

# TENNEY - LAPHAM

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Winter 2017

## A New Playground for Tenney Park

In 2017 the playground within Tenney Park near the lagoon and field will be re-imagined and the play equipment will be replaced. Tenney Park is an historically and geographically unique treasure in our city and neighborhood. This is an exciting opportunity!

Let's make Tenney Playground all we want it to be, for the kids and for the neighborhood and for the love of play!

The City of Madison Parks Department maintains 174 playgrounds (more playgrounds per capita than any other city!) and landscape architects lead the process of replacing playgrounds. For Reynolds Park and for Tenney Park, Sarah Lerner has been the point person for neighbors and leads the city's planning.

Playgrounds are just one part of a larger conversation about play that cross-cuts through a bunch of fields in addition to landscape architecture - physical education, design, public art, environmental education, childhood development, human psychology, urban planning and probably more. I've wished I had infinite time and resources so that I could skip around and try out some new career paths. Instead I created a web resource called Madison Playground Review ([madisonplaygroundreview.wordpress.com](http://madisonplaygroundreview.wordpress.com)) so that I could learn a few things about playground design while exploring the city with my kids.

Most playgrounds provide a pretty standard set of structures. Kids expect them and aren't complaining, at least not outright. However, experts in these things explain that kids are more engaged and get more out of the experience, and hurt themselves less often when play spaces are unique.

And there are in fact lots of examples out there. Search for 'natural,' 'innovative,' 'inspired,' or 'cool' playground' to see some great images.

Play spaces around the world today are providing public experiences with innova-



tive design and nurturing the notion that we all need more playfulness.

The thing is, the U.S. has a lot of rules and regulations which is how Lerner began the November public meeting with neighbors interested in Tenney Playground's remodel. She has worked for the City for many years and is very familiar with the policies in place and why they work for the greater good. However, she is also an expert in landscape architecture and knows just how special Tenney Park is and how ripe Madison is for an innovative, inspired, cool playground. She is excited because the

neighborhood is also excited and ready to work with her.

The Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association created a survey to assess what neighbors want in area parks. From over 100 responses, the top priority was to "construct a natural play area or 'living' playground in Tenney Park.

When I asked my kids what they wanted to see at a new Tenney Park playground, they gave me great suggestions, like a "little bowling alley" and "a May Pole."

In reality, the sky is not the limit. The City has contracts with vendors. Based on preferences voiced at the initial November input meeting, Lerner is sketching several options that fit the budget for the project. She has said that if neighbors want to go beyond the scope of what the budget allows, we can raise money and submit additional ideas.

-Jessica Becker

Playground design options will be presented on January 18 at 6 PM in the Community Room at Festival Foods.

All are welcome!

Bring friends and neighbors!



### WINTER POTLUCK



Wednesday, January 25 from 6-8pm  
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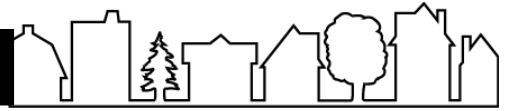


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## President's Report



### Transportation Safety to be a Focus of TLNA in 2017



Have you had trouble finding parking for your car in the last year? Have you biked down the bicycle boulevard accompanied by a speeding

car? Have you walked your children to Lapham to ensure their safe arrival? One of the growing pains of a burgeoning neighborhood is more traffic. More people live here and that means more people are visiting our businesses and eating at the restaurants.

As new developments go up on the East Washington corridor, the city and TLNA have worked to protect the bicycle boulevard and provide adequate

parking within each new building for the residents. Vehicle access is on East Washington or on the side streets, not on East Mifflin. The Livingston/East Washington intersection was redesigned to allow cars to turn into Livingston St. so they don't drive around Mifflin St. to get access to the Constellation.

But as bike traffic on East Mifflin Street goes up, so does the car traffic. The stop signs along the boulevard are set up to allow through traffic and drivers in the know take advantage of it. Paterson, Ingersoll, and Baldwin streets allow cars to connect the busy East Washington and Johnson/Gorham corridors, and it's not unusual to see cars whipping through those cross streets at unsafe speeds.

Another problem is the bike lane heading east along East Johnson Street doesn't have a smooth connection to the

bike path through Tenney Park.

