



TENNEY - LAPHAM

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER Winter 2014

Meet Friends of James Madison Park



This fall, we were excited to see the snow fence go up in JMP to protect us from drifting snow. By mid-January, we are looking forward to seeing it come down!

Long before I took on the role of park chair for the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association, James Madison Park (JMP) was a special place for me. Within the first six months in the role, I realized the need to bring together those who care about the park. That is why, in June of 2013, I incorporated Friends of James Madison Park, Inc. (FJMP), based on a desire to preserve and improve a much-loved park. Now, board members Peggy Furlan, Judy Karofsky, Fred Klancnik, Lupe Montes, Joe Lusson, James Tye, Ex Officio Ledell Zellers, as well as volunteer Theresa Vander Woude, are working to gather community support and turn a spotlight on the future of JMP. The FJMP board has had several meetings; as the board continues to evolve and grow, we are looking for more to participate in this process. Our website, www.friendsofjmp.org, has volunteer and contact information, a customized park map, an outline and history, and helpful links. Future plans include organizing Sunsets in the Park (SIP), a series

of community events centered on music, local food and watching the sunset in JMP. FJMP wants to be part of a larger open planning process for the future of the park, and raise Friends, funds and energy for the betterment of this vibrant and cherished Madison gathering spot.

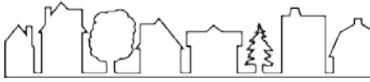
James Madison Park is the first view many visitors have of Lake Mendota when arriving from the east via car,

bus, or bike. It is also the only instance where someone standing on the steps of the Capitol can look down an axial street—North Hamilton Street—and enjoy a clear view of the water. Although Madison has many wonderful parks, James Madison Park holds a special place in the hearts of many, from memories of relaxing in the sun

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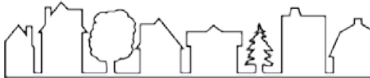
Tenney-Lapham Community Night
Monday, January 13
From 6:00 p.m. to close
Baldwin Street Grille
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In November we held our first “Community Night” at Mad Town Pizza as a show of support after their windows were broken. We are going to extend this idea throughout the neighborhood to support our local businesses. For January we have chosen the Baldwin Street Grille. Please join us for food and drinks and meet your neighbors.



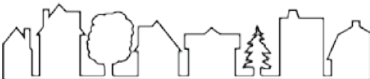
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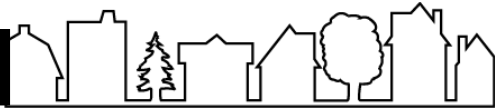
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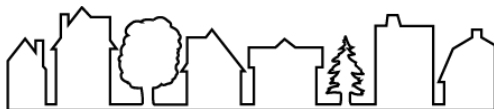
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Judge Doyle Square to be Decided in 2014



As I write this I am planning for the holidays including getting our Christmas tree on Friday at the UW Stock Pavilion from the UW Forestry Club. And as you read this, that

very tree will be down, decorations put away and 2014 under way!

Here's a rundown on some of what is happening in the neighborhood and a few comments on larger city issues.

The Constellation

Signage for commercial spaces was approved at the December 3 Urban Design Commission. Existing signage policies proved challenging for having sufficiently visible, yet appropriate signs. I was able to support the revised approach which was submitted and approved. We are looking forward to Cargo Coffee and Star Bar opening in the Constellation in January. Google is also expected to move in in January. Artisan Dentistry is planning their move for February.

800 Block of East Washington

Gebhardt has submitted to the City their package for the block. It includes 13 stories on about 11% of the block for which they will need an ordinance change. Otto Gebhardt and Chris Gosch have continued to keep the neighborhood in the loop with the latest update meeting held on December 5. While they didn't have a replacement grocer to announce at that time they were very optimistic about being able to make such an announcement within a couple of weeks. That would be a nice end of the year boost.

Reynolds Crane Lot

This has remained on a very slow track with no city submission to date. The developers have occasionally been in touch so there is still a possibility this will move forward.

Tourist Rooming House – aka AirBnB

An ordinance was passed to permit "Tourist Rooming House" type rentals by an owner of his or her primary residence. Such rental is limited to a total of 30 days in situations when the owner is not present during the time of the rental. The occupancy of Tourist Rooming House rentals must comply with the maximum family occupancy rules in the underlying zoning district. Only the owner of the property may operate a Tourist Rooming House unless a renter is explicitly allowed to do so in their lease. Feel free to contact me if you would like more information.

East Johnson Street Planning

Representatives of Madison Metro came to the TLNA Annual meeting to outline proposed changes to the placement and number of bus stops along E. Johnson Street as well as similar changes proposed for East Gorham Street. They are planning to eliminate a few stops on both streets to increase route speeds. In addition a public hearing was held to allow for "Work between the hours of 7:00 PM to 7:00 AM ... on a limited basis when deemed necessary..." during the 2014 E. Johnson reconstruction project. Such work must be preapproved by the City Engineer. This is a relatively standard provision for the magnitude of work being done and no neighborhood objections have come forth.

Yahara River Parkway Planning Process

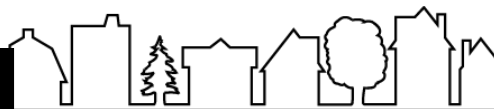
The first meeting of the planning process for this important neighborhood and city riverway was held on September 24, 2013. It was well attended with a lot of ideas shared during the brainstorming session. The next public meeting is scheduled for January 30 at 6:30 pm at the Goodman Center. Following that meeting, using input received, city staff will develop a concept plan with a presentation of conceptual alternatives planned for winter 2014. If you would like to be involved, feel free to drop me an email and I'll make sure you get notice of the next meeting.

