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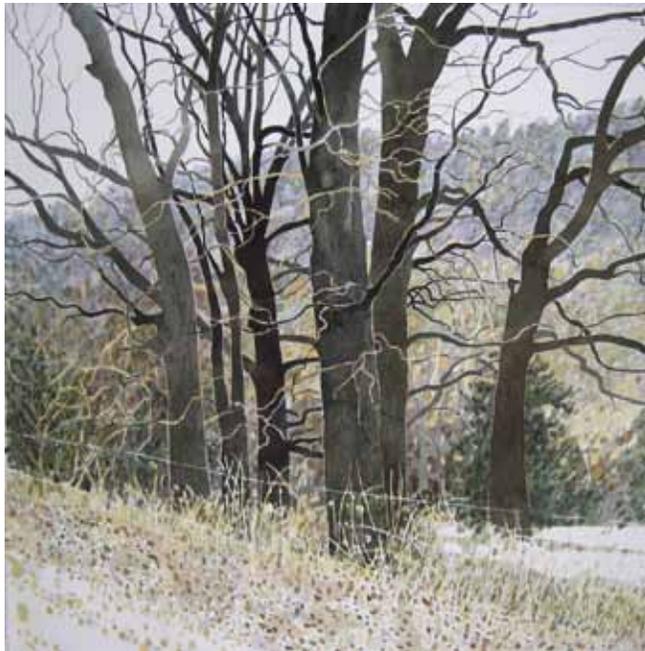
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## Neighborhood Artist to Exhibit at Arboretum Art Gallery

Neighborhood artist Brian McCormick has a painting exhibition entitled “A Year in the Driftless” through February at the Steinhauer Trust Gallery at the UW Arboretum Visitor Center, 1207 Seminole Highway in Madison.

In 2008, Brian took an early retirement from a career in architecture so that he could return to making art full-time. In the 1970s he had studied fine arts and then went on to receive an MFA in painting. While he was active exhibiting work during that time, he was unable to find supportive employment in the field and looked for another way to survive in an art-related occupation. He turned toward a career in architecture and received a Masters in Architecture from the University of Illinois. For the next twenty-five years he worked as a Preservation Architect.

One by-product of that career was the restoration of an 1854 stone farm-



house which he now uses as a weekend retreat. The house sits in the rolling hills of the Driftless Region, near the state borders of Illinois, Wisconsin and Iowa. The natural setting is a mixture of woods and old farm fields, some of which he is attempting to restore to native prairie vegetation. This natural setting is the

inspiration for his current watercolor paintings and the winter show at the Arboretum Visitor Center, “A Year in the Driftless.”

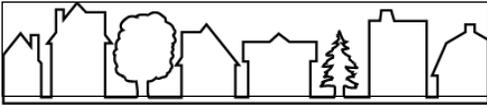
Brian thinks of his landscapes as “intimate.” They are not big sky landscapes but reflect the narrow valleys and abrupt hills of the Driftless Region, an area untouched by the leveling “drift” of the Ice Age glaciers. They are also intimate in their focus on the patterns found in the landscapes, the repetition of the forms and color of leaf, flower, stem, branch and tree trunk. Brian is especially drawn to the subtle colors and the starker, less appreciated season of late fall when the glory of the brilliant foliage is gone or long

past its peak, or winter with its austere color schemes and high contrasts.

Brian has taken part in Tenney-Lapham’s annual art walk during the last two years. More of his paintings can be viewed on his website at:

[www.brianmccormick.artspan.com](http://www.brianmccormick.artspan.com).





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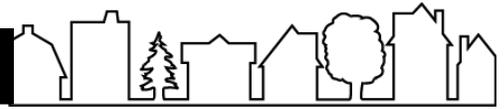
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## Local Historic Designation Sought for Two Neighborhood Districts

The Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Council hopes to revitalize the effort to seek local Madison historic designations for our two national historic districts: Fourth Lake Ridge and Sherman Avenue. A subcommittee of the council began meeting in fall 2007 but became sidetracked by the 600 block of E. Johnson Street, evolving into a sounding board for that project.

The goal of seeking local historic district status is included in the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Plan, formally adopted by the Madison Common Council in 2008. It aims to preserve and accentuate the historic character of the neighborhood by maintaining the availability of diverse, quality-constructed, period housing that contributes to the identity of the neighborhood.

The Fourth Lake Ridge district covers properties on East Gorham, from Franklin Street to Brearly and, between those end points, from Gorham to Lake Mendota. It also includes the Norris Court apartments. The Sherman Avenue district covers properties on Sherman from Brearly to Tenney Park.

These historic districts presently enjoy national historic designations, but they have not been adopted as local historic districts. As a result, property owners may obtain tax credits for

improvements that are in keeping with the historic character of their homes, but there are no standards in place that prevent the buildings from being altered in ways that detract from the historical character of the districts or devalue their neighbors' efforts to maintain their historic homes.