Spurred by concerned Lapham parents, the TLNA Council has decided to put their focus on transportation safety in 2017. There are oodles of ideas on how to make our streets and sidewalks safer and we hope to find some effective means to work with the city to bring some of them to our neighborhood. Many of them involve getting cars to slow down. Others are about encouraging people to find other ways to get around. We are so fortunate to live where alternatives to cars are readily available. Biking, walking, and busing are all far easier from the isthmus than from other parts of the city.

Here are just a few wild and crazy ideas:

- More speed humps in challenged areas
- Circulator bus to link Tenney-Lapham with Marquette and downtown
- Get a residential parking permit that works
- Add more B-Cycle stations
- Make a parking space a park for a day

What are your ideas? Bring your ideas, pictures, solutions, whatever you can think of to TLNA meetings and events. I hope to hear from our neighbors about the problems and about the solutions to keep ourselves safer in our changing environment.

- Patty Prime

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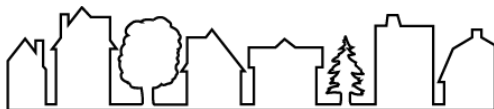
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# Plan Commission Approves New Site for Homeless Day Resource Center



Hard for me to believe...the holiday season is already upon us. We are staying in Madison this year and are looking forward to hosting family and friends at our house.

And it certainly appears, we will have snow for our southern California visitors.

There is a lot going on in District 2... as seems to always be the case. Following are some highlights.

### **700 E. Johnson – South Side**

Chris Houden is exploring development concepts for 717, 719, 725, 727, 731, 733, 737, 739, 741, 743, and 751/753 E. Johnson Street. While it is early in the process, a preliminary concept is to demolish some of the homes and construct mixed use building(s). The initial concept is for the new buildings to be three stories with a mix of unit sizes to include some 3 bedroom units. The density is yet to be determined. The intent is to have some ground floor commercial and potentially have some of the housing be affordable. A neighborhood meeting to hear more about the developer's ideas is scheduled for January 10 at 6:00 pm at Christ Presbyterian Church.

### **630 E. Washington – Salvation Army**

The Steering Committee continues to work with Salvation Army representatives and anticipates the next meeting will be in February after the developers have had time to further develop their plans for the exterior design and the layout of the building. The Salvation Army still plans to start the City's approval process in the late winter 2016/spring of 2017, but they will not apply for their

financing for the affordable units until later in 2017/early 2018. The construction would begin in the summer of 2018.

### **710 E. Mifflin – Veritas Village**

The Veritas Village project is proceeding as scheduled. By the time you read this the foundation work will likely be completed and the construction of the first floor underway. This comes with some parking closures on N. Livingston and E. Dayton. This parking closure will continue through wood framing which is expected to be through the end of March 2017. Following wood framing, smaller areas of parking closures will be required. Construction activities will continue into next summer.

### **707 through 711 E. Johnson, 200 block N Blount -- RPG development proposal**

The Renaissance Property Group has a revised development proposal which includes their adjoining property on N Blount and E. Dayton in addition to the E. Johnson Street parcels. This proposal includes moving one home from E. Johnson to E. Dayton and demolishing one home on E. Johnson. The home on the corner of N Blount and E Dayton would also be demolished and a new 8 unit would be constructed at about the same height as the homes on N Blount. The TLNA Council is expected to take up the proposal at their January meeting after receiving a report from the Steering Committee.

### **1000 E. Washington – West half of the block**

Construction is underway on the Stone House development project on the western half of the former Madison Dairy building site. There is no proposed use at the present time for the east half of the block.

### **Homeless Day Resource Center (615 E. Washington)**

The proposed Homeless Day Resource Center at 615 E. Washington (Great Madison Chamber of Commerce building) was approved by the Plan Commission at their December 12 meeting. The current projected opening is fall 2017. Catholic Charities has been chosen by the County as the shelter operator. Catholic Charities is partnering with Bethel Lutheran Church on Wisconsin Ave to provide winter weekday homeless services at Bethel's site.