Selection of Actions taken by the Council in 2013

I thought you might be interested in taking a look back at some of the broader actions taken by City Council since April, 2013. It is not nearly everything so I may have omitted your favorite piece of legislation!

- Approved numerous development proposals throughout the city.
- Numerous changes modifying the new zoning code.
- Passed a provision requiring a lessor to provide written notice of denial of a residential tenancy.
- Denounced the use of minerals that fuel violence in their countries of origin and favoring verifiably conflict-free products in City of Madison purchasing decisions.
- Declared the City of Madison's Opposition to the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP).
- Directed the Community Development Authority of the City of Madison ("CDA") to draft and issue a request for qualifications ("RFQ") for development services relating to the development and financing of housing for homeless adults.

Alder's Report



- Affirmed the "Statement of Principles for the Homeless".

- Amended Madison General Ordinances to allow overnight sleeping in tents or in other temporary portable shelters as an accessory use of a religious institution or a nonprofit organization in specific districts.

- Requested a report on the construction and maintenance costs of, and placement strategies for, downtown public restrooms. (Related to the 2014 initiative mentioned below.)

- Created Madison General Ordinance relating to reporting requirements for independent expenditures in municipal elections.

- Created an ad hoc committee to advise the Plan Commission and the Common Council about an appropriate vision and special area plan for the Lamp House block. This is an important heritage block with extensive development pressures.

- Amended Madison General Ordinances to add sexual orientation and gender identity as protected classes.

Upcoming – 2014

And to parallel the look back at 2013, the following is a dip into some of what is coming/planned for in 2014. Much of this is related to items in the 2014 budget.

Development

As has been widely reported in the media, there are many exciting development proposals throughout Madison. These projects range from already under construction to winding their way through neighborhood and city approval processes to simply ideas that have been floated. The City is in need of increasing its tax base, so from my seats on the Plan Commission and Downtown Coordinating Committee, as well as Alder for District 2, I'll be advocating for responsible development that benefits Tenney-Lapham and all of Madison.

Equity Impact Model

On October 29th the Common Council adopted the Equity Resolution "declaring the City of Madison's intention to adopt an Equity Impact Model". These models are tools for promoting an economy that is equitable across race, ethnic and class lines. The resolution sets clear objectives for the Equity Staff Team including the goal of providing a report and recommendations to the Common Council in April of 2014. The Equity Staff Team is working as an interagency group to collect data and evaluate equity models from other communities.

Funding for Homeless Services

This includes operating dollars for gaps in services between January and the projected start of the homeless day shelter. In 2013 dollars were included for planning and construction of a 24/7 restroom in the downtown area, so during 2014 the city will be working to make these services operational.

Judge Doyle Square Decision

This is an extremely large project with a lot of public dollars being requested to make the project a reality. Several alders have a number of questions about the project, including the need for some of the project components and the payback to the city of such a large public investment. It will be important for the progressive Madison community to continue to be part of this conversation during 2014.

Tax Incremental Financing Guidelines

This is again something we need watch carefully as the work of the TIF Policy Review Ad Hoc Committee winds down this year with expected recommendations to Council early in 2014. This is an important economic development tool which we want to continue to use wisely.

District 2 Specific Budget Items

Some items related to district 2 include money for James Madison Park (JMP). Elsewhere in this newsletter you can read about the meeting which was held to initiate a discussion about improvements to JMP. Money is also included in the budget for artificial turf for Breese Stevens field which will make the field more useable for a broader variety activities. The budget also includes tax incremental financing (TIF) money targeted for support of the Gebhardt project on the 800 block of E Washington Ave. Looking to the future, money was added to the 2015 and 2016 capital budgets for undergrounding overhead wires for the 800 and 900 blocks of E. Johnson Street. Appropriate conduit will be installed during the 2014 reconstruction so streets wouldn't have to be torn up again. These dollars will also have to be approved by the City/County/School District/Technical College Joint Review Board since the source of funds would be TIF generated money.

Your Voice

I value your ideas and opinions. We have a lot going on in the district and the city. Your voice matters to me. Phone, email or in person all work. I look forward to hearing from you!

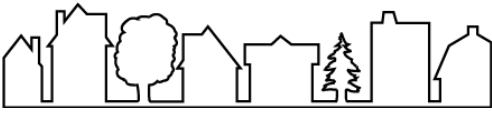
Listening Session with Chris Taylor and Ledell

At 6pm on Monday, February 3, our State Representative Chris Taylor and I will be co-hosting a listening session at Lapham School. This is a great opportunity for you to stop by, say hello and give us both your input on state and city matters. I hope to see you there.

- Alder Ledell Zellers

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Bringing Music to Reynolds Park

Make Music Madison is a free, public celebration of music that takes place city-wide on the summer solstice! The idea is that anyone can perform and everyone is invited to enjoy. It turns out, we are also all invited to help organize events. <http://www.makemusicmadison.org/>

I think Reynolds Park would be a wonderful place for a Make Music Madison event. It's open and visible. There's a brick wall to serve as a backdrop and plenty of space for spreading blankets, throwing Frisbees, dancing and playing. It's at a crossroads of density that could draw in pleasantly surprised pedestrians. And most importantly to me, there are lots of long-time residents very eager to get to know who exactly all their new neighbors are living in the highrise kitty-corner to Reynolds Park.

