neighborhood schools are the linchpin of strong, vibrant neighborhoods. We know that, and city long-range plans call for preserving these neighborhoods, in part by keeping open our schools. However, the pressure remains to save money by closing schools and eliminating certain administrative and support services. That may seem like a short-sighted goal for those of us who love and support our schools. But the debate's not over.

- David Wallner

Lapham is in Danger of Closing

John Johnson, co-president of Lapham-Marquette PTG came to the Neighborhood Association meeting in December to warn Council Members that Lapham School is in danger of closing. He said the decision to close schools is on the fast track and Lapham School is a likely choice for closing. Budget deficits and changing demographics in the city are pushing the School Board to

make changes.

Budget deficits next year are expected to be at least \$6 million. Closing a school would save about \$350,000. Lapham is attractive for closing because of under-enrollment, a lower than average percentage of low income students, and a building useful for other purposes. The Lapham PTG working with the Long Range Planning Task Force sent a

survey out to parents to get their input on alternatives to closing Lapham School. Most of the alternatives involve boundary changes that provide little comfort for families with children being moved to another school.

The Neighborhood Association made a resolution to oppose closing Lapham.

- Joe Brogan



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Collins House B&B Closes

As of this date (December 27) the 800 E. Washington project that Gorman & Company have proposed is still up in the air. The city and Gorman are far apart in the amount of TIF money that Gorman feels is necessary to make the project financially viable. At a special meeting on December 1, the TLNA Council approved sending a memo to the mayor encouraging him to support ongoing discussions with Gorman for a mutually agreeable plan. Three members of the TLNA council met with the mayor in mid-December to discuss the memo. A resolution, one way or the other, should happen within a month. Stay tuned.

The Nordic Tire property at 627 E. Mifflin has been sold to developers Doug and Marc Nelson. A tentative proposal is for 55 condos with three stories in front and a stepback to five stories.

There are rumors that a developer is also interested in the Salvation Army lot with the Salvation Army looking at a new site near MATC on the east side.

Whether any of these projects happen, there is no doubt that the East Washington corridor will look dramatically different in ten years. Curt Brink set the standard very high with his remake of the old Buy & Sell Shop on East Washington; let's hope that future developers uphold that standard.

2006 will be the year that Breese Stevens will get its long-anticipated remodeling. The structure has been a neighborhood landmark for over eighty years with its current use being a soccer stadium. The infrastructure has been decaying for years so this long-needed rehabilitation will be very welcome.

Another neighborhood institution, the Collins House B&B, has closed down. The owners, Barb and Mike Pratzel, were not able to reach an agreement with the city, which owns the property, regarding a lease. However, the Pratzels, who also ran a catering business at the B&B, have opened up a café along with the continuing catering business at the Manna Café in Lakewood Plaza at the intersection of North Sherman/Commercial Avenues.

Beth Gross, our county supervisor, has resigned to accept a job in the Washington, D.C. area. Dane County Board Chairman Scott McDonell appointed Barbara Vedder, who was our alder before Brenda Kondel, to fill the vacancy until April. Barbara will serve until April when an election for the permanent supervisor will be held.

The city of Madison recently set up a one-stop website where you can report a problem whether it is a missed garbage

collection, grafitti, parking problem, potholes, broken street lights, snow removal, overgrown vegetation, or tree problems. The link is <http://webapp.cityofmadison.com/webprojects/reporting/reportingsystem.html>

Ed Jepsen from the Friends of the Yahara River Parkway and Mary Jo Schiavoni, parks chair from the TLNA, are planning a grand opening ceremony in the spring for the East Johnson Street bridge underpass. Watch the spring issue of this newsletter for more details.

You probably also noticed the strange marks on our neighborhood sidewalks this year. No, it is not a new cryptic grafitti style that is plaguing our neighborhood but marks the city made for sidewalk replacement. Michael Trotter, Madison's Sidewalk Supervisor, will be holding neighborhood meetings in the spring to give further details regarding costs and timelines. If you have any questions, you can contact him at 266-4537.

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Looking Ahead to 2006

This neighborhood is the center of much activity and we have quite a few exciting challenges before us as we get ready for the inevitable development of the East Washington Corridor. In 2005 the Tenney Lapham Neighborhood put together a neighborhood plan and worked with Gorman & Company to help design a project the neighborhood could support on the 800 block of East Washington. The City created a TIF district that impacts part of the neighborhood and the City made major progress on the BUILD study for the East Washington corridor that determines land uses, building heights and setbacks for buildings from Main St. to Mifflin St and from Blair to First Street.

