



# TENNEY - LAPHAM

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER Winter 2012

## It's Open!

On December 3, our neighborhood and the surrounding community celebrated the grand public opening of the John Wall Family Pavilion at Tenney Park. The ribbon cutting ceremony and open house featured tours of the facility, an appearance by Olympic medalist and World Champion skater Beth Heiden Reid (who first raced competitively on Tenney Lagoon), gingerbread house and holiday cookie decorating, and music provided by the New You Trio.



Although the shelter is now complete, the dust of construction has settled, and the celebration is over, it is important to remember that this project was the result of intense planning, long hours, and unwavering commitment on the part of our neighbors and political leaders. The beautiful new building is

simply the abrupt end to a very long story.

For years, Tenney Park and the park shelter have been a popular neighborhood hang out; and come winter, the park's biggest citywide claim to fame is its lagoon-turned-skating rink.

The lagoon has served as a proud symbol of Madison's parks and winter sports, except for the decrepit brown shelter that sat at its shore as a warming lodge for skaters.

"It was falling apart," said Mary Lang Sollinger, founder and chair of the Tenney Park Shelter Group, a group formed four years ago to get a conversation started within the community about what could be done to improve the shelter.

Made up of Tenney-Lapham residents, members of city government and surrounding Eastside neighborhood residents, the group's first task was to find out who used the shelter and for what.

The Tenney Park Shelter Group began investigating the shelter's use in the community, three years of city records showed that anywhere from 60 to 90 different groups from across Madison rented the shelter for private events each year.

Another local gathering spot, the  
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left to right: David Wallner, John Wall, Mary Lang Sollinger, Bridget Maniaci

### TLNA's Winter Potluck

Thursday, January 26 from 6:00 - 8:00  
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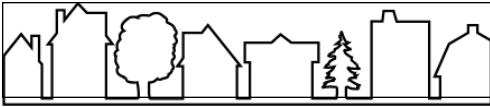


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City staff from Planning will be present to discuss the new city zoning ordinance and can answer questions.



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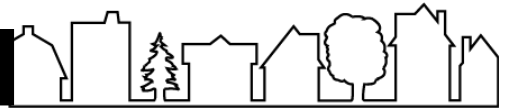
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## Mixed-Use Building Proposed for E. Washington

This spring we may see a new mixed use development break ground on the 700 block of East Washington Avenue. The Gebhardt development group is proposing a 12 story apartment tower on the site of a former auto dealership. The development includes first floor retail space as well as commercial office space on floors 2-3. There are plans for 2 and 3 story townhouse style apartments on the East Mifflin street side of the development. The



expressed by neighbors, extra traffic on the East Mifflin Bicycle Boulevard is a high priority. Currently, traffic coming into the development will need to travel on East Mifflin if they wish to return to East Washington and go east. This is because the intersection of North Livingston and East Washington is a closed intersection. The neighborhood hopes to work with both the Marquette neighborhood to the south and with city engineering to push for a fully open intersection. New developments on the south side of the avenue would also benefit

development is called The Constellation. The Gebhardt development team has met with the neighborhood on numerous occasions to gather public feedback. The project mostly conforms

from an open intersection. Good design and materials was also voiced as a concern at public meetings. There was a desire for a clean and modern design, and to avoid a “cluttered” look or use of a “hodge podge” of materials.

- LEED certification, including green roofs, storm water retention, solar panels
- Community garden space in the plan
- Adaptive reuse of an underutilized lot
- Neighborhood community room
- Neighborhood retail and “people” spaces on Livingston

The final approvals for the project will need to come from the Urban Design Commission, the Plan Commission, and finally the Common Council. You may view the details of the plan on a neighborhood website that was set up for this project: <http://www.eastmifflin.com/700north>

David Waugh  
Development Chair, Tenney-Lapham  
Neighborhood Association council

with neighborhood and city plans for that area. However, the height of the 12 story tower is an issue. The city design ordinance for that block allows for 10 stories, and the neighborhood plan calls for an 8 story cap. Alder Bridget Maniaci has introduced an ordinance change that would allow the extra height. The ordinance change would not affect building height restrictions on surrounding lots. If the ordinance change fails, it is likely the development will not proceed.

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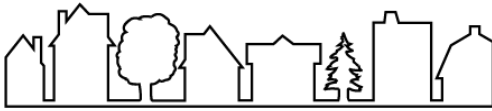
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# President's Report

## Hope to see you at the Neighborhood Potluck



I am penning this as the year runs out before the holidays, getting ready for my annual reading of the "Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens. I try to keep the spirit

going the year round.