Make Music Madison has a great model for getting involved. They provide the structure and support for creating a local event. The coordinators



photo by Jessica Becker

seem to be motivated and helpful. The date for 2014 is the summer solstice, Saturday, June 21st. Venues and bands will be determined in mid-March.

I love the concept of music going on simultaneously around the city in celebration of the Madison's creative, talented, fun-loving, and neighborly vibe. My main concern is that it takes a lot of energy to organize something like that, and then what if it rains? Last year, the first year of Make Music Madison, the weather was less than ideal.

I would love to see the Tenney Lapham neighborhood build off Make Music Madison to bring life into Reyn-

olds Park with a series of afternoon concerts. Kicking off on Saturday, June 21st, the neighborhood could organize concerts in the park (July 19th, August 23rd) inviting local bands to play. Keep it casual, just invite people to bring a picnic. Maybe some nearby restaurants would put together a "picnic special" for carry out. Make a poster, put a notice on the listserv, that's it. Let the message spread. See who comes. Meet your neighbors. Sounds lovely. Just thinking about a sunny day in the park is appealing right now.

These are just ideas, of course. The opportunity to participate in Make Music Madison is open to all. At this point, it will depend on folks stepping up to help design and run the thing. Feel free to contact the Tenney Lapham Neighborhood Association if you like the idea. I'll write more on my blog if the concept gains traction: www.betweenwolake-sandahardplace.blogspot.com.

- Jessica Becker

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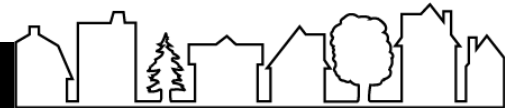
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Mayor's Report



City Committees to Review 800 E. Washington Proposal



As the cold temperatures surround us, plans for warmer weather and additional construction in your neighborhood continue. I can give you a brief update.

Gebhardt Development will soon submit plans for review by the City's Urban Design Commission and Plan Commission for a mixed-use project within the 800 Block of East Washington Avenue. Final approval by the Common Council is anticipated in March 2014. The project will include apartments, office space, and retail anchored by a full-service grocery store. The Gebhardt Development team remains committed to including green/sustainable design elements and building materials within the project. Tax Increment Financing (TIF) application and review will occur concurrently with development review. Additional information about the project, upon formal submission to the City, will be posted at www.cityofmadison.com/planning/projects/current.html.

Down the road at 222 North Butler Street, planning is underway for the future of the Lamp House as well.

The Common Council designated the Lamp House as a local landmark in 1976. Since then Madison has seen significant redevelopment throughout the downtown, which has helped to create our vibrant city. The benefits from this downtown revival have been significant, but we also value the cultural and historic resources that our city has to offer. The Lamp House block, like many others downtown, has a mixture of recent redevelopment and older housing. However, what makes this block so unique is the landmark Lamp House that is tucked in the middle. The unusual location of the Lamp House makes this effort an important one. The land uses, scale and general context surrounding the block have also changed significantly since the house was built. The Ad Hoc committee will consider these features as it formulates its recommendations.

The Ad Hoc Plan Committee work should be finished by the end of the year. Through Committee meetings, a tour of the block and a public design workshop, the committee hopes to have recommendations for the future that can be forwarded to the Madison Plan Commission and the Common Council to guide redevelopment on the block. After the Committee hears from the public and

studies existing plans and policies, they will develop guidelines, and/or recommendations for the future of the block.

I hope this information is helpful. Stay warm!

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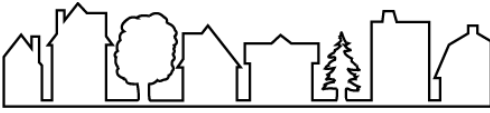
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Chicago Gains Another Yokel

I have heard it said that Chicago is a city of people from someplace else. Might be true, but I am pretty sure they are not from Wisconsin. What follows is a kind of comparison and contrast essay in which I share my observations about living on E. Gorham, Madison versus living on W. Newport, Chicago. First, we have ability to make conversation: To wit—

Q. When dressing in a women's locker room on a blustery winter Chicago afternoon, and noticing that another woman was winding herself in layers of clothing like a caterpillar readying for winter while you did the same a few feet away, would you consider it the height of rudeness to remark about what a pain it was to have to bundle like that?

A. Yes, and then you would make a sound like no other human sound ever in response and struggle to pick up the pace in order not to have to talk to this insane person making chit chat about the WEATHER, considered a safe topic in Wisconsin.

Q. Let's say you were on a train bound for the Loop and a man starts a conversation with you about your hat, which is red and has a flower on it. When you get on the train, after thanking him and complimenting him back on his artistic garb, including a plaid kilt and several beautiful and terrifying areas of body art, would you not consider it allowable to continue to chat without other passengers turning up their ubiquitous iPods to avoid noticing that two human beings were engaged in a bit of social interaction—one young enough to be the other's grandparent (he was a VERY old man.)

A. One would think that would be okay, but it is NOT. You do not attempt to talk to people on the train, even if they start the conversation.

Q. Suppose someone throws a bag of fast-food trash down in front of you in Madison, should you A) Pick it up

and say nothing. B) Say nothing and step mincingly over it C) Run up with it saying, "Did you forget something?"

A. Nobody eats fast food in public in Madison, silly. None of the above. Not a question. They throw down biodegradable tofu so that the animals have a good time too.