### **E Johnson Street Reconstruction from N. Baldwin to N First**

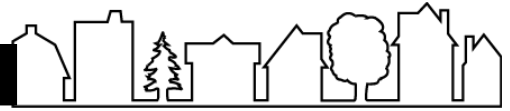
This project will reconstruct the existing roadway from just east of N. Baldwin Street to immediately east of N. First Street. The project includes pavement reconstruction, curb and gutter widening along N. First Street, existing sidewalk spot replacements and repairs, new multi-use path/sidewalk, Americans with Disabilities Act compliant curb ramps, on-street bicycle lanes, storm sewer lateral replacement, new street lighting, replacement of sanitary sewer and water main, new pavement marking, and new signs.

The first Public Involvement Meeting took place on April 28, 2016. The second public meeting was on November 10. There will be several more public meetings. Construction is scheduled for 2019.

### **James Madison Park**

The Madison Parks Department will be undertaking a master planning process for James Madison Park. They will be seeking assistance from a consultant and are in the process of drafting a Request for Proposals. There will be a number of opportunities for input and involvement throughout the master plan development process.

# Alder's Report



## Tenney Park Playground (the 2<sup>nd</sup> playground)

The Parks Department is planning to replace the playground on the island in Tenney Park. They held a Playground Workshop in November for three neighborhoods. Several people from the TLNA attended to begin idea generation for the new playground. A lot of creative ideas were generated. A meeting to share concepts is planned for January 18. Stay tuned.

## Street Reconstruction

Plans for next year's round of street reconstruction are kicking off. One announced for the Tenney-Lapham area is E Dayton from N Blount to N Livingston. This project will replace water main, sanitary sewer and add storm sewer due to area development. Another project that will impact our streets is an MG&E infrastructure replacement project on E Mifflin from N Ingersoll to N Dickinson.

## Comprehensive Plan kick off – Imagine Madison

The kick off took place at the Central Library on December 5<sup>th</sup>. I was happy that there were several people there from the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood. This is an important city initiative that

will influence the development and goals of the city over the next decade plus. Madison has changed a lot since our current Comprehensive Plan was adopted in 2006. The City is working to gather the opinions of as many Madisonians as possible. This input effort is called "Imagine Madison". I'll let you know about future opportunities to become involved in this initiative.

## Your Voice

I continue to hear from a number of you. I appreciate that. I value your ideas and opinions. Email, phone or in-person all work.

- Alder Ledell Zellers  
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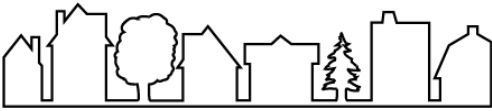
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## 920 East Johnson - Then and Now

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-Bob Shaw



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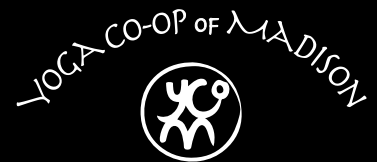
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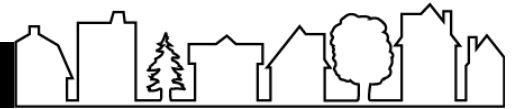


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# Elections



## How Tenney-Lapham Voted on November 8

	Trump	Clinton	Johnson	Stein	Other
Ward 44 — Tenney Park Shelter	76	1500	35	51	30
Ward 45 — Lapham Elementary	<u>133</u>	<u>2432</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>93</u>	<u>42</u>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>3932</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>72</b>

	Johnson	Feingold	Anderson	Write-In
Ward 44 — Tenney Park Shelter	97	1559	27	0
Ward 45 — Lapham Elementary	<u>204</u>	<u>2479</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>1</u>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>4038</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>1</b>

Number of Votes for President in Wards 44 and 45 in the April 5 primary: 3531

Number of Votes for President in Wards 44 and 45 in the November 8 election: 4468


Percentage Totals for President	Trump	Clinton	Johnson	Stein	Other
Wards 44 and 45	4.7%	88.0%	2.5%	3.2%	1.6%
City of Madison	15.3%	79.5%	3.3%	1.7%	1.7%
Dane County	23.1%	70.4%	3.4%	1.4%	1.8%
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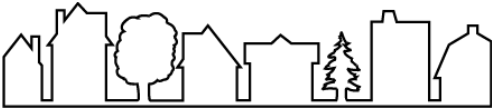
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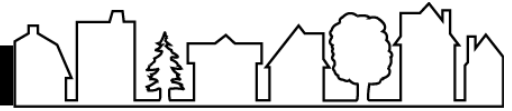
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## Project Bubbles - Reasons for Gratitude

Project Bubbles, a grassroots neighbor-to-neighbor dignity initiative, offers free self-serve Tuesday and Friday 9am - 1pm laundry opportunity to people who are experiencing homelessness in Madison. In 2011 it found its home and has since thrived at a local laundromat at 701 E. Johnson Street. Thank you Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood for your embrace!