Our new council had the opportunity to meet in November at the Livingston Inn on Gorham Street. We hope from our planning there to be a more effective

group this year. We hope also to return to the Inn as it is a far superior venue then our usual spot at the Tenney Park Garden Apartments. Thanks again to Dave and Peggy Furlan at the Inn for accommodating us.

The houses at James Madison Park will remain in place and receive long overdue refurbishing. By the time you read this, the selection committee will have made a recommendation to the City Council. We are looking to work with the new owners and making it a success for all involved.

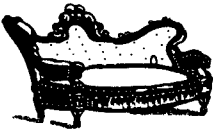
Since August the Association and our Development Committee have been

closely following the Gebhardt proposal for the 700 Block of East Washington Avenue. A meeting in December drew immediate neighbors who provided input and comments to the development team. It will go through the City process with further opportunity for your comment. Please visit the TLNA website for updates.

A race is shaping up for the 2<sup>nd</sup> District Dane County Board seat that has been held by retiring Barbara Vedder. I hope you will join me in expressing thanks to her for her many years of public service. As usual look for a TLNA sponsored candidates forum.

I hope to see you at the TLNA potluck on Thursday Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> (details on page 1). Come and enjoy an evening with your neighbors and learn about our new city zoning, see the maps and ask questions of staff.

A joyous new year to all,  
- Richard Linster, President TLNA



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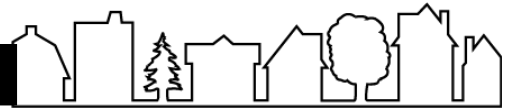
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# Mayor's Report



## An Update on E. Washington



There are of course, a couple of topics getting plenty of attention in your neighborhood and I wanted to provide a little more information on both, development on East Washington Avenue and the folks that are there until that development gets underway.

The City of Madison purchased the former Don Miller car dealership properties along the 700 & 800 Blocks of E. Washington Avenue last year to foster redevelopment within the City's Capitol East District. Through a Request For Proposals (RFP) process, the City began negotiating with three outstanding developers to transform these properties into new, exciting residential and employment space.

Gephardt Development has proposed an apartment building with commercial uses on the lower floors within the 700 Block on the north side of the street. Urban Land Interests would develop office space and an apartment building on the north side of the 800 Block. On the south side of the 800 Block, The Rifken Group has proposed additional office and retail space. All three projects would be served by structured parking.

The City Council has approved, and the City has executed, a Purchase and Sale Agreement with Gephardt Development. The City is still in negotiations with Urban Land Interests and The Rifken Group. All three projects require the City's standard land use and architectural approvals, and the developers look forward to working with the adjoining neighborhoods throughout this process.

The first project to likely be built will be the Gephardt Development proposal, with the possibility that construction

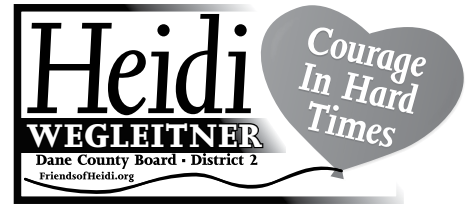
could begin as early as spring of 2012, with completion during the summer of 2013. The projects would provide opportunities for new residents and additional employment space, while helping to support City services through the generation of added tax base. Our existing Williamson and Johnson Street businesses will benefit from the increased customers in the neighborhood. As such, I am excited to continue working with your Alderpersons and City staff on moving redevelopment of the former Don Miller parcels forward!

In the meantime, the property is inhabited by a group known as Occupy Madison. City officials have been meeting with group members since they first began to set up camp there. While there have been issues that have come up, officials from the Police Department, Fire Department, Building Inspection and the Health Department have worked with the group as they complied with requests from the city. My goal is to make sure people are safe while they exercise their rights to free speech. Although I know not all of the neighbors are pleased that the group is there, I appreciate the public's understanding of their rights. The group knows very well that their opportunity to stay at the site ends when development begins in the spring.

As I am sure you are also aware Porchlight has set up a day center for homeless in need of shelter. The closure of the Capitol basement and the Downtown Public Library has resulted in more folks with nowhere to go during the day. Porchlight employees are working with the homeless to assist in finding better opportunities as well. The agreement for use of the building also expires in the spring.

Thanks for all you do to make the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood a great place to live and raise a family. Stay warm this winter!