You get the idea. Other customs I am becoming accustomed to include fainting dead away at the cost of stuff (and still the schools are in trouble) Luckily, the Jewel Osco--which is the closest food store besides Whole Paycheck, (in which I got caught in a demonstration which started while I was INSIDE and which I had to brave with my bag of exorbitant veggies though I usually would never scab) --is reverting to a trick from my mother's day: giving one lousy Rachel Ray-ware stamp for every ten dollars I spend. And I have come to crave them! It's working again! I am the one born every minute. Other food is easy to come by, though one must get used to standing in line for everything.

And DRINK? Oh my dears, if Madison is a city of bars, then Chicago is a city of Uber bars. I was startled one day on Clark Street, where every bar is a sports bar right up to the door of Wrigley Field two blocks away, to see a massive Bucky Badger emblazoned permanently on the window of a big tavern. Hooray! I wanted to cry—our very own scantily-clad Badger-type mascot. So I went in, hoping to find kinsmen, but was told that every bar adopts some Big Ten logos to gull the suckers. And the controversial "EAT GRIT! " "TRUCK STEW!" (something like that) that is our students' call and response litany is just everyday fare here. No special occasion is reserved for it.

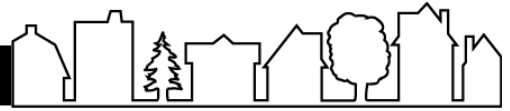
Perhaps it's just my new neighborhood. For example, Ken and I are known as "breeders" here, though of course we are post-breeders. Surrounding us is the funnest neighborhood in the

City, if one accepts Hallmark's new bowdlerization of the traditional carol "Deck the Halls" carol, in which they hope not to offend by substituting the word "fun" for "gay" in the line "do we now our gay apparel." So while the ex-schoolmarm in me rankles at using "fun" as an adjective, I will squelch my urge to yelp "know some etymology, will you?" and go with "fun" instead of "gay." In fact, I have now changed my name from Norma (also suspect in that it implies that some are "abnorma") Gay Prewett to Neutral Fun Prewett. My neighborhood is an equal opportunity offender of traditional mores. If you muttered "what a drag," you would be complimenting the hearer. Get it?

And you also Google everything you want to do, as well as Yelping it. The neighborhood businesses live and die on reviews, as opposed to the kind of "word of mouth" assurances one gets in Madison, where people actually have words coming out of their mouths with each other.

Witness one example I experienced of the power of reviews. The apartment is on the third floor, so we have to pay to have every heavy thing delivered. A couch and bed from Macy's were the very first items to appear. I was impressed with the two heavily illustrated, pierced and perforated body builders who made these behemoth pieces seem like balloons, but at the end a little taken aback when told to fill out the evaluation for their employers using only "Magnificent!" as an adjective. "Well, you were very good," I said humbly. "NO!!!" roared the bigger of the two, "you must only say 'magNEEFificent for Carlos!" He pointed at his chest. I looked quizzically at the smaller of the huge pair. He smiled a little at least and said, "For Igor too!" I signed the evaluation and sent them on their way.

In Madison, I think we would have all dissolved in laughter at the silliness



of all this.

Lest you think I am a complete chauvinist for either my new or old 'hoods, let me list some great commonalities:

I joined a gym right away. Now this has a little oppositionalism in it too since the prices to join are OOH LA LA, but it is supposedly rated the best gym in Chicago (must have received the magNEEFicent rating at gunpoint.) These corpuscular palaces are not called gyms here, btw, with those nasty connotations of sweat and dirty sox. No sirree. These are clubs with amenities like tiny eucalyptus-scented towels kept in case a little dew appears on your precious forehead after your workout, and a whole eucalyptus-scented steam room for simply dreaming away the pounds. I spend a lot of time there, hopefully perspiring and always remember the opium den scene from "McCabe and Mrs. Miller" while the snow flies outside.

But the one delightfully same thing? The cadre of tough old ladies who own the water aerobics classes. These ladies are a silver-haired Cosa Nostra. They whip the whippersnappers into sniveling subservience. One cold day, the pool was colder than we expected. No shrinking violets, we little United Cougar Nations (all kinds of dialects and languages are spoken there) went down to the quaking boy at the desk who considers himself manager, and despite his pleas that nothing had changed, took charge. Don't mess with a dowager, boy. And really don't mess with a pack of alpha dowagers. When I occasionally took water aerobics in Madison it was the same scene. Old women rule the pool.

Walking is what you expect to do instead of what you might just wish to do. Parking, especially this close to the benighted Cubs den, is absurd. We demanded only two things of our apartment when renting. It had to have a garage and a kitchen at least as nice as the one I had just had remodeled in Madison. Check. Check. Plus some amenities. Anyhow, I have become an

ace walker, though I had to learn how to walk in the city. You must stay within the lines or you are the chicken who will never cross the road again. Frogger is more of the game here. You walk straight and employ signals that you are about to change lanes. In Madison, I meandered, strolled, dawdled, and sometimes stopped to look at some curiously-shaped leaf on the ground. If I did that here, there would be a traffic pile-up that would make the news.