Project Bubbles was created as a temporary gap filler to reveal and serve a need that was previously unacknowledged and unmet. With numbers as large as 5000 visits a year for over 11,000 loads of laundry by over 700 unique individuals documented at Bubbles, any lingering misguidance can finally be dispelled that neighbors who are struggling with homelessness prefer to be unclean, or that there are sufficient opportunities within the system as is. Also to be noted is that prior to Project Bubbles its parent organization started Shower Power, and similarly compelling revelations of need emerged for this service.

Mercifully, the new day resource center with scheduled opening for late 2017 promises to have ample opportunities for both - with showers and laundry facilities within. Hats off and robust cheers to Dane County, the City of Madison and the United Way for leading the mission! Under the skillful and sensitive charge of Catholic Charities as provider, there is reason for confidence that an uplifting of all our hearts is in store once the center is underway.

Meanwhile our program strides toward the long awaited finish line with absolute commitment and arms linked with caring souls. From many a heart flows abundant gratitude for the compassionate generosity of: the Mayor and the City of Madison Community Development Division, the Madison Rotary Foundation, the Evjue Foundation Inc. - a charitable arm of the Capital Times, Forward Community Investments, First Unitarian Society of Madison, First Congregational United Church of Christ, our TL neighborhood partners Christ Presbyterian Church, dear private and anonymous donors, and Festival Foods' management for lessening the burden of laundry costs. Behind each of these listings there are precious individuals whose wisdom and drive toward the

greater good yielded vital sustenance for Project Bubbles. To each of you, thank you!

Above all, the success of Project Bubbles over the years as a well used and appreciated program is due to the dedication and fortitude of volunteers who provide constancy and quality of coordination, welcome and facilitation - with Brenda Konkel at the helm. May their praise be sung!

The last lap for Project Bubbles is uphill but ever so worthwhile.

-Donna Asif

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### Ledell Zellers

### Your Alder

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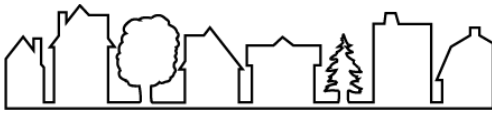
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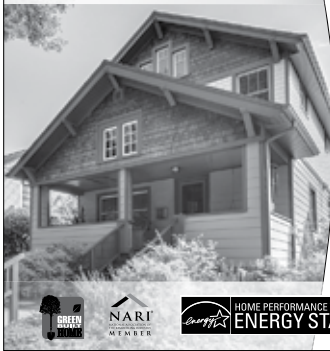
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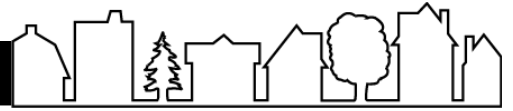


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## Mayor's Report



### Imagining Madison's Future



Help us Imagine Madison! Over the last ten years, Madison has gained 30,000 new residents and is expected to add another 70,000 by 2040. Madison has a strong and growing economy, world class educational facilities, beautiful surroundings, and many recreational opportunities. As we become more racially and socioeconomically diverse, is everyone experiencing these advantages? How will Madison continue to change as it grows? The time has come to assess our progress since Madison's Comprehensive Plan was adopted in 2006. We need to reevaluate issues, revisit goals, and clarify our path forward, so the City of Madison has embarked on an update

to its Comprehensive Plan.

The Comprehensive Plan is a guiding document that provides the City with a rational basis for local decision making with a twenty-year vision. It acts as the central organizing plan for all other City plans, regulations, and initiatives, as well as acting as the guide for the City's physical, social, and economic development. The Comprehensive Plan will drive both decision making and investment toward a healthier, more equitable and sustainable city.