Madison has five local historic districts and each one has its own set of standards for new construction. For example, University Heights has different standards than the Marquette Bungalow District. The other districts are First Settlement, Mansion Hill and Third Lake Ridge.

The TLNA Council will be creating a new subcommittee of neighborhood residents. The committee, coordinating with the district alderperson, will look at standards that may help preserve characteristics people value in our two historic districts. If you are interested in helping develop guidelines and criteria for major alterations and new construction in these districts, please contact Joe Lusson (627 E. Gorham St. [joelusson@gmail.com](mailto:joelusson@gmail.com), 256-5941).

As we go through the process of proposing standards and seeking city approval, there will be many opportunities to get involved. If you are interested in the topic but not interested in volunteer-

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TLNA Housing Chairperson

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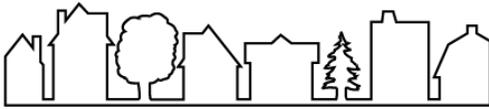
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# President's Report

## Hope to See You in 2010

Dear Neighbors,

As I write this, the season is turning and the year ending. I hope your holidays were joyous and that a wonderful new year is dawning.

Our new council has met twice and shows great promise. For my part, I will encourage each member in their work and help them where I can. It is my hope that you will do likewise. Your direct participation is needed to make our association truly effective. Please

consider donating your time with the committee of your interest.

The council meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 7:00 Pm at 302 N. Baldwin Street. You are welcome to attend and lend your voice to our deliberations.

So neighbors, hope to see you in 2010.

-Richard Linster  
TLNA President



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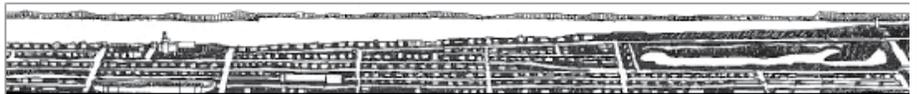
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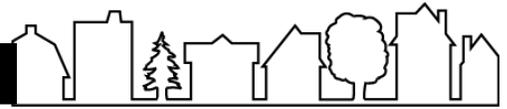
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- Welcome Garden
- Filene Park
- Baldwin Street
- Reynold's Park
- Tenney Locks Garden

# We're Booked



## Selections from "Women of Words"

Thanks to Kathy Kowalik for sharing information about her neighborhood book group.

"Women of Words" came together as a group more than ten years ago and has been meeting once a month ever since. Books selected by the group this year include:

**Things Fall Apart** by Chinua Achebe

This is a story of Nigerian tribal life before and after the coming of colonialism.

**Laura Rider's Masterpiece** by Wisconsin's own Jane Hamilton

In this story, Jane Hamilton creates a fun satirical love/lust triangle.

**Driftless** by David Rhodes (another Wisconsin author)

This is a novel about a small Wis-

consin town and how the lives of the characters intermesh with each other.

**Animal, Vegetable, Mineral** by Barbara Kingsolver

A story about a family's one-year experience with sustainability.

**People of the Book** by Geraldine Brooks

The story of the Sarajevo Haggadah and how people of all faiths risked their lives to safeguard it.

**Olive Kitteridge** by Elizabeth Strout

Thirteen tales provide a portrait of life on the coast of Maine. Themes of suicide, depression, bad communication, aging and love, run through these stories,

Happy Reading!!!!

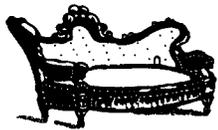
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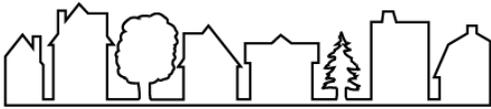
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## “Sustainable Tenney” is Launched

I had the good fortune of attending the 2009 Neighborhood Roundtable on November 7 and came away inspired to develop and promote a new initiative in the hood that I’m calling *Sustainable Tenney: Building a More Sustainable Neighborhood One Neighbor at a Time*. The theme of the roundtable was **Go Green Save Green** and featured a number of workshops and presentations focusing on ways to promote sustainable neighborhoods. MG&E, EnAct, Sustain Dane, Community Car, Community Groundworks, MACSAC, MadisSUN and a number of other organizations presented. Although familiar with many of the organizations and services, I thought, “hey - I should start promoting these opportunities in our neighborhood through the newsletter, guest presentations at neighborhood meetings, and at our neighborhood festival.”

I also had the good fortune of meeting Twink Jan-McMahon at the roundtable who launched an inspiring Sustainable Atwood program in September in, you guessed it, the Schenk-Atwood-Starkweather-Yahara Neighborhood (SASYNA). Sustainable Atwood (SA) is a blossoming plan to measure, evaluate, expand and create sustainable practices, designs and systems in the SASY neighborhood. Solar cooperatives, urban agriculture, protecting/improving lakes, and increasing public transportation use are just a few of the things they are talking about.