Another thing, I walk around holding my breath a lot since the Surgeon General's warning about smoking cigarettes is apparently considered quite the good joke. Maybe we are more inspired, but maybe it's the fact that my new dwelling place is chockablock with young urban professionals and metrasexuals as opposed to healthy, cheese fed ecologically aware students. Ironically, though, my new street is a quiet ONE WAY with speed bumps that has dozens of very old over-arching trees (remember trees? They were those big broccoli-shaped things that used to grow on E. Gorham) and most of the terraces are iron-fenced so that the 500,000 dogs that live in Chicago (4/5 of which are in my neighborhood) are actually pooping in places where to not pick up the poo is a heavy fine. Those who have known me long know how I go foamy at the mouth about irresponsible pet ownership.

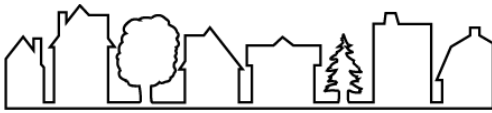
I could go on. For example, I have scored a straight-on view of a squirrel's nest in the big sycamore tree right in front of my painting studio (yes, I have a studio) and entertain myself a lot checking out what weird things this urban wildlife is stashing. There is, I kid you not, a Tupperware container for his winter stash nestled up there. Not as dumb as they look, thank heaven, since they really do look a little sickly around here. At "home" in Madison, we have a blonde squirrel who is very vain and very sleek. We have a variety of songbirds compared to the preponderance of beautiful, but messy, pigeons.

We have flowers—Chicago has landscaping. I can hear and watch the Metro Brown line from my back deck where the morning glories do just as well as they did in Wisconsin. And they have Duh Bears while we have Duh Pack.

Chicago has one most wonderful asset—ALLEYS! It is a garden of giving. People throw out incredibly functional things. So far, I have scored framed vintage posters, a very heavy but functional six-step wooden ladder that I promptly painted turquoise and is now my easel, some drinking glasses, enough wood to make an end table, two Windsor chairs, and lots of picture frames. Also, this is where the ugly bundles of power lines are strung, instead of above ground on poles. And the lake is two blocks away with a great bike path. They have Critical Mass rides here too and the biking opportunities are about equal though I would never ride without a helmet and a gun—oh did I say that out loud?—just kidding about the helmet.

PS: I just found out that if one has the land, one can keep up to SIX backyard chickens! I am so tempted to replicate my Taj de Coop in Madison, but I hesitate to think what the two lovely young people in Apt. 2 would think when chicken poop started dripping down through the deck boards onto their Cadillac of gas grills. My Ellie May Clampett routine would probably not be equal to the task of explaining them critters away. Maybe if I offered them some eggs.....

This is Norma Gay (Fun) Prewett, embedded in Boystown, Chicago, your equivalent of Sylvia Poggoili on NPR



Reading Notes from our Retirees

With retirement looming large for us, we wanted to learn how retirement has impacted our reading friends and neighbors. Do they read more or less? Where do they read? What do they read? When do they read? This is what we found out.

From Bob Shaw

Having been retired for five months now, I thought I would at least keep current on that stack of magazines on the table. But looking at my reading table now I am nine issues behind on *The New Yorker*. I keep thinking I'll catch up on a rainy day (or now a winter day) but diversions keep cropping up - the garden needs weeding or it's a good day for a bike ride, etc. So much for the best intentions.

My book reading tends to be non-

fiction. I spent two weeks in Istanbul in November and my current reading pile consists of a number of books dealing with the Byzantine and Ottoman empires. And in early December the Turkish author Orhan Pamuk gave a talk in Madison that I attended so I picked up his novel *Snow* from the library.

As for where I read, it usually is in my easy chair in the living room with the cat on my lap. But this winter I think I will make frequent use of those nooks and crannies in the wonderful new central library (not the least because it is warmer than my house!).

From John Bell

I don't think retirement has changed my reading habits as much as it's given me a stronger sense of the many books I've always wanted to read (or re-read

and diminishing time to do it, a problem compounded by a vast overstock of magazines, newspapers, newsletters, electronic communication, correspondence, etc. Time is shorter, the lists longer. My reading tastes really haven't changed. I try to balance my book reading between contemporary fiction (with occasional side trips into political science) and at least a few of the classics of Western literature--titles I've had in mind for years or read so long ago that I've forgotten them and wonder now whether my advanced years might somehow bring a deeper level of understanding. (One can only hope!)

I especially enjoy reading from our back porch or park benches, but I do most of it from a recliner chair in our living room, and not so late in the evening that I'm likely to nod off and re-read the

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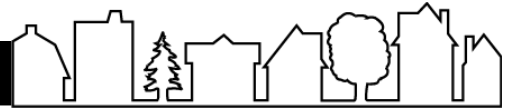
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same paragraph repeatedly with little sense of its content. I keep thinking that the days will come when I'm less likely to be moving rocks for a back yard patio space, portaging a canoe in the Boundary Waters or carting compost to my garden plots, that the time for more sedentary pursuits (especially reading) is still ahead of me, and I'll probably keep trying to kid myself as long as possible. For now, I really enjoy the times of meeting with friends/neighbors to talk over our reading selections; their choices give me a structure that I value greatly, and their criticisms and insight add much pleasure to my reading experience.

From Mary Jo Yttri (retired teacher at Lapham School)

Retirement has had a very positive impact on my reading. I am able to read the whole newspaper not just scan headlines and read the Op-ed page. I am doing more "recreational reading" - fiction novels, short stories, etc. (Won't ever get into graphic novels tho'.) I also have time to read non-fiction that interests me like biographies, history and political info. I love reading with

coffee in the morning or with breakfast and don't feel the need to read for long periods because I can pick up where I left off any time I want. Now I just want to find a book club to join!