We're committed to make the Comprehensive Plan update public engagement process inclusive, relevant, transparent, flexible, and fun. Imagine Madison, which recently launched in early November, is the public engagement campaign to gather the opinions of all Madisonians. It's designed to foster constructive conversations between

members of the community and between individuals and the City of Madison in an equitable manner. As we engage in community conversations and update the Comprehensive Plan, will we discuss issues and identify goals and actions through the lenses of equity, health, sustainability, and adaptability. This input will be used to direct the Comprehensive Plan Update.

I encourage you to participate in imagining our shared future. For more information, visit [imaginemadison-wi.com](http://imaginemadison-wi.com). You can follow the process on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/ImagineMadison/](http://www.facebook.com/ImagineMadison/) or on Twitter @ImagineMsnWI.

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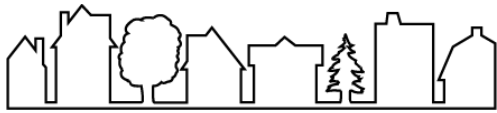
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## A Letter to our Neighbors from the Salvation Army

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constructive criticism. No matter the changes brought to the neighborhood or the concerns they raise, we must address them together and with mutual respect. It has been a pleasure working and living alongside you and we only hope to

strengthen that relationship over time.

The programs and services provided by The Salvation Army offer a hand up- not a handout- to those in need. For instance, the Dane County Assists With New Starts (DAWNS) program, launched on November 1, 2016, has already placed thirteen chronically homeless families into their own homes. This rapid rehousing model focuses on a housing-first philosophy: to better one's life circumstances and gain stable footing in an otherwise unstable environment, one must first have a secure home in which to build a life. Supportive services, such as case management, budgeting assistance, rent and utilities assistance, as well as medical and dental services offered by Madison Dental Initiative are provided

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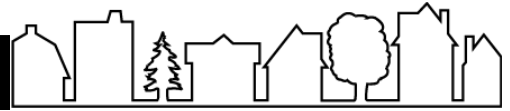
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to each client and family and are crucial to their success. The DAWNS program has a bright future, as twenty-one more families are expected to be placed into permanent housing by March 2017.

These aren't the only success stories we have to share. In fact, since the inception of DAWNS, the Family

Shelter has become a nightly drop-in shelter. This means people experiencing homelessness will not be placed back on the waiting list after 90 days.

With eyes to the future, I hope to remind you that we serve people in need without discrimination. That is our creed and our mission, and

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Sincerely,

- Major Greg Voeller

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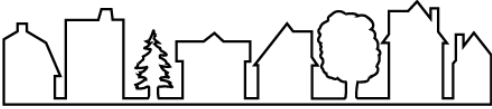


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## An Investment for Our Future



This fall I introduced my 2017 budget *An Investment for Our Future*. It makes unprecedented investments in compassionate services for our most vulnerable residents, infrastructure

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This budget is a clear statement of the priority Dane County places on green energy – harnessing the power of the sun to run our facilities and capturing naturally occurring bio-gas, converting it into millions of dollars of revenue to sustain services – and mitigating and adapting to the challenges of a chang-

ing climate.

2017 will be Dane County's cleanest, greenest budget ever. I am proposing more than \$2 million in new solar development, more than doubling all of county government's total solar energy production portfolio next year alone. While the state continues its inaction on climate change, Dane County will lead the way by creating an Office of Climate Change and Energy that will coordinate efforts across the county.

My Human Services budget totals over \$294 million and includes new and expanded efforts to address barriers to our young people learning and their families succeeding. Together with Madison School District we are creating a fourth Mental Health Crisis Team for the school district to ensure all four high school attendance areas have dedicated

groups of professionals focused on the needs of our young people.

The efforts this budget undertakes reflect the values we hold so dear. Good wages, educational achievement, reducing economic and racial disparities, improved mental health, cleaner waters and conservation, safer roads for both cars and bikes, and housing for those who have fallen on hard times.

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- Joe Parisi



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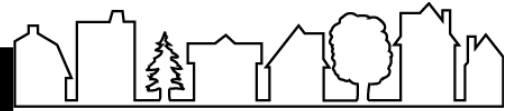
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## La Taguara, a Venezuelan Restaurant, Opens on E. Johnson

I first heard of La Taguara from my daughter Meridian who said "The food's great! We'd be lucky to have it in our neighborhood." We got lucky in September!