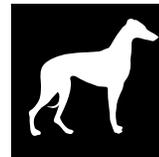
Not being one to re-invent the wheel, I met Jan for coffee soon after and asked her whether I could bring the concept to our neighborhood. She said SA hoped to be a model for other neighborhoods and we agreed that by working together we could accomplish many of the same

things here.

So, with this issue of the newsletter, I’m launching *Sustainable Tenney*. At the moment, it is mostly a twinkle in my eye - but filled with possibilities. If you share that twinkle - shoot me an e-mail or give me a call and I’ll add you to a list of interested neighborhood residents. You can reach me at 255-2706 or [wildmgr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wildmgr@sbcglobal.net). Together we can build a more sustainable neighborhood - one neighbor at a time.

Can’t wait to get started? Check out the **Neighborhood Green Power Challenge** elsewhere in the newsletter.

- Alan Crossley  
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### What is Green Power Tomorrow?

- Green Power Tomorrow provides MG&E electric customers the option to purchase more of their energy from renewable sources. Most of the green energy comes from wind farms, two in Wisconsin (including MG&E's first wind farm in Kewaunee County) and two in Iowa. A small amount comes from solar electric systems in our com-

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MG&E sells the power to residential and business customers for \$0.01 more per kilowatt-hour (kWh) than their standard electricity rate. This extra cost covers the slightly higher cost to generate electricity from these sources. Customers can choose the amount of energy they want to purchase. Our family chose the 100% Green Power option and with an average monthly kWh usage of 320/month in 2008, our electricity bill was \$3.20/month higher.

For our family, part of the reason we chose to pay more for renewable energy was to send a message every month to MG&E (in the form of our bill payment) that says there is a market for renewable energy in Madison and we want you to do more to build the supply.

I hope TLNA residents will give it some serious consideration over the next

9 months. It sends a message that we value renewable sources of energy, it might pay off in a check for \$1000 from MGE to the neighborhood, and it is another tiny step in *building a sustainable neighborhood - one neighbor at a time*.

**Can't Wait to Sign Up?** To sign up for the Green Power Challenge (be sure to wait until after January 1, 2010) visit the MG&E website: [https://www.mge.com/my\\_mge/ServiceForms/WindPowerRes.htm](https://www.mge.com/my_mge/ServiceForms/WindPowerRes.htm)

To learn more about the Green Power Tomorrow program check out this brochure on the MG&E website: [http://www.mge.com/images/pdf/cleanpower/gpt\\_home.pdf](http://www.mge.com/images/pdf/cleanpower/gpt_home.pdf)

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The new year is upon us, and so is winter! From the fun of ice skating at Tenney Park to the "fun" of winter parking, I'd like to help you with all of your needs as we navigate the slush and snow together.

My holiday gift to you: some helpful winter city information!

Is it snowing and you're not sure if tonight counts as a snow emergency? Visit [www.cityofmadison.com/winter](http://www.cityofmadison.com/winter) to find out! You can also register for email or text messages that will be sent to you directly to let you know. This link also has other valuable winter city information, including parks information. If you don't have access to the internet, you can call 261-9111 to receive the information.

If we're in a "Snow Emergency" that means that alternate-side parking rules are in effect. Not sure what side of the street to park on? If tomorrow morning's

date is an odd number, park on the odd-numbered side of the street (and likewise for even days).

If you're in an area with parking on only one side or if you just don't want to have to dig your car out, I'd recommend using the Capitol North parking ramp at the corner of E Mifflin and N Butler Street. Parking is free during snow emergencies from 9pm-7am. If you have to leave your car there for the day, it will be about \$8 to park, which is nothing compared to a \$60 ticket, or \$110 if your car gets ticketed and towed.

Is there a street that needs plowing or sand? A curb ramp, crosswalk or bus stop that needs clearing? Go to: [www.cityofmadison.com/residents/Winter/accessible.cfm](http://www.cityofmadison.com/residents/Winter/accessible.cfm) to report it directly to the proper Streets Department staff (and feel free to email me as well).

Did you know as Alder, I can request post-and-tows, partnering with

the Police Department and the Streets Department to require cars to move so snow can be plowed away. For thoroughfares like Johnson and Gorham Street, or narrow streets with limited parking like Washburn and Castle Place this is a valuable tool to get the streets properly cleared, but I can't do it without your help. If your street is narrow or becoming dangerous to navigate or park, please email or call me to discuss the situation. Post-and-tows are used in limited situations, but there are locations in our neighborhood where they can be put to good use.