In 2006 we will see the Tenney Lapham Neighborhood Plan and the East Washington BUILD plan go through the regular City Council process and hopefully be approved. The BUILD plan will also have a companion Urban Design Guideline Ordinance that will need to be

approved as well. The TIF district stakeholders are working on the first-ever community oversight committee for the TIF district. Additionally, the City will be deciding whether the Gary Gorman project that the neighborhood supported on the 800 block of East Washington will get TIF assistance or if the project will stop moving forward and we will continue to have a surface parking lot. Finally, the neighborhood will likely be asked for input on additional development projects within the neighborhood. In addition to everything going on in the neighborhood, expect to see the City pass its Comprehensive Plan for the City and have a city-wide discussion on creating Conservation Districts that could help preserve the single-home character of our neighborhoods. Additionally, we will see debates about Inclusionary Zoning and creating homes that working people can afford.

These discussions are likely to take the time of many of the devoted neigh-

borhood activists in the Tenney-Lapham area. Additionally, there are likely many unforeseen issues that will arise. Now, more than ever, it is important to stay informed and let me know of any concerns you might have as these many issues move forward. I can be reached at 345-8720 or district2@cityofmadison.com. If you would like to be added to the neighborhood listserv, you can contact David Waugh or me.

Between newsletters you can find additional articles by me as a guest at dane101.com, blogging on madison.com under "In Alder Words" or on my own blog at brendakonkel.blogspot.com. Additionally, you can stay informed on some of the issues I mentioned above by checking out various websites listed below

Here's to looking forward to a very active and productive new year!

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County Supervisor's Report



I'm Back!

In case you don't already know, I wanted to tell you all that I'm your new interim Dane County Board Supervisor for the upcoming few months, filling the vacancy of the term of former Supervisor Beth Gross from December 15 – April 4. Beth has taken a job opportunity in Washington D.C. that came her way. To make a long story short, there was a whole process for me to take over the reins which included a district public hearing, followed by a nomination made by the chair of the County Board which was then followed by a vote from the County Board as-a-whole. It was unanimous.

For those of you who don't already know me, I served as District 2 city alderperson from 1995-2001. This included the exact same geographic area as the county district, both of which in-

clude the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood, with the exception of an additional small area on the most eastern part of the district beyond East High School. I'm really thrilled to get back in the local political sphere and have this opportunity to work together with you on all the issues that matter to you involving County government. I'm a 24 year resident of Madison, all of which I've lived in District 2 along with my husband and our son, Echnaton, who has since moved out of the district and attends graduate school.

County government is an incredibly important body which deals intricately with health and human services as well as land use policy and environmental issues. I am particularly interested in these arenas and will be working diligently to represent the district as well as the greater good of the entire

county. Another aspect that the county is involved in is the sheriff's department, including the county jail and the D.A.'s office. Social justice issues are also extremely important to me as I'm sure they are for many of you. I have much to learn and I'm very much looking forward to it.

Following the interim position, I will be seeking election in April for a two-year term. The interim presents a wonderful opportunity to become well versed in county affairs and time to hear from all of you expressing your interests and concerns. Please feel free to contact me at any time with any questions or issues that you would like addressed. You can reach me at bvedder@charter.net or 249-8428. I look forward to speaking and working together.

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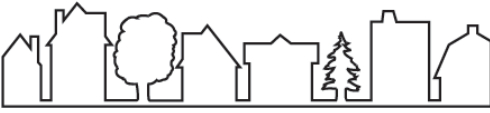
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the Lake Brewery on Huron Street. Rodermund came to Madison in March of 1850 and was teamed with Thomas H. White. While staying at a local boarding house, Rodermund met his future wife, Maria Jane Utter. The couple married in December of 1850 and with money provided by her father, Maria began purchasing land to add to the brewery while John purchased an interest in the company. By 1855 they were the sole owners.

It is estimated that the site, which included over one hundred acres with numerous buildings, originally cost \$100,000 (an equivalent to \$3,000,000 today). Under Rodermund's management capitalization increased from \$6,000 to \$30,000 during 1850-1870 while production soared from 3,000 to 5,000 barrels. Eventually the brewery employed twelve, divided between the saloon and the store. Additionally other businesses sprang up to service the complex including carpenters, brick makers, coopers, barrel and stave makers and teamsters to haul the beer.

While a number of key positions were filled by members of the Rodermund-Utter families, others were

open to Germans with specialized knowledge of the brewery industry but also Irish, Dutch and native "Yankees". Rodermund had jobs and paid well.

John was an active member of the local Turnverin or "Turners". The only known likeness of him is from a group of some sixty-two Turners at an 1863 picnic at "McBride's Point" (now Maple Bluff).

Rodermund was an excellent businessman and weathered the panic of 1857, the Civil War and its inflation, uncertainty and dislocations in the immediate postwar era. He also invested in the local real estate market.

Within his extended family group John acted as head, becoming guardian of his wife's nephew when the widow remarried after her husband's death at the end of the Civil War. He also administered his father-in-law's estate. Though indulgent and generous, there were limits. Rodermund would initiate civil suits to recover loans and costs from a number of defaulters including his own brother-in-law who owed him over \$2,000!