I first met the owner, Jeykell Badell, in August when he hosted a gathering of neighbors and our Alder Ledell Zellers in a question and answer session at the restaurant before opening. He was open and forthcoming and his food spoke for itself. A portion of the leftovers fed members of the nominating committee later that evening. Despite a delay due to his participation in *Taste of Madison*, Jeykell opened later in September and has since been offering lunch. It's nice to have another option in the neighborhood that time of day, and his portions are as generous as his prices are reasonable. The lunch specials rival his dinner entrees.

This is comfort food. Everything is delicious, tasty, and in balance. While a seemingly simple cuisine, all items complement one another and make each taste another pleasant discovery. Jeykell has learned his craft well.

Try the *Sopa y Seco* to see what I mean. Rice, shredded meat, salad and soup all blend together, making the whole greater than the sum of the parts. The "Venezuelan National Dish", *Pabellon*, is to die for. Again, simple ingredients of black beans, white cheese, shredded beef, rice, fried plantains and an arepa, a ground white corn bun, but together as prepared at La Taguara, the dish is simply out of this world. Try it with an egg on top.

Other dining companions have sung the praises of the *Cubano Sandwich* or the *Patacon Pisao*. The arepas as sandwiches with various fillings and

soup make a great lunch. No matter what you might choose, you will enjoy it and be back for more. Take my word on it! Don't forget they have a weekend brunch and a kids menu too.

La Taguara is located at 827 E. Johnson Street. Current winter hours are Mon-Thu 11am-8pm, Fri 11-9 Sat 9-9 & Sun 9-6

- Richard Linster

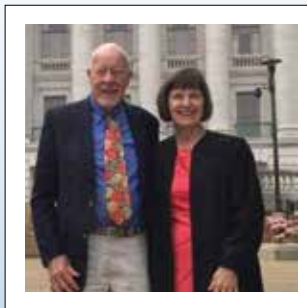
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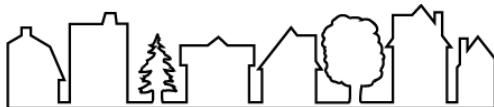
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# Transportation

## Winter Biking in Tenney-Lapham

In this year where transportation in Tenney-Lapham will be the focus of the TLNA council, I figured it would be best to write an article about one of my favorite modes of transport - the bicycle. More specifically, since it is winter and I no longer consider myself a novice commuter with over ten years under my belt, I want to share with you my experience as a Madison winter biker.

As a Tenney-Lapham resident fortunate enough to work downtown, I have a relatively short commute to work; it usually takes fifteen minutes in the winter. I travel the entire length of the neighborhood so I get to enjoy seeing the same properties along E. Dayton St in different lights and seasons in the morning while using the bike boulevard of E. Mifflin in the evening. Winter after a fresh snowfall is one of my favorite times on the commute as it is so quiet and peaceful, especially in the morning. Fresh snow is one of the easiest



*Jessi Mulhall biking down E. Dayton on a below zero day in December*

*Photo by Bob Shaw*

conditions to ride in, and the best part is laying down a new tire track on the street! All this while smiling at neighbors shoveling out their parked cars or scraping windshields, I feel lucky I can take my bike out of my garage and just start pedaling, no need to warm up my engine!

Fresh snow, as long as the amount of snowfall is five inches or less, is manageable until too many cars drive over the snow, then it becomes real tricky. It is best to avoid the greasy snow and pick a path on the road where you are blazing your own trail or seek out where you can see pavement and ride there. You can tell the greasy snow usually by the color; it is grey and consists of the gunk that falls off cars and develops early in the tire tracks. Other times, it's a sandy color and mysterious forces under the pavement make for a challenging ride by being warmer underneath and melt uneven patches. I've never been able to discern what underground utility or infrastructure is responsible for the warm patches. Every day, though, it's a different texture and surface condition, which makes it fun.

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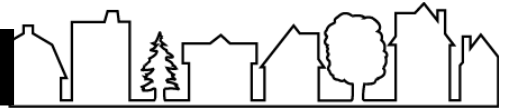
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inches or more range, it's best to wait for the plows, especially if the snow is the thick heavy wet stuff. There have been a few commutes over the years where I sought out any shoveled surface, that is sidewalks and parking lots, while getting off and walking in between. One time I tried E. Washington, but the bike lane is right where the plow gunk ends up, so it's not a pretty option right after a big snow event.

Every year I become a much more confident rider, especially on glare ice, due to one major winter bike component, the studded tire. The first year I rode my bike to work I was using the standard mountain bike tires and kept sliding out. One morning, real early on after the first fall snow storm, I knew of the bad patch of pavement where Dayton meets N. Blair, but behind me was a commercial passenger van, so I moved way to the right to allow them to stop at the stop sign alongside me. Bad move! I hit that known water main sewer grate while slowing down and I slid out and fell over right in the path of the van! Their bald front passenger tire came to a stop by nudging my back wheel enough to spin my bike around a bit while I was still on it. The speed, snow, and layers of clothing kept this from being a serious accident, and that heart pounding event was the impetus for trying one studded tire on the front wheel only. It cost me \$80 for one, but that was money well spent as this is season 10 using that same tire, and after two years of riding on one studded tire, I decided to get one for the rear wheel. Having one in front allows for great traction, especially on ice, and after getting the hang of riding, you start to predict when the back end will start to slide out, and you can compensate by using your balance to stay upright.

I have not fallen since that commute over ten years ago, so I am of the opinion, for winter riding the studded tires are the best way to go. I tell people it is easier for me to get around on my bike rather than walking on slippery uneven

surfaces. It keeps my boots cleaner too; some days I try not to touch the ground until I get to work. It's best just to go slow, judge each road condition, and take it easy; no need to work up a sweat before heading into the office!

Co-workers admire my stamina riding throughout the winter with some enjoying the fashionista bike-to-work attire I wear. Wintertime, I'm usually seen in an Army surplus wool trench coat. I've always been a big fan of natural fabrics for the winter--woolens and silks. Pretty much every day it's below 20 degrees I wear wool socks and a silk balaclava, since the thin silk fits so well under the bike helmet and helps to keep the wind off my neck. I wear a bike helmet large enough to accommodate wearing a winter hat, too. As a gift a few years back, my mom got me earmuffs with headphones combo, and I've found a way to incorporate them into my helmet. They work perfectly, keeping wind out of my ears while wired to my phone where I can listen to my music, take calls, etc. Bring on subzero! Of course, it is good to have decent pairs of gloves and boots, too! Being outfitted by local bike shops and outdoorsy stores like Fontana and REI, I haven't been wronged yet by bad gear. I've only found ski goggles to be useful on a handful of occasions which usually involve windy, wet, furious snowfalls. Typically by the end of a be-goggled ride, they are fogged up and wind up being worn around my neck.

Anyway, back to the bike! Necessities for winter commuting include decent lights since it gets so dark around the solstice time. It's best to have lights to be seen so a red light in back and a white light for a headlight are required. The salt and industrial waste they call "ice melt" that is applied to roads and sidewalks really kills the metal parts on bikes, so it is good to maintain the chain and gears with lube, otherwise you wind up with rusty chains that seize up and gears that won't shift properly. These

days I have one nicer summer bike and my good old reliable winter beater bike, recently overhauled by a former neighbor who worked at Revolution Cycles. He rode every day and really got into the fat tire bikes, leading winter group rides for fun.

Hopefully this article has inspired some to go out a try winter biking. It is super fun! My former neighbor moved to Atlanta, but he was single handedly responsible for inspiring many with his Mad Fat Tire Bike riding skills! He always rode his bike with so much enthusiasm and a few years ago, the fat tired bike was really exotic. I've seen more and more commuters using the fat tire bike option for winter riding. Ideally with the fat tire, you would ride gliding right over the top of the snow. I'm looking forward to trying it someday!

See you around the hood, hopefully on two wheels next time!

- Jessi Mulhall, editor

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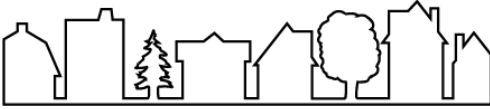
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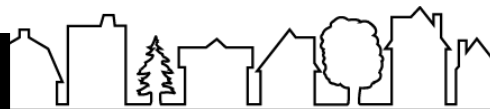


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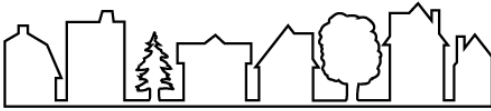
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