When the snow flies, sidewalks need to be cleared by noon of the day after the storm. "Cleared" means shoveled down to the sidewalk, and if you can't get the ice off, you need to put salt or sand down so pedestrians can have traction. If your neighbor has not properly cleared their sidewalk by the deadline,

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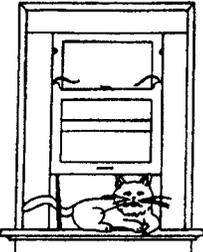
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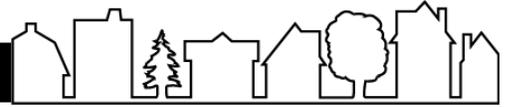
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If you have a fire hydrant or bus stop near you, please take the time to shovel out the spot and help our firefighters and Metro staff, not to mention all of your friends and neighbors who might need these services.

Sometimes terrace trees lining the sidewalk become damaged or downed during a snowstorm. Please call the Forestry Department at 266-4816 to report any damaged limbs in need of collection.

While winter may bring trouble navigating the streets, it also brings fun. Our neighborhood is privileged to have Tenney Park at our fingertips.

Want to know if the ice rink is open? Go to [www.cityofmadison.com/winter](http://www.cityofmadison.com/winter) and click on the Parks link. City staff has informed me that they regularly update their information, frequently on an hourly basis. You can also go to <https://my.cityofmadison.com/> and sign up for a MyMadison account that will directly send you email updates on changing ice conditions.

A reminder that mid-February is when ice conditions deteriorate quickly due to increased sunlight from the changing angle of the sun. If you'd like to take an active role in maintaining the ice quality at Tenney Park, the Parks Department has the Adopt Ice Partnership. The program combines city resources with volunteer power to provide the community with quality outdoor hockey and ice skating. Volunteer crews help to clear snow from the ice and to assist with the upkeep of the ice. Please visit [www.cityofmadison.com/parks/winteradoptice.html](http://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/winteradoptice.html) and contact

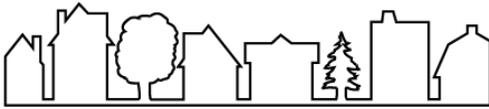
Steve Donniger, Community Services Manager at 608.266.6517 or [sdoniger@cityofmadison.com](mailto:sdoniger@cityofmadison.com) to learn more about the program.

Finally, this year's Madison Winter Festival is February 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>. Visit [www.winter-fest.com](http://www.winter-fest.com) for all of the festival information and to learn about the Wander Outside This Winter (W.O.W!) Kids Challenge. A partnership with the City of Madison Parks Department and area businesses, this program encourages kids to play outside and eat healthy foods.

So don't hibernate! Get outside, enjoy our neighborhood, help your friends, neighbors and strangers in need this winter season and please let me know if I can be of assistance to you.

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# Tenney-Lapham Business Directory

Although viewed primarily as a residential neighborhood, the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood is home to over forty businesses. Below are the names, addresses, and phone numbers of our local businesses. Web links to many of these businesses can be found on the business page of TLNA's website at <http://www.danenet.org/tlna/localBusinesses.html>. Shop locally!! If you have any corrections to this business directory, please contact Bob Shaw at [robert.e.shaw@gmail.com](mailto:robert.e.shaw@gmail.com)

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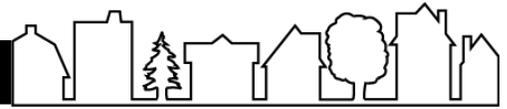


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## I'll Die Happy Wearing my Green Velvet Slippers

Sitting in a coffeehouse tapping on my laptop, I overhear two German salesmen wrangling some truckers who are apparently complaining about not being able to get their widgets delivered on time. One guy strides back and forth past my table, barking orders self-importantly into his cellphone, oblivious to the rest of us, one of whom feels for the trucker. It is below zero out there.

I left the house this morning wearing house slippers-- with my boots in the back of the car, intending to go teach my last class of the semester at a university. Nearly sliding under a semi on an entrance ramp, I made the instantaneous decision to abort my commute and teach from this coffeehouse, communicating with my students through their website. The combination of these imperious salesmen and my own carpet slippers remind me of a quote from one of my favorite plays: Arthur Miller's "Death of a Salesman." The line is spoken admiringly by Willy Loman, recalling his idol Dave Singleman, the 84-year-old salesman who conducts business from his hotel room: "He died the death of a salesman, in his green velvet slippers in the smoker of the New York, New Haven, and Hartford, going into Boston ..."

All around me, people are conducting various kinds of business in their virtual, or actual in my case, leisure clothes. We call it telecommuting these days and it makes all kinds of sense in our time. Hardly anyone is impressed (and many are irritated) by those who loudly conduct their brow-beatings and cajoling in public, sometimes on speaker phone for all to enjoy. Their behavior reminds me of the dolts who drive their "boom cars" down my street, their sound equipment so loud and powerful the cars seem to be vibrating. I always want to go over and flag them down to say "Isn't that amazing. You must be quite a man to be able to afford so much noise. Look

at the size of those speakers!" But, preferring not getting shot to getting shot for my wittiness, I will refrain.