- Paul R. Soglin



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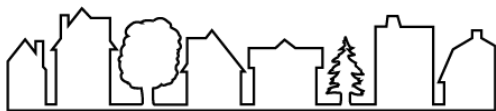
*My years as a public interest attorney, union member and community activist have given me the experience and the passion to find real solutions to Dane County's challenges. I will work tirelessly to support and fund programs that help all Dane County residents meet their basic needs and achieve their full potential.*

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## Neighborhood Artist to Exhibit at U-Frame-It

Longtime Tenney-Lapham resident Brian McCormick has a number of his watercolors and woodblock prints on display in the neighborhood. U-Frame-It, at 857 East Johnson Street, will be featuring his work through mid-February. His new painting, "November Lagoon" (illustrated), will be included. It depicts the Tenney Park lagoon on a late November day.

McCormick has been active entering art shows throughout the Midwest. Jurors selected two of his paintings for

Watercolor Wisconsin 2011 at Racine's Wustum Museum of Fine Arts. One of the paintings won an award in the show, which is open now and runs through April 21, 2012.

Two more of his paintings, will be included in the annual show of the Elk River Area Arts Alliance in Minnesota. "Arts in Harmony 2012" is an international juried show that opens February 6 and runs through March 29 in this suburban community northwest of Minneapolis.

Artisan Gallery, in the charming small town of Paoli, Wisconsin, will have a group show called "Contemporary Landscapes" opening March 2 and running through April 25. McCormick has been invited to include several paintings in the show.

Finally, the Gaston School Gallery in Cottage Grove always has a few of McCormick's work on display. This restored one-room school house has been converted to a gallery and will soon add coffee service to their business.



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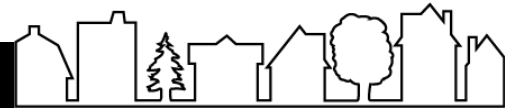
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## Our Favorite Reads of 2011

In this busy time of year, writing the book article for the newsletter seems a daunting task. We barely have time to read let alone look through our book lists to come up with our annual favorites. So this year, we decided to enlist the help of our book-loving neighbors. We asked several people to give us a few lines about what they consider their best (or worst) read of the year. Here goes...

### Deb Meyer

My two favorite books of the year are:

***One Thousand Autumns of Jacob de Zoet*** by David Mitchell. It's about Dutch traders in Japan during the 1800s when no other country was there. I learned about history, culture, love and grace. Wonderful read.

***The Call*** by Yannick Murphy. A country vet muses about family, work, aliens, marriage and small towns while going on his rounds. Great read in an unconventional format.

### Carole Trone

***Bossypants*** by Tina Fey. Maybe it was her brilliant rendering of Sarah Palin, or my kids' fanatical devotion to 30 Rock, but when I saw this autobiography, I had to splurge and buy it in hard cover. It's a funny, easy read as you might expect from a comedian, but

the reader also gains a real appreciation for how something like comedy entertainment can still have its biases and glass ceilings. Fey comes across as extremely human and her description of doing a photo shoot had me falling off my chair with laughter. A great winter pick-me-up.

### Molly Tomony

I loved the book ***Born to Run*** by Christopher Mc Dougall. It is a nonfiction book about a hidden tribe in the Copper Canyons that lives very simply and very happily and practices techniques that allow tribal members to run great distances (often barefoot or with only hand-made strappy sandals). The book focusses on a crazy race between the reclusive Tarahumara beer drinking tribe and high-tech American ultramarathoners. It is incredibly interesting and inspires one to run run run!

### Ann Halbach

I really enjoyed ***Education of an Urban Farmer*** by Novella Carpenter. The book chronicles the author's attempt to farm in a blighted neighborhood in Oakland, California. It follows her start with planting food in an empty lot to branching out and raising poultry and a pig. I learned a lot about how difficult farming can be and acquired a greater

respect for farmers. It also made me aware of just how far we have come from knowing the source of our food.

I also enjoyed Kristen Johnson's book entitled ***Footsteps***. It covered a topic I was unfamiliar with and I think she treated the topics of Kenyan women's oppression and circumcision customs respectfully. At about the same time I happened to catch a television documentary about a video project in Kenya. The producers had selected village women to tell their stories of the hardships and misunderstanding of aids. (FYI--Kristen Johnson is a neighbor.)

### Ann Rulseh

I had a disappointing reading year. Not only are my book numbers down, but I read very few books that I would recommend. My favorite this year is ***Unbroken: A WWII Story of Survival, Resilience and Redemption*** by Laura Hillenbrand. Hillenbrand (the author of *Seabiscuit*) is a gifted writer. I call her gifted because she dedicated 100 pages in the book to three men floating in the ocean in a dilapidated raft escorted by sharks, and I was riveted. *Unbroken* is not an easy read, but it is a memorable one.