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John Rodermund's health broke under the strain. Despite excellent care by Madison's premier physician, Dr. Joseph Hobbins, Rodermund's condition steadily worsened and his death followed on June 23, 1875.

"Highly esteemed for his energy of character . . . indomitable resolution and . . . tireless industry. . ." his death "cast a shadow of gloom over the whole city". He was buried at Forest Hill Cemetery.

His widow Maria moved to 633 E. Gorham Street, remaining there until her death in 1895. John and Maria had four children. Josephine died in infancy and has the distinction of the first burial at Forest Hill. Another daughter, Ida, died at age 20, unmarried. The oldest, a son known as Frank, became a blacksmith and moved to Reedsburg, dying at age 31. The remaining child, Cora, was the only one to survive both parents. Interested in many activities, she was a member from early childhood of Christ Presbyterian Church. She married Dr. T.W. Evans in 1901 and the couple lived at the family home on East Gorham until his death in 1919. Mrs. Evans then moved to 743 East Johnson, dying in 1924.

The rebuilt brewery complex remained closed from 1878 to 1886 when they became a part of the Hausmann Brewery. The buildings were demolished in 1949 for the construction of W.P.S. (now Sonic Foundry) and Sherman Terrace Apartments.

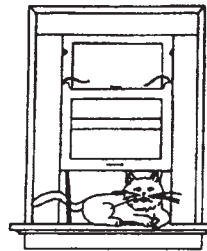
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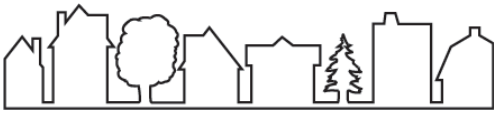
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Main Street Yoga Celebrates Anniversary

Main Street Yoga is the home-base for longtime TNLA resident and yoga teacher Barbara Flesch. She has been teaching there for eleven years and this has been the best year yet, because the studio has moved from West Main St. to 1882 East Main St., above the Willy St. Co-op offsite deli kitchen.

The studio is now a short walk from the neighborhood, just across E. Washington Ave. Next year it'll be even shorter with the completion of the bike/pedestrian tunnels under E. Johnson St. and E. Washington Ave.

Her vision is to meet neighbors walking or biking the path going to and from yoga classes. Natural sunlight from windows on three sides of the studio provides warmth and radiant energy to match that being generated by the yoga classes. In this spacious, treehouse-like

setting, students also have the advantage of seeing beautiful sunrises, sunsets, the moon rising, and the brilliantly lit capital.

Main St. Yoga offers Madison's widest variety of yoga styles and movement classes. With several classes to choose from every day of the week, and a wide array of instructors, there is something for everyone.

If you have never tried yoga before, or wish to get back into the poses, there is an eight-week Anusara Yoga Beginner Series starting Sat. January 21. January also marks the month the studio is celebrating one year in it's new home. Other new classes like NIA dance, Integral Yoga, and Family Yoga will be starting as well. Jim Manos coordinates the studio and is happy to talk to anyone about yoga or the yoga center.

Check out the schedule, teachers, and events at mainstreetyoga.org, or stop by to pick up a schedule in person. And while you're there, stop by for a chocolate from Gail Ambrosious Chocolates right next door to the studio.



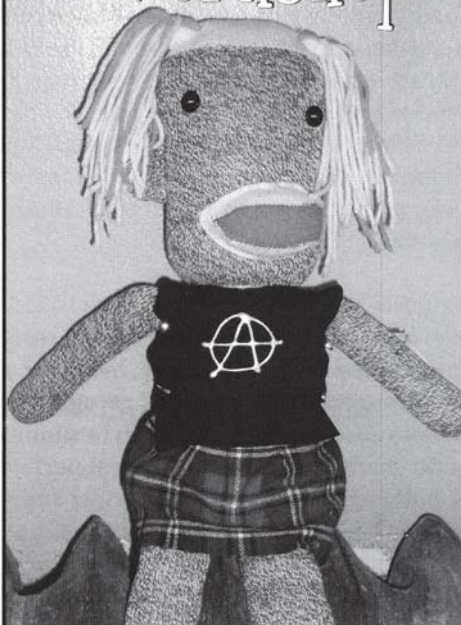
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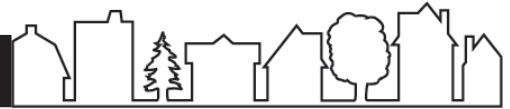
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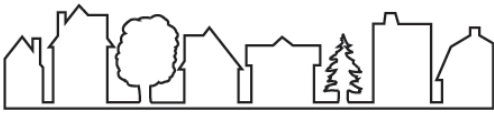
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Winter on East Johnson

Winter always brings the nester out in me. I find myself snuggling up and staying in. My resolution is to get out more and luckily for me I live and work on East Johnson where there are endless opportunities to find great things to do all winter long. This issue we are featuring information on yoga classes in the area, and don't forget to read the business updates to see what is new on East Johnson.

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