From David Wallner

Since I retired from teaching about four years ago, it's now easier to stay up late and read into the night without worrying about getting up at 5:30 each work day. In addition to a couple hours a day with newspapers and magazines, I probably read two hours a day with whatever book I'm currently tackling. I have a an old dumpy comfortable chair in our living room that gives me good space to stretch out to read. Or I curl up in bed, resist the urge to nod off, and knock off a few chapters late at night.

As a member of a neighborhood book group, I read about six books each year, ranging from a wide array of fiction and non-fiction. I tend to read more fiction than non-fiction as a personal choice. Historical fiction (Isn't most fiction based on history?) like *Wolf Hall* and *Bring Up The Bodies* by Hillary Mantel were two of my favorites this

year. I love novels that take me to a different time and place in history. For example, I frequently read novels about the Civil War or life during the Depression or the world wars. Authors who can bring real historic figures to life in their stories often catch my attention. Gore Vidal's novels about Aaron Burr, Lincoln, etc. are great reads for any history fan. I also enjoy contemporary fiction of all kinds, like Louise Erdrich's new novel *The Roundhouse*. And I pick up a couple collections of short stories each year to see how that genre is holding up. Sometimes I enjoy taking on one short story before dozing off around midnight.

I have two "guilty pleasures" that I return to on a regular basis. I enjoy the historical espionage novels of Alan Furst, and collections of baseball history sports reporting and other famous columnists. As a former journalism teacher, I still enjoy good columnists from the past, like Pete Hamill, Mike Royko, David Halberstam, etc.

It appears as though retirement has enriched the reading lives of our friends and neighbors. Perhaps it's not such a scary concept after all. Bob, we may soon be joining you in those nooks and crannies at the central library.

- Ann Rulseh and Jean Dunn

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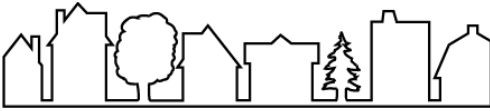
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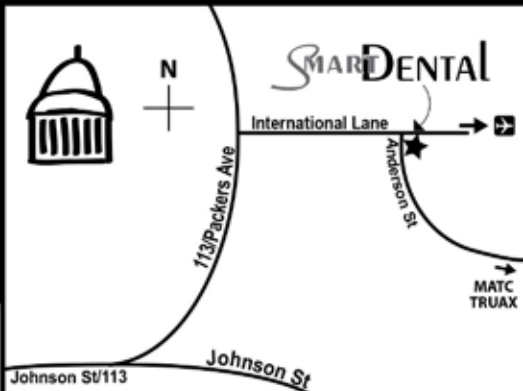
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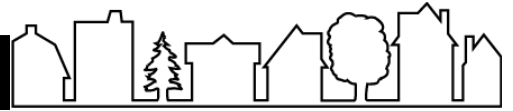
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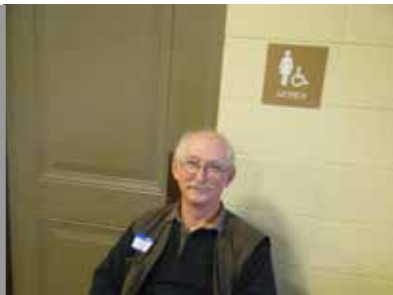


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James Lindberger, AKA "Kid" Jimbo, sang the blues before dinner.

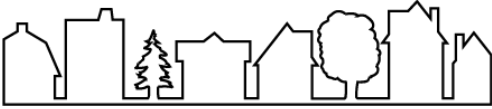
Special thanks to Richard Linster, who organized the event, & the neighbors who came out to our annual meeting on October 24th.



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“It’s a very exciting time for the Capital East District,” stated Dr. Nicole Andersen, D.D.S., owner of Artisan Dental. “It is such a vibrant, authentic area that historically has been without many of the services you like to integrate easily into your day. Artisan Dental is proud to be a member of the community and part of its revitalization by delivering a convenient option to manage your dental care and a positive experience before, during and after your visit.”

Located on the third floor of the newly developed Constellation building, Artisan Dental has created a beautiful, warm, relaxing space designed specifically to reduce patient stress levels and deliver a calm, comfortable environment. Artisan Dental is the first dental practice in Wisconsin to offer Wavecare – a European-designed audiovisual technology with proven therapeutic results to aid in relaxation and healing. Each treatment room benefits from floor-to-ceiling windows with an abundance of natural light and expansive city views; wide-screen, high-definition monitors to view Wavecare or television; and the ability to customize music preferences with Pandora radio. The waiting room offers complementary iPads with applications for adults and children, Wi-Fi and other patient comforts.

With over 13 years in private practice and extensive specialized training, Dr.

Andersen and her experienced, caring staff rely on the most up-to-date methods, tools and materials when providing patient care. The practice offers early morning, lunch hour, after school and after work appointments, as well as free parking at The Constellation.

Artisan Dental will hold a Grand Opening Open House on Friday, January 24 from 7:00am – 6:00pm and Saturday, January 25 from 8:00am – 12:00pm. The event will feature free beverages from Cargo Coffee, as well as the opportunity to meet Dr. Andersen and staff and learn more about dental health and wellness topics.



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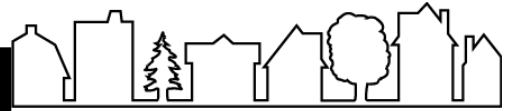
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“Taste of Tenney” a Big Success

First : a big thank you to all who attended the “Taste of Tenney” and Annual Meeting in October. We were glad to see so many there and hope you enjoyed the food and entertainment.