- Ann Rulseh and Jean Dunn

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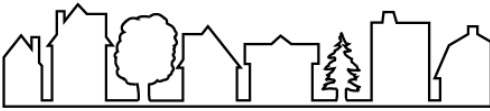


*Recently I had Cris remodel my bathroom (see pictures). His years of experience in design and craftsmanship were reflected in the final result. He did an excellent job at a fair price.*

- Bob Shaw  
Tenney-Lapham resident

After





## Parks

(shelter - from page 1)

Gates of Heaven Church about a mile down the road, was also busy with groups and events booked almost every weekend from May to October. This left the area with few gathering spaces for meetings and groups.

With high local interest in using the shelter as a meeting place, the Shelter Group's findings showed a serious need for a new, clean and presentable place for Madison residents to gather year round.

When it came time to design plans for the shelter, the group decided the shelter should not only serve as an open air space and warming house for skaters, but also as an indoor meeting place for community groups.

The original plan for the space, approved internally early on by the Shelter Group, was given a score of 2.5 out of 10 by the Madison Urban Design Commission, a group of advisors who oversee the beginning stages of all city building projects.

"We had to get past our anger and frustration and remember that we were volunteers," Sollinger said. "We decided to buckle down and start all over again."

Months later, a completely redesigned plan created by Plunkett Raysich Architects that attempted to adhere to the park's prairie-like scenery was back on the Commission's table.

This time, however, the design received a 10 out of 10.

"It was pretty awesome, they rarely give tens," Sollinger said.

With a high score from the Urban Design Commission, the plan made its way through the Madison Park Commission, Landmarks Commission and City Council with little resistance.

Thanks to both city funding and private donations, the \$1 million project broke ground last spring and finished as scheduled in late

November.

To make the project a reality, donations from community members raised over half of the funds for the shelter.

One such private donation, a \$250,000 gift from John Wall, the father of a local property manager, resulted in the space being named the John Wall Family Pavilion at Tenney Park.

"All of the private fundraising by the Shelter Group allowed for a really fantastic project," Bridget Maniaci, District 2 Alder, where Tenney Park is located, said. "If there is a private interest in helping to facilitate the work on public infrastructure it really helps the whole project."

When asked what the new shelter means for the community, Mary Lang Sollinger simply answered, "I think the park is going to get a lot more use." Alder Maniaci, a Tenney-Lapham resident herself, agreed and added, "It will showcase the park as a jewel and huge asset to the

neighborhood. It will be a sign of what makes Tenney-Lapham such a great community to be a part of."

"I feel very strongly about communities coming together. I'm a strong believer in neighborhoods, and I'm a strong believer in trusting neighbors," Sollinger said. "You have to make it look like you care. If you show respect for your community, [the city] will give respect back. We've got a great city... and we've got to keep it that way."

Next time you pass the Tenney shelter, I urge you to see it not only as a wonderful public space, but also, as a beacon of how strong, committed, and united our neighborhood truly is. It is projects like this that should make us all



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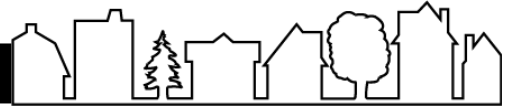
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-Steve Horn

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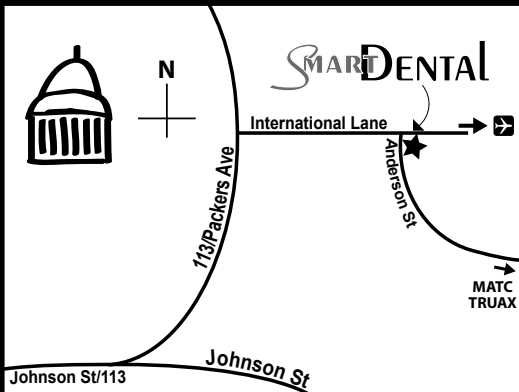


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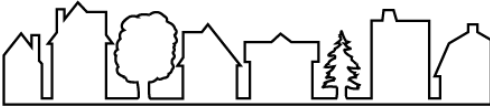
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#### Brian Benford



Brian Benford is a former alderperson in the 12<sup>th</sup> district, just north and east of our neighborhood states, “I am running for this seat because I want to continue the tradition of exceptional service that Barbara provided. I bring my vast knowledge of local governments and experiences advocating for social and environmental justice to serve all residents of Dane County.”