But it's the rest of us—the ones who are insular about our business dealings—that I want to address. Poor Willy with a laptop (if he could recall where he left it, poor sot) might have been a Dave Singleman. Willy wrecked his car on his next to last trip out because he came unstuck in time and began to daydream. Willy on a cellphone in a car would be dangerous. His talking to himself, so disgusting and frightening to his sons Biff and Happy, would look normal as he spoke into his Bluetooth. All his young boss Howard would have to do would be rent him a room in some hotel.

My husband is an economic refugee, having worked five years in Chicago while I live in Madison 150 miles away and coming home only on weekends. It was where his kind of work was. I know several bi-state, long-distance marriages of this type. Even the Obamas used to have this kind of marriage—and you can bet the POTUS does a lot of business on his Blackberry, which he would not let his handlers wrench from his hands during the campaign. He doesn't wear carpet slippers, maybe, but he no longer has to wear shoes with holes in the soles, as he is famously photographed wearing.

The play takes its title from that famous line about Dave Singleman: "when he died... he died the death of a salesman.... and I think that's what all of us would prefer. I read in a recent Harper's that something like 8 out of 10 of us expect to die at home, while only 1 out of 10 does. Me? I'll be happy if I'm wearing my carpet slippers, at my desk,

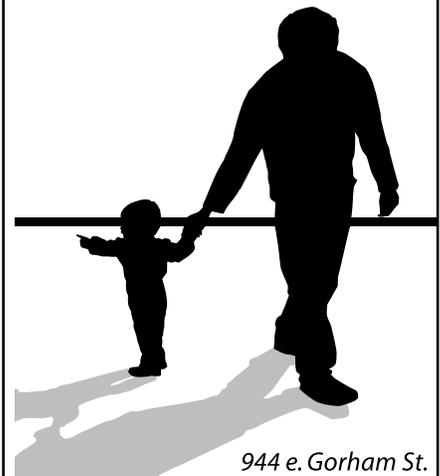
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- Norma Gay Prewett  
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### Budget Woes Continue at the County Level

I hope that this article finds you well and enjoying this winter season. In this newsletter issue, I will be scratching the surface of a few important county issues. I hope to be contacting you in greater length and updates regarding each at another time.

With another year, another new county budget has come. Working through the budget process was a grueling task and very difficult for all because of lack of sufficient funds due to decreased federal and state revenues and those generated by the county. County employees are enduring a 3% cut in wages, some smaller county departments are taking a 4% hit, the Sheriff's department and 911 Center are kept whole while the Human Services department has been cut by 3%.

I spent the majority of budget time trying to save human services from reductions by sponsoring a budget amendment to that effect with the funding coming either by raising taxes an additional 1.5% or establishing a vehicle registration fee which would have reduced the percentage of cuts taken by employees, granted additional funding to our low risk reserve while eliminating the devastating cut to human services. With growing demands coming because of our financial recession, there will be fewer services offered to those with the greatest needs and the most vulnerable in our communities. We are already feeling the pain of heightened domestic abuse, turning people away from prevention and intervention programs which help reduce the number of people in our criminal justice and mental health institutions and furthering the risk and isolation people with physical and developmental disabilities and the frail elderly experience. These are just a few examples.

Despite the budget results, I'm

committing myself even more strongly with the preservation of human services in Dane County. I was recently appointed by the governor to the newly formed Wisconsin Quality Home Care Authority, the purpose of which is to enable the elderly and folks with disabilities to be better matched with in-home attendants and of having both groups work together for the betterment of both workers and consumer and resulting in avoiding more costly institutionalization. This is an honor for me and I hope we prove to be successful in our work.

The County Board recently passed the establishment of a Regional Transportation Authority. Dane RTA is a new governmental entity that can fund, build and/or operate transit across municipal boundaries and can use a sales tax to support it. RTAs are common around the country but new to Wisconsin and we're doing this now because the most recent state budget included language allowing local governments to create them. The idea of the RTA is to provide development of regional transit with a stable governance instead of relying on year-to-year agreements between localities. Under state law the initial boundaries roughly correspond to the metro Madison transportation planning area but other municipalities will be able to join if they wish.

The benefits of having Dane RTA are many, including having transit service ex-

tend to areas that presently don't have services as well as places that need services improvements. Overall, transit planning can be done regionally and systematically instead of piecemeal and puts our area in a much better position for receiving federal support. It also provides more transportation choices. It provides a transit backup for those using cars and helps in lessening traffic and pollution. It'll also provide access to jobs, medical facilities, etc. for people who cannot drive.

Another major issue the board is working on now is a shoreline and riparian (rivers) management plan that we will provide the state by the end of 2009. It will attempt to create a flexible, but rigorous set of recommendations to better protect Dane County's surface waters from near-shore impacts. Shore-

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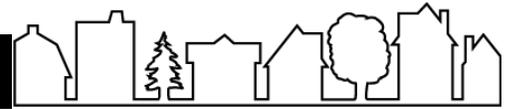


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# Supervisor's Report



land buffers can provide significant water quality, fish and wildlife habitat, erosion and aesthetic benefits. Many of these impacts can be effectively mitigated with relatively inexpensive design, landscaping and engineering practices. We are now utilizing an antiquated model that doesn't make any distinctions between environmentally sensitive and more resilient waters.

This plan is intended to bring Dane County's shoreland management program up to the same standard as current county urban erosion control, stormwater and agricultural soil and water conservation programs and will fill a critical gap by specifically addressing impacts to areas immediately adjacent to county surface waters. It also will allow for innovative practices that may better meet the goals of protecting water quality, fish and wildlife habitat and

natural scenic beauty.

I will attempt to provide updates on the processes being worked on to keep you best informed. Our report to the state is the first piece of the puzzle of the plan applying to improvements in shoreland areas. Feel free to contact

me with any questions, comments or concerns you might have about these or any other issues.

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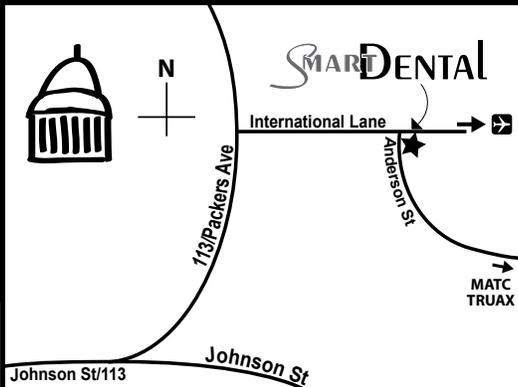


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## Glimmers of Hope Appear for 2010



One year ago, Democrats re-took the Assembly majority for the first time in 14 years. We held onto the state Senate and the governor's office. And

we elected President Barack Obama on the promise of hope during tough times.

We knew things would get worse before they got better, but Democrats took charge at a time when the unemployed and the middle class need help the most.

Those thoughts drove us as dismal news on the economy and its impact on the state budget meant that immediately after we were sworn in, our primary task became turning first a budget repair bill and then a biennial budget into documents that cut spending yet managed to promote economic recovery and put people back to work.

We were able to take long-overdue measures that fit with our governing philosophy, like closing tax loopholes that benefit out-of-state corporations and investing in the green economy. But we were also forced to make spending cuts that we did not want but were necessary during a time of economic free-fall.

And when April tax collection news dropped another bombshell – an additional \$1.6 billion deficit -- nearly every department and program was impacted.

It was truly painful, but we approached cuts with a scalpel, where others facing the worst economic crisis in decades would have used a chainsaw. As other states talked about selling their Capitol building, double-digit cuts

to universities and laying off massive numbers of teachers, we found far less drastic measures that also held the line on taxes for struggling families in this economy.

But as 2009 comes to a close, we're seeing glimmers of news changing for the better. At the end of November we got reports of 53,500 Wisconsin jobs in construction and transportation that private contractors credit to state and federal government action.

Construction contracts in the Madison area shot up in September. Our chief economist has predicted Wisconsin will outperform national levels of economic growth for 2010.

Thanks to very targeted tax credits, job-creation incentives and worker-training programs we implemented in the two budget bills, we are seeing companies stay and expand in Wisconsin, such as Oshkosh Corp, Mercury Marine, Frito-Lay and Republic Air. In October eight biotech companies came to Wisconsin from other states, including five in Madison: Aldevron, Flex Biomedical, Inc., Inviragen, Inc., Exact Sciences Corporation and NanoMedex.

These are real, good-paying jobs for working people and families.

In the Joint Finance Committee, which I co-chair, we're approving and monitoring the federal economic recovery money and helping ensure that it is used in ways to combat this crisis, help families, promote education and get Wisconsin's economy back on track.

My hopes for the New Year are to see unemployment continue to drop, the economy continue to improve and to be able to promote our Democratic priorities of education, healthcare and tax fairness.

I wish you a peaceful and prosperous 2010.

- Mark Pocan

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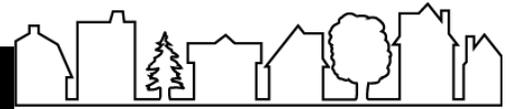
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## “Cogito, ergo sum”

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 Each day that sun of mine  
 Would grant a promise with its shine  
 I'd be a gracious child  
 With all direction self-beguiled  
 Until I realize with sorrow  
 There is no more tomorrow  
 That I may borrow  
 To find out who I am

When dried leaf days scratch by  
 And trees weep long  
 As summer's gone  
 The dark-horse night-winds rush  
 To bear away the pain  
 From frightened old.  
 But there are only bronzed and golden  
 Tears of passing years  
 Awaiting every laughing tyke,  
 Or boy, of which you were the like:  
 When dried leafed days scratched by  
 And then, you feared them not.  
 But flung them high  
 With all your arms-filled lot,  
 Of giggling ruptured joy  
 - Bob Heimerl

## The Fox

Hunting, my wife and I entered the familiar dark woods well before sunup. I was atop a high bluff while she was posted at a safe ninety degree offset in the lower valley. I waited for the forest sounds to unfold, knowing their predictable sequence. First, hear the hoo-hoo too-hoo of the great horned owls, then the raucous complaints of crows, and the woodpeckers drumming and rattling, and the squirrel's yakking with tails jerking.