The Madison Unicyclists were there to demonstrate their form. The group has a program after school at Marquette/O’Keeffe and quite a few members live in the neighborhood. There are also regular practices at the Goodman Community Center that are open to the public. Their web site provides more information and contacts to several local residents. They can help get you riding, just expect a few falls.

Mark your calendar for the Open House at Christ Presbyterian Church on Saturday, January 18 from 3-5 p.m. Tours will be given and beverages and

light refreshments served. The remodel represents a six million dollar investment in the facility and programs. The result is a building that is more welcoming and easier to navigate. Additional windows allow for more natural lighting and help create a stunning connection to Lake Mendota. Reconfigured space will allow for more specific use such as child care, classroom and community needs. The Church has hosted innumerable events over the years, many for our association. They have truly been a good neighbor.

We are now in a new membership year and we hope that you will take the time to renew your dues. The money will fund donations to our local schools, social events and membership outreach. We encourage you to sign up for the

listserv so we can communicate with you and ask if you are ready to be more involved in the work of the neighborhood association. If you have a particular interest or skill, please let us know. This is how we can build our community. WE WILL CONTACT YOU, so expect to hear from us!

Last: There will be a sledding party on Saturday February 8 from 1 to 4 at Giddings Park. Our warm-up shelter will be the Christ Presbyterian Church gathering hall. Hot chocolate and marshmallows served!

- Richard Linster
Membership/Social Chair

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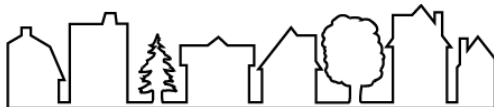


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You hear a lot about the partisan bickering in the state legislature these days. Rightly so, with all the extremist policies the Republicans,

under Governor Walker's leadership, are pushing. And make no mistake, when it comes to fighting for progressive values, you can often find me right in the middle of the figurative fracas.

My guiding principle as a state legislator is not only to stand up for my constituents' progressive values by advancing pro-active policies, but also to collaborate with other policymakers, regardless of political party, to get things done on issues on which we can agree. Because you may only read about the partisan battles, I wanted to take a moment to fill you in on five bipartisan bills I'm working on that I believe will move Wisconsin forward.

I am authoring a bill that would create an independent investigation and review of any officer-involved death. After the Paul Heenen shooting in Madison, I began working with Rep. Garey Bies (R-Sister Bay), a former Deputy Sheriff, on a bill to create a more independent, transparent process. It is my hope that our bill will reinforce our community's support for law enforcement. Assembly Bill 409 will likely get a public hearing in the coming months.

I'm also working on a bill with Rep. Samantha Kerkman (R-Powers Lake) to close a loop-hole in our childcare laws. Our bill will extend the state-wide smoking ban to in-home childcare facilities. Second-hand smoke can have serious repercussions for young children, including asthma, reduced lung capacity, and an increased rate of illnesses such as bronchitis, pneumonia and many more. When you strip the partisan gridlock aside, we probably all agree that children

shouldn't be exposed to second hand smoke. This bill was recently submitted and doesn't yet have a bill number.

Protecting personal privacy is another passion of mine. That's why I'm pleased to be working with Representatives Tyler August (R-Lake Geneva), Fred Kessler (D-Milwaukee) and Dave Craig (R-Big Bend) on a bill that would prevent individuals, including law enforcement, from using drone recording devices to spy on people in places where they expect privacy, without a warrant. As technology advances, we must remain vigilant in ensuring everyone's most basic right to privacy is protected, which is what AB-203 does.

As a mother of two young boys, I'm particularly aware of the importance of guaranteeing children spend enough time each day playing outside. This bill, which I'm working on with Sen. Robert Cowles (R-Green Bay), encourages children to participate in outdoor activities such as hiking, biking, hunting, fishing, and any other outdoor, nature-based activity. According to a recent survey conducted by the Kaiser Family Fund, children ages 8-18 spend more than 7.5 hours each day, or 53 hours a week, on smart phones, computers and watching TV. This statistic coincides with staggering rates of childhood obesity. This bill was also recently submitted and does not yet have a number.

Finally, I'm working with Rep. Gary Tauchen (R-Bonduel) on a bill that creates a purchase power agreement to encourage the creation of renewable energy projects such as home-based solar projects. By allowing companies other than utility companies to provide these services for homeowners and small businesses, we can generate an even greater amount of our energy from clean renewable sources, which will hopefully leave a cleaner environment for future generations. This bill is still in the draft-stage and I hope to introduce it soon.

To stay in the loop on the bills I'm working on and to stay in the loop as to what's going on at the Capitol, simply email me at rep.taylor@legis.wi.gov and I'd be happy to add you to my email list. As the holiday season is upon us, I wish you and your family a happy and safe holiday season.