In addition to serving two terms on the Madison Common Council, Benford served on the City of Madison’s: Affirmative Action, Board of Estimates, Alcohol License Review, Enhanced Gang Taskforce, Community Development Block Grant, Early Childhood, Platinum Bike, East Washington Reconstruction, East Washington Build commissions and currently is the Vice-President of the Madison Equal Opportunity Commission.

In the wake of the assaults issued down from Governor Walker and other GOP policy makers against the most marginalized in our communities, Benford said, “I want to fight to protect services that enhance the lives of seniors, our youth, families, the homeless, underemployed and displaced individuals al-

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#### Adam Plotkin



Focusing on criminal justice, health and human services, and environment, Adam states, “Dane County provides many of the front-line services that are relevant to all county residents. I’m running to work for a more holistic approach to criminal justice, to ensure high quality health and human services are available to all, and to support the environment that makes Dane County such a unique place to live and visit.”

Adam is an eleven year resident of the area now covered by District 2 following the recent re-drawing of election districts. He has been involved in many community groups, serving two years as President of Capitol Neighborhoods, Inc., six years as a member and officer of the Dane County Emergency Medical Services Commission, and two years as a board member of Downtown Madison, Inc. He worked for 10 years as a legislative assistant to Senator Spencer Coggs and currently serves as the Legislative Liaison for the State Public Defender.

“In addition to the issues of criminal justice, health and human services, and the environment, I want to be an open and effective representative for District 2 residents.

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#### Heidi Wegleitner



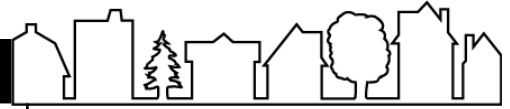
“I’m running to be a voice for the single mom and her disabled child who are sleeping in their car tonight in the bitter cold and others struggling in this economy. I will work tirelessly to support solutions and fund programs to help every Dane County resident meet their basic needs and achieve their full potential. Dane County’s quality programs and policies have been attacked by the state and federal government that take from the poor to give to the rich. We need a government that works for all people, not just the privileged few. I see the face of suffering every day and I know that we must—and we can—do better to address the growing poverty rate in Dane County.”

Mary Anglim, a neighborhood resident and supporter says “Heidi brings a whole-hearted commitment to opportunity, fairness, and assurance of basic needs for everyone in our community. Her work ethic and command of the facts are awesome and her cheerful personality will contribute to the County Board’s smooth functioning.”

Heidi and her husband, P.T., an urban farmer, make their home in the Emerson East neighborhood. Professionally and

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# Supervisor Candidates



*Benford (from previous page)*

lowing for all of Dane County residents to reach their full potentials. I have a long proven track record of advocating for those who don't have a voice".

In filing his papers, Benford stated: "I have worked within and collaborated with most community-based organizations and services that Dane County funds. My experiences provide me invaluable insights and knowledge about the tremendous services that Dane County funds and an intimate knowledge of county government. I will use my experience to educate my constituents and other policy makers. More importantly, I will listen and provide opportunities for all who want to partake in public policy." Benford is a proud father of four children who attended schools in the 2<sup>nd</sup> district and graduated from East High.

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*Plotkin (from previous page)*

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as a volunteer Heidi has worked tirelessly to improve our community and make sure that all residents are treated fairly and with respect.

Heidi is currently a Steering Committee member of the Emerson East Neighborhood Association and serves as the Housing Task Force Chair for Progressive Dane. She is also the current Board President of the Tenant Resource Center, and is a member of the Madison Affordable Housing Action Alliance and Labor Forward.

Heidi is an attorney for Legal Action of Wisconsin. For the past six years she has been representing low income tenants in eviction cases and subsidized housing disputes in the Madison area. She is bargaining unit co-chair for the United Legal. Heidi also serves on the Board of the Public Interest Law Section of the State Bar of Wisconsin and the Madison Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild.

Heidi received her B.A. from UW-Madison in 2001, where she played four years of varsity women's soccer, double majored in Political Science and Women's Studies, and obtained a certificate in American Indian Studies. Heidi received her J.D. from the University of St. Thomas School of Law in 2005 where she won the Dean's Award for Jurisprudence and represented immigrants in removal proceedings as a clinical legal services student.

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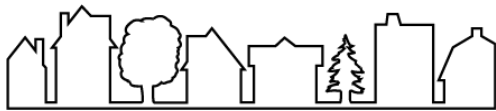
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Next up is the ultimate survival story, as director Roseann Sheridan takes you into the deep green jungle in the classic novel, *Lord of the Flies* by William Golding. Chosen by TIME

Magazine as one of the top 100 English language novels from 1923-2005 and an educational literary staple, this epic tale of loyalty and human nature begins when a plane full of schoolboys crash-lands on a deserted island and then takes you on a journey that heads for the dark heart within. It is recommended for ages 10 and up due to mature content.

CTM closes out their season with one of Kevin Henkes' best-loved titles *Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse*. Named one of the 10 best performances of 2009-2010 by 77 Square, this spunky little mouse learns about the value of friendship in a heart-warming tale for the whole family. Enjoyed by ages 5 and up.

Tickets for all of these shows can be purchased at [ctmtheater.org](http://ctmtheater.org) or by calling 608.258.4141. CTM, established in 1965, creates vibrant theater experiences that engage the whole community. CTM is a resident organization of Overture Center for the Arts. To learn more about their 2011-2012 season, please visit [ctmtheater.org](http://ctmtheater.org).



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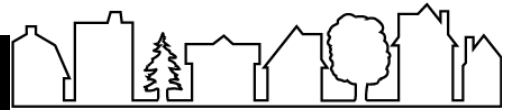
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## Meet the New Editor



Hey Neighbors! Welcome to the winter edition of the Tenney Lapham Newsletter! As an avid reader of this

publication for over 10 years now, and a neighborhood resident for as many years, I figured it was time to contribute to the community here in the heart of Madison's isthmus, the place we all call home.

My name is Jessi Mulhall, and I served on the nominating committee this fall for tapping new council members for the neighborhood association. Joe Brogan, who was editor for the past five years, decided to step down, leaving an

opportunity for me to jump in as editor. What qualifications do I have to be worthy of this post? First off, I've had experience in the past as editor of the high school yearbook in Monroe, WI. I graduated in 1993 and grew up in the rolling hills of southern Green County. Secondly, my love for writing and following the news led me to declare a major in journalism at the University of Wisconsin up in River Falls. Eventually, I wound up getting a BA in history from UW-RF, and moved to Madison. I've lived on Thornton Ave now for over 10 years and love this neighborhood. In 2003 I gave up my car and have been biking using the wonderful trail system in and around the city. I get to bike to work everyday downtown, even in winter, so I'm sure you'll see me on the streets, or maybe even on the sheet

of ice at Tenney!

I have very fond memories of skating on the lagoon from over 30 years ago. I'd come up to visit my uncle, who lived on the east side, and he'd take me to Tenney where I learned to skate when I was three. I'm so happy I can look out my windows and see the park from my apartment!

Since the shelter is new, it's our feature story this edition. Please enjoy local writer Steve Horn's article on the focal point of our neighborhood.

Joe Brogan has been very helpful in showing me the ropes, and I'm very grateful to have assistant editor, Bob Shaw, who continues in his role of layout design and contributor of articles.

- Jessi Mulhall

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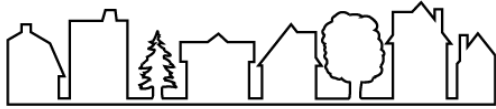
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### Exciting Changes in Store for the Recycling Program

In 2012 our curbside recycling program will be making some important changes. We will be adding new materials to the program that will increase the types of material that we can recycle. New to the program in 2012 are pots and pans, small metal appliances such as toasters, empty metal paint cans, and plumbing fixtures.

We will start accepting plastic bags in the curbside recycling program. Plastic bags must be put inside a plastic bag and that bag should be tied shut. We need to have the bags in a bag to prevent loose bags from getting tangled in the sorting equipment.

Finally, we will make a significant addition to the types of plastic we will take in the green carts. We will now accept all plastic bottles, jugs, and containers numbered 1-7. This will include

dairy tubs, deli containers, clamshells, and produce containers and their lids. NO STYROFOAM. We will also accept plastic cups.

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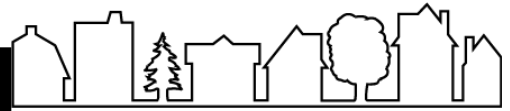
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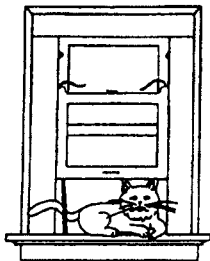
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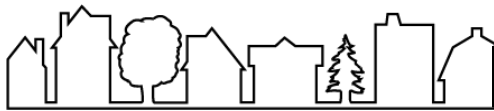


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### Railroad Street Closings Meeting Set for February



Happy New Year everyone! For our neighborhood there are a number of important developments of note.

**East Johnson Traffic Study**  
City Engineering staff informs me that they received over 500 survey responses to the survey that was created to gauge neighborhood and city-wide opinions about reconfiguring Johnson & Gorham streets to two-way traffic. Staff is currently working on compiling the surveys and should have detailed results in the coming weeks. Please check <http://www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/EJohnson/> for the survey results and for upcoming neighborhood planning meeting dates. Staff is working on scheduling a meeting for late January or early February to go over survey results and to present initial reconfigured traffic and streetscape models.

**Don Miller Redevelopment**  
The City continues to negotiate letters of intent with the Rifkin Group for the 800 South parcel and Urban Land Interest for the 800 N parcel. The Rifkin Group has brought on Irgens Development Partners from Milwaukee to assist in recruiting a tenant base and to facilitate the project's development. The Gebhardt proposal for the 700 N block is progressing. They have officially submitted for city approvals and are currently scheduled to go before the Urban Design Commission on January 18<sup>th</sup> and Plan Commission on February 20<sup>th</sup>. Updates for the project can be found at <http://constellation.bark-design.com/> and <http://www.eastmifflin.com/700north/>

#### Wisconsin & Southern Rail-

**road Street-Closing meeting**  
On April 3, 2009, the Wisconsin & Southern Railroad Co. filed a petition with the Office of the Commissioner of Railroads for the closure of one or more of three public at-grade crossings of tracks at Brearly Street, Livingston Street, and Blount Street. The issues for the hearing are: 1) Would closure (or partial closure) of one or more of the crossings promote public safety and convenience? (Partial closure could include limiting usage of the crossing to non-motorized users or limiting the days and hours when the roadway would be open.) 2) For any crossing that remains open, what warning devices would be necessary to adequately protect and promote public safety? 3) How shall the costs of any crossing closure be apportioned?

The public hearing will be at the Office of the Commissioner of Railroads, 610 N. Whitney Way, Amnicon Falls Hearing Room on February 16, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. The purpose of this continued hearing is primarily to take public testimony. The City of Madison is actively fighting the closure of these streets, and neighborhood input is important to build the case. Please plan to attend and testify.

**New Signs for Snow Emergencies**  
At some point this winter (I presume) we will get snowfall that requires calling a snow emergency. Please go to <http://www.cityofmadison.com/residents/winter/> to stay informed on snow emergencies. You can sign up for email and text message alerts. (Very helpful!) Additionally, please take notice of the new snow emergency signs posted around the neighborhood to help you and your neighbors remember to move your vehicles this winter. I will be working with Streets and Parking Utility staff to see if there's a way to open the parking ramps up for resident over-night parking before the snow

falls (and the standard snow-emergency is called) so that plowing out the streets can move more smoothly and quickly. I've been looking at other city's snow plowing policies for inspiration (like St. Paul, MN). If you have experience with other wintery cities' policies, and would like me to look at their models, please contact me.

#### No Shakespeare (yet) for Breese Stevens

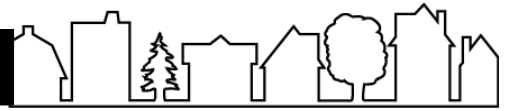
At the November 9, 2011 Parks Commission meeting the City's Vending Oversight Coordinator Warren Hansen and local thespian John Varda appealed for approval to establish an annual Shakespeare production at Breese Stevens Field, planning a production of Julius Caesar for the summer of 2012. The Parks Commission approved their request unanimously. However, after the meeting city staff discovered a deed restriction to the property that requires ALL events at the facility to be sporting events. Kevin Briski, the Parks Superintendent and I are collaborating with the City Attorney's office to take the necessary legal steps (which include going to court) to get the restriction lifted so that this facility may be used for a variety of public entertainment options in the future. This process will take a number of months, and it is at this point thought that the legal status will not be resolved in time for the 2012 summer production that was envisioned.

#### Madison 56ers to pursue alcohol sales at Breese Stevens

The Madison 56ers have been working in conjunction with (former UW Soccer standout and current Dane County Board Chair) Scott McDonnell to apply to the city to allow for alcohol sales at Breese Stevens starting for the summer season. The team's current average attendance is 550 people per game, with 8-12 home games per year. The city attorney is drafting a resolution that I plan to introduce for council approval to allow for the sale



# Alder's Report



and consumption of alcohol at Breese Stevens. Once approved, the 56ers individual proposal and site plan would go to The Parks Commission and to the Alcohol License Review Committee for approval.

## Updates on James Madison Park houses

The Common Council approved the Surplus Committee recommendation of the sale of 640 E Gorham Street to Joe Lusson and Aleen Tierney. On Thursday, January 5, the Surplus Committee will meet to vote upon the proposals received for 646 and 704 E Gorham Street. Please visit <http://www.cityofmadison.com/planning/jimpsurplus.html> for all of proposals, meeting minutes and city information.

## Community Garden at James Madison Park

A group of neighbors has organized to start a petition to get community gardens installed for the summer of 2012 at James Madison Park. I wholly support their efforts and partnership with the Madison Community Action Coalition in advocating for this much needed resource to our neighborhood. The favored choice, and approved by the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Council, is for the land behind Lincoln School. Parks Commission and Common Council approval will be needed. Please contact me or Nicole Craig at CAC with questions or comments you may have. Nicole may be reached at [nicolec@cacscw.org](mailto:nicolec@cacscw.org) or (608) 246-4730.

## New Tenney Shelter & New Skating Lessons

There's just enough ice now for skaters to be finding their way to the new Tenney Park Shelter. If you weren't able to make it to the opening on December 3, I encourage you to go for a stroll and check it out, especially now that there's skaters (and hot chocolate) on hand. A great day to come by would be

on Monday January 16<sup>th</sup> from 1-3pm. Madison Parks is celebrating Madison's premier outdoor ice rinks by hosting a party at Tenney Park. Come experience the fun and beauty of skating under the lights with music and games. The warming houses and concessions will be open as well and skate rentals will be available on a first-come basis. All ages and experience levels welcome.

Additionally, the Parks Department is offering skating lessons for the first time in many years. From ages 2-4 through adults, the 7 week series of classes costs \$95.00. All classes are 30 minutes and **begin the week of Tuesday, January 3rd and end the week of Tuesday, February 7, 2012.** Questions? Contact the Madison Ice Arena (608) 204-7606 or visit <http://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/seasonal/winter/IceSkatingLessons.cfm>

**Down the Rabbit Hole**  
Common Council members got a revamped website this fall, and with it came a blog and

twitter account. I have a number of fears about being a policy-maker and DIY journalist, and it will be a work in progress to find my voice, but I encourage you to sign up for the district RSS feed, follow District 2 on twitter (my handle is forthcoming) and check out my blog. I'd like to bring some candor to the issues being discussed in city hall (without getting myself in too much trouble for my candor!). <http://www.cityofmadison.com/council/district2/blog/>. My new year's resolution is to put up a post every week, I hope you'll follow.

Other issues happening on your street? Contact me if I can be of assistance. [District2@cityofmadison.com](mailto:District2@cityofmadison.com) or (608) 516-3488

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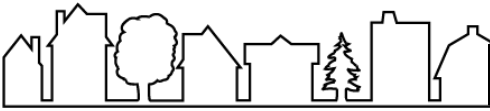
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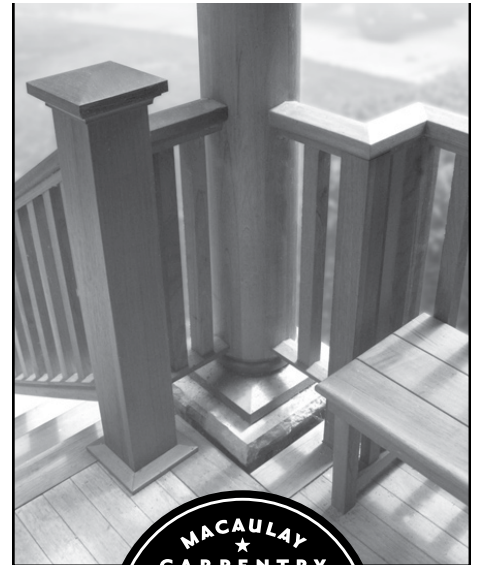




## Parks



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Address	Pending	List Price
1026 Sherman	3718	\$545,000

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206 N Thornton	29	\$255,000	\$245,000
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1026 Sherman	245	\$590,000	\$380,000

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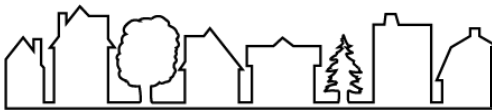
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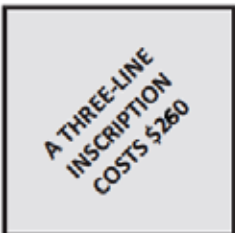
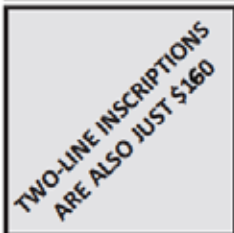
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