But this sequence was broken just after the owls at the first blush of dawn. A distant throbbing spoke. It was a small animal approaching, a fox twitching leaves as it drew near. There was irregularity in the rhythm so I knew there must be more than one fox coming. This would not be brush and heavy coat-deflected shot. It would be rifle, deadly accurate with my carefully honed trigger.

I saw the pair of red foxes at about 120 yards. Supping the soft web by my thumb as Huron Charlie had taught me I made a squeak. They froze and stared in my direction trying to get a bearing on the mouse I had created for them. But I was against a tree in full camouflage, invisible as long as I didn't move. Pressing the rifle tightly, I held about six inches high and eased off the two pound trigger. The male collapsed and could not regain its feet. I had held too high for the heart, broke his spine, and his hind legs were paralyzed. He did not struggle but composed himself. Yet I worried about his pain and called my partner to kill him. His mate returned very shortly and my second shot produced a yip and a terrified escape. As Charlie had taught me I bent very low at the waist and followed the disturbance in the leaves for several hundred yards. There was no blood-sign at the den where she had turned many circles in her anxiety looking for an enemy. I could hear her pups whimper; thought about how I had nearly orphaned them, and wondered if one parent's regurgitated feedings could carry the whole litter. Increasingly saddened, I caught up to my partner. As we discussed a different location she said: "When I came up to him he put his paws over his eyes". I turned away so she could not see my tears, and I never shot a fox again. Charlie couldn't understand how I missed so many at the rabbit woods where we hunted. I was holding off.

- Bob Heimerl

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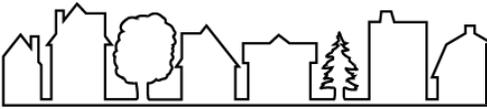


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# County Executive's Report

## New Year Opportunity for Reflection, Renewal



The dawning of the New Year is about more than just hanging new calendars and reviving old resolutions. It's also a chance for reflection of how

far we've come in 12 months time, along with renewal and refocus on the future. In Dane County we have much to be proud of as 2009 comes to a close – and there's much more to do!

A year ago, I asked all of us to come together and work on ways to confront the many problems our kids, families and communities face daily because of people drinking too much alcohol. We pulled together a first-of-its-kind county coalition to work on changing cultural norms and laws.

A year ago we invited parents and students to a local high school to talk about the problems of alcohol abuse and only a handful came. This past summer the same invite went out and the event drew a large crowd. Our work in middle schools is reaching kids who drink alcohol and changing their behavior. We've lobbied the state legislature to adopt long-overdue reforms on drunk driving.

We also took significant steps forward in 2009 to clean up our lakes and create "green" energy and good paying jobs. Dane County will have what we believe is America's first "community" digester that substantially removes the phosphorus found in cow manure and keep it from polluting our lakes. The privately-owned and operated "Cow-Power project" near Waunakee will generate electricity to run 2000 homes, help our thriving dairy industry and serve as a model for the rest of the country.

By securing every federal stimulus

dollar we can, we're improving our airport and roads to keep commerce moving and we're building a new county nursing home to care for our most vulnerable. Teamed with the Dane County Housing Authority, we're keeping more families from falling into the pitfalls of foreclosure.

What a difference a year can make. Let's keep working hard together in 2010!

- Kathleen Falk  
County Executive

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 Long enough to know  
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 Face is fast receding.  
 I seek the shape  
 Of chicken house--  
 Snow-fatted, silhouette  
 Of hens blanketed  
 And huge in feather  
 Insulation who hug  
 Their warming light  
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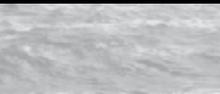


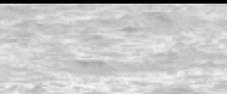
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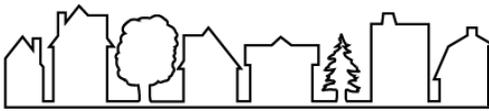




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## We Feel Fine has Neighborhood Connection

Former TLNA Park Chair Jim Sturm and his wife Mary Jo Schiavoni celebrated with their daughter Angie a book signing by son-in-law, Sep Kamvar, on Tuesday, December 22 at the Frugal Muse bookstore. The book is called: *We Feel Fine: An Almanac of Human Emotion*. Son-in-law Sep is extremely charming and delightful. It was a joyful event about a very fascinating book.

The content of the book is drawn from a database built by a computer program written by Sep and his coauthor, Jonathan Harris. The program pulls the sentences “I feel” and “I am feeling” from blog posts and then profiles the writer of that blog. The book compiles the feelings expressed, resulting in a powerful and moving portrayal of how others are emotionally involved with the world. The feelings feel very naked and honest and meaningful and valuable as we search for validation of ourselves emotionally in our own inner world. They are also fun, enjoyable, and interesting. My favorite so far: “*I must tell you I feel much less like a weirdo in San Francisco*”. Check out the website: <http://www.wefeelfine.org/>.

There have been complaints of a petroleum/kerosene odor in the neighborhood. The odor has been intense at times and alarming because it might be toxic. Alder Maniaci reported this to the Building Inspection and Health Department. Their response: “please have your constituents call us when the problem is occurring and we will try to help”. If you experience this problem please call Tom Adamowitz - Building Inspection Unit -266-4635 or e-mail to [tadamowicz@cityofmadison.com](mailto:tadamowicz@cityofmadison.com).

### How This Book Works

An overview of the graphical system at work in this book, focusing on the “Feel” chapter, but applicable to all chapters.

The screenshot shows a web interface for the 'We Feel Fine' project. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'YOUNG' selected. Below it, there are several filter tabs: 'Book and percentage', 'Gender', 'Age', 'Seasons', 'Related feelings', and 'Date'. The main content area features a large image of a person wearing a hood, with text overlays like 'I feel being...'. To the right, there's a sidebar with 'Current feeling' and 'Date'. At the bottom, there are sections for 'Web code', 'Definitions', 'Usage examples', 'Main reasons', and 'Observations'.

from *We Feel Fine*

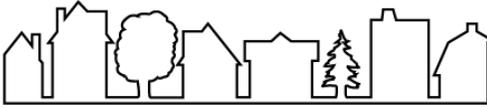
An article by Alan Ehrenhalt - *The Return of the Two-Way Street* - discussing why the double-yellow stripe is making a comeback in downtowns helped enliven and renew debate about turning Johnson and Gorham Street back to 2 way streets. Studying the feasibility of redesigning Johnson and Gorham streets is part of our neighborhood plan. Patrick McDonnell, former TLNA Council President, summarized as follows: “*This is very good news. Also, the Downtown Plan, which is currently being drafted by City staff, will discuss the possibility of two-way conversions for some one-way streets. At a recent Plan Commission meeting, City staff did a presentation on the status of the Downtown Plan and 3 commissioners urged staff to look at two-way conversion of Gorham and Johnson as part of the mix. The City’s Downtown Coordination Committee is also interested in this and will be one of reviewers of the Downtown Plan. So the issue is gaining ground...It is good that Madison is starting to understand that some of the 1950’s traffic solutions have run their course. Many other cities are realizing the same thing and are farther ahead in implementing two-way conversions.*”

East Mifflin Street is being discussed as a possible future bike boulevard. Bike boulevards are low traffic streets that have been optimized for bicycling. City staff introduced the idea to the neighborhood council in August. The City plans to establish several bike boulevards. E Mifflin Street was selected in

part because our neighborhood does not have any designated bike paths. A neighborhood group was formed to give input to the city planners and met at the Supreme Pizza restaurant in October. Streets that are converted to bike boulevards remain shared roadways that are redesigned to give priority to cyclist. Deciding how and in what way to redesign the street is part of the neighborhood input. More news about this in the future.

Neighborhood residents were saddened recently to learn of the death of Myles Allen, owner of Myles’ Teddy Wedgers Cornish Pastry Shop at the top of State Street. His store originated in the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood where Cork ‘n Bottle is presently located. Many of us have fond memories of stopping at the E. Johnson store to take our supper home. Myles moved the restaurant to the top of State Street in the mid-80’s and many of us would continue to visit Myles while at the farmers market for our breakfast wedgy and conversation. We will miss him and wish his family condolences.

- Joe Brogan



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| 919 E Johnson             | 1920             | \$249,000         |
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| 625 E Gorham              | 1680             | \$294,900         |
| 1019 E. Johnson           | 2800             | \$295,500         |
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| 1026 Sherman Ave          | 3718             | \$695,000         |
| 1028 Sherman Ave          | 2144             | \$749,000         |
| 1022 Sherman Ave          | 3250             | \$798,000         |
| 752 E Gorham St           | 5374             | \$799,000         |
| 1662 Sherman Ave          | 3234             | \$1,179,900       |

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|----------------|------|-----------|
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| 430 Jean           | 26                    | \$246,500         | \$242,000         |
| 1144 Sherman       | 605                   | \$612,000         | \$418,200         |
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*Winter Scenes in the Neighborhood  
by Clarissa Pohlman*