- Rep. Chris Taylor

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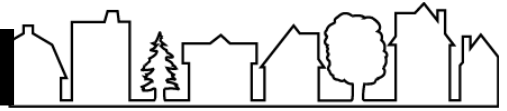
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Jan. 13 - 6 pm to close - Community Night - Baldwin St. Grille, 1304 E. Washington
Jan. 18 - 3:00-5:00 pm. - Christ Church Open House, 944 E. Gorham
Jan. 25 - 10 a.m. James Madison/Reynolds Park Meeting - Verex Bldg, 150 E. Gilman
Feb. 3 - 6 pm - Zellers/Taylor Listening Session - Lapham School
Feb. 8 - 1-4 pm - Sledding Party, Giddings Park
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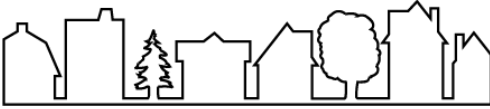
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Parks

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on the open lawns, swimming over the sandy bottoms of Lake Mendota with a view of the capitol, or playing sports at sunset. Past generations bought their ice from the Conklin & Sons icehouse, took steamboat excursions around Lake Mendota, and rented boats from the Bernard-Hoover boathouse—all within the confines of what is now James Madison Park.

On October 23rd this year, the City of Madison Parks Division held a community input meeting for the park. Staff, including parks planning development manager Kay Rutledge and landscape architect Mike Sturm, outlined existing conditions and recent improvements to the park and presented the current condition of the shelter. There was a strong community turnout, with some sixty attendees who stayed past 8:00 p.m. to listen and share their views after the presentation. One speaker reminded at-

tendees of the sacrifices made by private homeowners and historic homes demolished in order to clear land for the park. One student expressed his wish to keep the community feel and open space of the park while adding more bike space and another community member wanted to preserve the difference between the energy-filled west end and quieter, more peaceful east end. Environmental concerns, such as runoff to the lake, were referenced. While specific ideas for the shelter were shared, a majority agreed on the importance of a master planning process for the park as a whole, including programming, so that the shelter's function can reflect the needs of area residents and stakeholders. Representatives of FJMP were in attendance and passed out brochures with information about the group and details about becoming a Friend.

Friends of James Madison Park is still an organization in the very early stages and would like to reach out to like-minded individuals of the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood. If you are interested, please contact info@friendsofjmp.org. Before FJMP can have any fundraising potential, it needs a strong Friend and volunteer base. It wouldn't hurt to like us on Facebook as an easy

way to be notified about events and other news.

Mark your calendars for a combined James Madison and Reynolds Park "Dream Meeting" at 10:00 a.m. on January 25th on the lower level B of Verex Plaza, 150 East Gilman Street. With the partnership of city and community stakeholders, neighborhood associations and citizenry at large, we can establish James Madison Park as Madison's premier urban lakefront destination and gateway to downtown.

- James Tye
TLNA Park's Chair

Good News for the Neighborhood from Madison Metro

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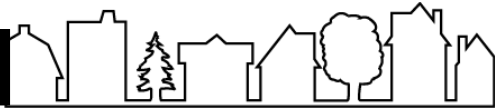
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| 6 Sherman Ter #4 | 852 | \$97,000 |
| 1212 E Johnson | 916 | \$124,900 |
| 125 N. Blount | 546 | \$125,000 |
| 105 N Ingersoll | 1,250 | \$229,900 |
| 1220 E Mifflin | 1,085 | \$249,900 |
| 1885 E Washington | 2,048 | \$274,900 |
| 423 N. Baldwin | 2506 | \$349,900 |
| 310 Marston | 2460 | \$407,500 |
| 1138 Sherman | 3123 | \$649,000 |
| 1022 Sherman | 3400 | \$788,000 |
| 1032 Sherman | 3284 | \$890,000 |
| 828 Prospect | 3330 | \$1,000,000 |

Pending

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| 1658 Sherman | 3504 | \$1,000,000 |
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Sold

| Address | Days on Market | Asking Price | Sale Price |
|---------------------|----------------|--------------|------------|
| 16 Sherman Ter #1 | 7 | \$75,000 | \$73,500 |
| 465 N Baldwin (REO) | 6 | \$125,000 | \$140,299 |
| 903 E Johnson | 16 | \$214,900 | \$194,000 |
| 745 E Johnson | 13 | \$170,000 | \$200,000 |
| 1212 E Mifflin | 7 | \$214,900 | \$210,000 |
| 919 E Johnson | 49 | \$240,000 | \$210,000 |
| 1011 Sherman | 65 | \$274,900 | \$245,000 |
| 208 N Few | 7 | \$364,000 | \$373,000 |

These statistics were compiled by the editor and Tobi Silgman of Keller Williams. If you have any questions about what your home may be worth, please contact Tobi at 608-279-3591 or by email at tobi@lizlauer.com.

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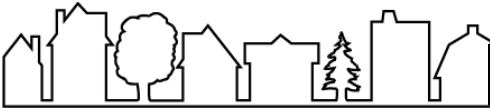
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Business

Calling TLNA Businesses!

We are updating contact information for all businesses in the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood, and are interested in finding out what issues are important to you and what the TLNA can do to help.

Please take a few minutes to complete this form and mail it to:

Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association
Attn: Business Chair
PO Box 703
Madison, WI 53701

Thanks,

Dirk Entenmann, TLNA Business Chair

Phone: 663-6332



Name of business: _____

Name of business owner(s) and manager(s): _____

Do you live in the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood*?

Yes No Would love to!

*Neighborhood boundaries are Lake Mendota, Yahara River, E. Wash Ave & N. Blair

Business address: _____

Business telephone: _____

Business email: _____

Best email to contact you at: _____

Business website: _____

Please describe your business: _____

How many people do you employ: _____

How long have you been in business? _____

As you're likely aware, East Johnson Street is scheduled for construction this coming Spring/summer. In addition to this, what concerns do you have/what issues are important to you:

In the next 6 months

In the next 12 months

Beyond that

How can the TLNA help you?

Other comments:
