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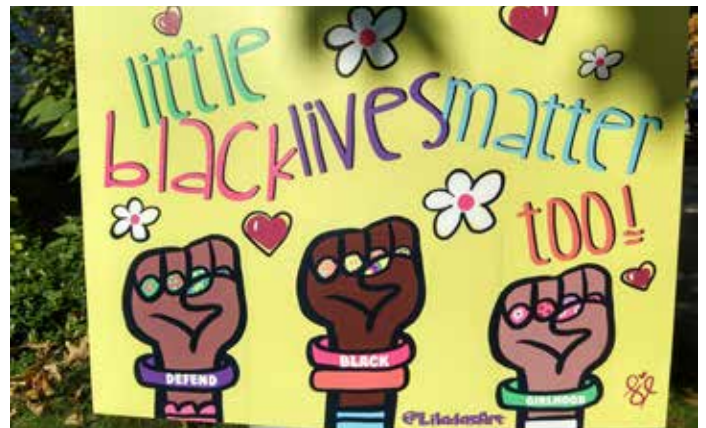
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Lagoon Dying Willow” watercolor painting by Brian McCormick

Art Walk Goes Virtual (see page 10)

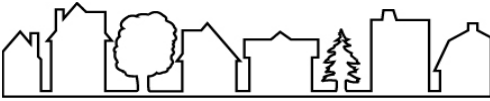
TLNA Supports Artist Lilada Gee



Artist, community activists and founder of Defending Black Girlhood, Lilada Gee’s yard signs are on display throughout the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood. In an article about her yard signs, Ms. Gee stated that she’d like to see her signs on lawns throughout the city of Madison. The Tenney-Lapham neighborhood association (TLNA) decided that we could help make that happen.

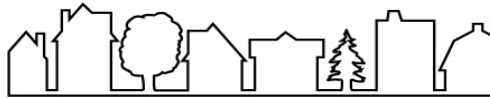
We were able to sell 75 of Ms. Gee’s Black Lives Matter yard signs. When first contacted by TLNA Ms. Gee said: “This is absolutely awesome. When I first moved to Madison with my family my family lived near Tenney Park and I attended Lapham school for Kindergarten. This is such a wonderful way to show solidarity for this time that we are in and as a community and as a nation.” To learn more about Lilada and her organization, Defending Black Girlhood, go to Lilada.org.

Pat Kelly, Parks Chair



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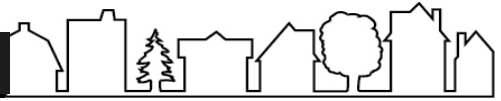
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Staying Connected in COVID-times

Usually, in this Fall newsletter, we would reflect on Party in the Park and look forward to the Taste of Tenney, but this is not a usual Fall. When I took on the role of TLNA President, in times B.C. (Before COVID-19), I was hopeful for our neighborhood association to sponsor more social events that might broaden engagement of neighbors who perhaps had not previously connected with -- or felt connected with -- TLNA. Of course, in-person events are not feasible in the COVIDverse. However, even in COVID-times, our neighbors are finding ways to connect.

You'll find many examples of neighbors connecting throughout this quarter's newsletter and several opportunities for connection funded by the TLNA. A TLNA grant funded the recent Black Books Matter neighborhood virtual book club. The BBM was an effort to get books by Black authors into the hands of TLNA neighbors and get us talking about how our neighborhood lives out / experiences Black Lives Mattering -- and planning for the necessary work and actions that are still needed. In addition to BBM and in this newsletter, you can read about

the mural in Reynold's Park, painted by young artists Cameron and Ariana Merline, inspired by the idea of togetherness, and funded by a TLNA grant. The TLNA also facilitated the distribution of amazing yard signs by Lilada Gee (lilada.org). Stroll down E. Johnson to see neighbors' Community Fridge and Pantry in action. And from our separate spaces, we can all celebrate together new traffic calming measures announced by the City -- a long-standing effort of the hard work of Bob Klebba, TLNA Transportation and Safety Chair, and the entire TLNA. Neighbors have connected in many other ways -- large and small. How have you enjoyed connecting with neighbors? Connect with us at www.tenneylapham.org and share your experiences.

We hope this newsletter will also be a connection for all of us neighbors. This newsletter is hand-delivered by volunteers (or, currently, is mailed) to every single address in the neighborhood. If you aren't a member of TLNA -- or if your membership has lapsed -- please consider joining/renewing your membership with TLNA. Student/senior membership is \$5. Individual membership is \$10. Household/business membership is \$20. Here's how to do it:

1. Go to www.tenneylapham.org
2. Select "Membership" from the top navigation bar.
3. Choose "Join" or "Renew."
4. Complete the forms!

Funds from TLNA membership support neighborhood events open to all, neighborhood projects through small grants, and the printing and distribution of the newsletter. Without our typical face-to-face events, membership numbers are low. In these difficult times, we rely on our community more than ever. Please join us as we physically distance but still come together as neighbors.



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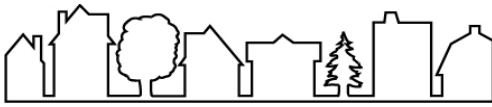
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News from Patrick Heck, District 2 Alder



Patrick Heck, District 2 Alder

The frustrations and demands related to racial inequities expressed in Madison and elsewhere, are more than understandable. The system is rigged against Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC). It also continues to profit from their oppression and even has tacitly accepted their murders by law enforcement and others. Barriers to economic and educational success are everywhere, including in the law enforcement and mass incarceration systems that help to prop up our society that is historically rooted in white supremacy.

As for our Police Department, I do not believe they are THE problem - they are a symptom of the problem. Whether Whites realize it or not, one of law enforcement's primary functions is to protect property and systems that were created with and sustained through oppression. That is the fault of both our White predecessors and those of us who continue to profit from these systems - even those of us who support the protesters' demands. As a White guy, I profit from these systems daily in most every aspect of my life, but it is so insidious that it is often difficult to recognize if you are White. That does not excuse it.

As you know, the calls for re-directing police funding to efforts

that will address racial disparities and reduce violence against BIPOC are frequent and loud. I agree that systemic change must start now, but it will take years to make progress on some fronts. We - "we" being both government and the community - need to build the capacities of BIPOC-led entities, better fund mental health organizations, create and fund more robust social service organizations, and so much more related to promoting opportunity, including pursuing reparations. Redirecting some police funding to these efforts will help, but that will be a drop in the bucket in terms of what is needed. Capacity building outside of law enforcement, however, can eventually reduce our reliance on law enforcement to solve problems that they are often not trained for and could be better handled by others. I hope that the city will take steps in these directions.

In October and November, the Common Council and the Mayor will negotiate and approve the 2021 Capital and Operating Budgets. A large hole in 2021 city revenues is forecast due to the impact of the pandemic; because expenses will increase due to previously negotiated pay raises for some city employees, and because of other cost increases. These issues alone will impact every aspect of the Operating Budget and are likely to reduce, or at the very least change, city services. Addressing those issues, and simultaneously addressing the need to build community and capacities that address the crucial task of lifting up Black and Brown people and can absorb some MPD functions, will present difficult challenges for us all.

Local Businesses Need Your Support

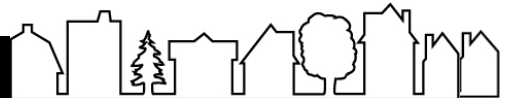
I encourage you to continue supporting neighborhood restaurants, retail shops, service businesses, and any other business that is operating during the pandemic. Whether it is ordering take-out food, pick-up/delivery from a store, or even eat-

ing and shopping in person when possible, you are supporting many crucial parts of our economy and the well-being of not just business owners, but also their employees, property owners, suppliers, etc. While there is convenience and presumably safety in ordering from national online retailers, I also encourage you to shop at local businesses whenever possible even if it takes extra effort to order pick-up or delivery or to visit.

Future of Sherman and East Mifflin Partial Closures TBD

City Traffic Engineering is continuing these partial street closures to assist community members in having safe, healthy spaces for walking and biking during the COVID-19 pandemic. I understand that some of these temporary closures may be ended or reduced this winter so that snow plowing efforts are not hindered by the barriers currently in place, but as of this writing, city staff did not have a firm plan.

Assuming that the current barriers will eventually be removed, the TLNA Transportation and Safety Committee, Traffic Engineering, and I have also been exploring a formal trial of placing semi-permanent barriers at a few intersections along the E. Mifflin Bike Boulevard. The trial barriers would be functionally similar to the current temporary barriers, but more substantial so that they can't be moved or driven around on their right sides. The goal of the trial, which would likely last a few months, would be to assess impacts of the barriers and help to determine if permanent installation is warranted and supported. Traffic counts would be done before and after the barriers are installed, including on nearby streets to judge if vehicles are diverting to nearby streets. Such a trial and study may need to wait until the Madison Youth Arts Center and the new Arden mixed-use building are operating since they will have some impact on traffic volumes. A public engagement process will be conducted by Traf-



fic Engineering so that neighbors can weigh in before, during, and after any trial. I'll be sure to keep you posted if and when this trial is proposed.

Speeding and Noise on E. Washington and Other Streets

I have received many emails from residents concerned about the nightly noise and racing on E. Washington, as well as from folks who live on E. Gorham and E. Johnson who are concerned about excessive speed and dangerous driving. City Traffic Engineering has been closing lanes on E. Washington; putting up message boards and boards that tell drivers their speed, and changing signal timing, all in an effort to reduce dangerous driving. MPD has also been conducting targeted traffic enforcement along E. Washington, but their capacity to do so is limited due to their often being busy with other efforts, particularly on Friday and Saturday evenings.

Frankly, rude and dangerous driving are not likely to be eliminated, but if infrastructure can be changed to make fast and rude driving more difficult, we can reduce speeds and other violations. The recent adaptation of Vision Zero as a city policy should help some, especially if funded to a level that will allow street redesign, installation of traffic calming infrastructure, and reduction

of speed limits. Enforcement activities can be effective if they are consistent, which has not often been the case, but enforcement also comes with questionable outcomes related to being disproportionately focused on BIPOC.

East Gorham and East Dayton Reconstruction Projects

The E. Gorham and E. Dayton Street reconstruction projects are expected to be completed in October or early November, depending on the weather. Visit the E. Gorham project's web page at <https://bit.ly/2YWuj0R> to get updates and to sign up to receive project emails. The E. Dayton project's web page is <https://bit.ly/3iMUVsc>.

E. Gorham from N. Baldwin to N. Franklin St. is expected to be resurfaced in 2021, but that project is not expected to involve excavation and should take a matter of days or weeks, rather than months. I have started discussions with City Engineering to see if curb bump-outs at some intersections and other traffic calming features can be included even though this will be a resurfacing-only project. As usual, those additions will depend upon funding.

Update on Yahara River Watershed Study

On August 26, a virtual Public Meeting was held to discuss the East Isthmus and Yahara River Watershed Study. The presentation from this

meeting was recorded and posted on the project website (<https://bit.ly/3iNAQlz>). Phase I of the study is primarily a data-taking and modeling effort with Phase II focusing on developing and evaluating flood mitigation options. Phase II could start in mid-2021, depending on funding availability.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with questions about our neighborhood, the district, or the city.

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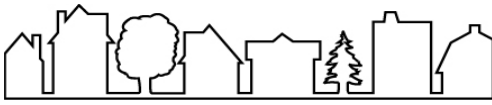
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½ cup maple sugar	dash of nutmeg
1 cup quick oats	¾ cup walnut pieces
½ cup whole wheat flour	½ cup maple syrup
¼ tsp cinnamon	1 tsp vanilla extract

Preheat oven to 350°. Butter or spray a pie plate and fill with frozen or fresh fruit and/or rhubarb. Using a pastry cutter or food processor, combine butter, maple sugar, oats, flour, spices and salt. Mix in walnut pieces and spread evenly over fruit. Combine maple syrup and vanilla; drizzle evenly over the topping. Bake for an hour, until bubbling. Allow to cool. *Serve with vanilla ice cream.*



Have a Role to Play in Overcoming Racism and COVID-19

By Dane County Executive Joe Parisi



Our community and nation have been through much, so much it can often feel like things are coming apart at the seams – a global pandemic, economic dislocation, and a spotlight on how little progress our nation has made toward the promise of equality, safety and opportunity for people of color.

Our responsibility to our community is great. The work of racial healing, keeping COVID-19 at bay, and working to help those who are suffering from economic hardship will be ongoing for years. If there was ever a time to be mindful of the guidance to love our neighbors as ourselves, this is it.

Our work on racial healing will require that we come to terms with our past and how much of it remains in our present. For those of us who are white, that work will involve understanding that generations of white people created and perpetuated racism, often consciously, sometimes unconsciously. Racism exists because of us, and it's on us to end it.

The pandemics of COVID-19 and racism are tragically intertwined, with the ruthless suffering caused by COVID-19 falling disproportionately on people of color. That reality means that if you are African American or Latino your chances of becoming sick or dying from COVID-19 are mercilessly higher than your white neighbors. For this reason, we must all do everything in our power to slow the spread of this deadly disease, even if we don't feel we are personally as vulnerable to it as others; we all have a role to play.

Dane County has responded more vigorously to COVID-19 than any other county in the state and most states in the nation. Our response has not been without hardship, but it is necessary and it is working. Everything we do, every step we take, is for the purpose of keeping our residents safe.

We were the first in Wisconsin to issue stay at home guidance and first to issue a mask mandate. We have the strongest science-based

guidelines in the state, and we've had much success keeping the virus relatively under control—so much so that we must spend much time urging people not to become complacent because this virus can flare with a vengeance when you let down your guard.

Our success has not been without sacrifice. It's impacted how and if we work and how our kids learn. It tested our tempers and strained our psyches.

But if we remain mindful that our enemy is the virus, not one another—if we are guided by compassion, and remember that our sacrifices are not just for ourselves but for others—we can look back on this period of our lives knowing we did our best as individuals and as a community, for our community, and for those who needed us most. And we can use that experience moving forward, after the worst of the COVID-19 crisis has passed, to help those in need and to help our community heal.

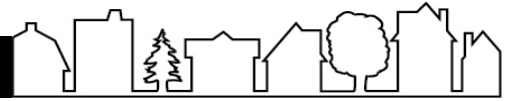
Quarantine companion

We promised the kids a dog. Summer we said. But, come April, with reality heavy and us homebound, it was as good a time as any. In all honesty, summer was a hypothetical “someday” anyhow. I've always identified myself as a neighbor, one that caffeinated the people and interacted from behind a coffee bar. But, having a dog and committing to walks every other hour (at first) gave me an entirely new experience of what it meant to be a part of the Tenney Lapham Neighborhood. I quickly learned where the rabbits like to hang, whose gardens are thriving, whose kids make the best window signs... But, foremost, our four-

legged friend has forced me out of my comfortable introversion. Even in a time of social distance and isolation, she has dragged me toward engagement. Sprinted me toward neighbors and new friends. And for those relationships that have blossomed over tail wags or awkward leash untangling, I am grateful. A dog for quarantine was just what the doctor ordered.

-Gwen Shales
TLNA Neighbor, co-owner Johnson Public House, one of Rocky's humans

Neighbors



Breese Stevens

Hello Neighbors! We wanted to give everyone an update on what has been happening at Breese Stevens Field in 2020. COVID 19 has had a dramatic impact on Breese Stevens Field and Forward Madison FC. The bustling events venue has gone from hosting about 240 uses in 2019 to hosting less than 20 in 2020. Due to local health restrictions, there will be no concerts, Forward Madison soccer games, Madison Radicals Ultimate Frisbee games, Bodegas or Madison East High School games.

Forward Madison FC and USL League One resumed play in late July. The soccer team travels to the Wisconsin Dells daily to train and plays their home matches at Hart Park in Wauwatosa. The team is allowed to socially distance practice at Breese. While major gatherings are not allowed,

Breese has still hosted several Dinners in the Breese with local restaurants doing pop-up style events, Flamboyance, the FMFC team store, is open limited hours and the Wisconsin Chamber Orchestra has streamed two live "Concerts on the Square" performances from BSF in recent weeks.

We appreciate the continued support of the neighborhood and hope to be back closer to normal in 2021.

Vern Stenman, President Big Top



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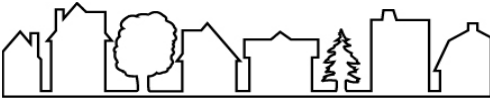
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Vision Zero and a Safer Bike Boulevard

Bob Klebba, TLNA Transportation and Safety Chair

Our committee has been working on several issues in 2020. Earlier this year, I distributed to the TLNA listserv our 7 traffic calming priorities, which were the result of our neighborhood-wide survey. In harmony with the City's Vision Zero policy, several of our priorities are being realized. Concerning E Washington Ave, we will soon see the speed limit reduced to 25 mph from Pinckney to First.

Over the next year, continental crosswalks on E Washington Ave will enhance safety for pedestrians and others crossing. Lastly, changing the signals from Blair to Baldwin to operate 24/7 has already been implemented.

Other traffic calming priorities focus on the E Mifflin Bike

Boulevard and in particular the 1000 block where the Arden and Madison Youth Art Center are being built. There is great concern about the safety of children crossing in the middle of the block to access the playground at Lapham School. Once construction is complete, City Traffic Engineering will be evaluating this block and the N Ingersoll and E Mifflin Bike Boulevard intersection for traffic calming.

Our committee has been working on traffic calming on the bike boulevard since 2014. We were successful at getting a diverter installed at Blair St in 2018. Since then, the City has installed temporary barriers on the bike boulevard from Blount to Dickinson as part of a city-wide program to develop open spaces for recreation during the pandemic. Alder Heck's report in this newsletter details how our committee and the City would like to formalize a trial of restricting traffic on the East Mifflin Bike Boulevard in the interest of making it safer.

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As futile as hurling spears into the sun
My invective/belief/my math that
informs me
For that one jet of those larking
five or six
My grandmother and yours
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vulnerable sisters
Could have a brave new chance at
living
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Remember, politicians who want
the spectacle
Of gawkers, hawking their virus
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Faces as they gaze amazed at how
much killing
We are willing to do to keep some
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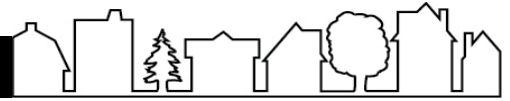
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Build a new elementary school in the Rimrock area, giving students and families in South Madison a much-needed school in their neighborhood.

Place and maintain highly qualified educators in our classroom, with a particular focus on teachers of color. Significantly update learning environments in Madison's four main high schools, benefiting students in every attendance area. Bring Capital High students together in a school building we own and update to best serve high school scholars.

The Madison School Board is mindful of the financial struggles that many in our community are

going through due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and we have explored whether this is the right time to ask for this investment. However, especially in light of feedback we've continued to receive throughout the summer and the increasing needs of our students during this pandemic, we believe our community's need for

strong public schools is now more important than ever.

The school board sees this as a historic opportunity to transform Madison as a thriving, equitable, and inclusive community for generations to come. We hope you share this vision. We need to ensure we are here for students in this uncertain school year, and that we have the infrastructure and operational capacity to serve them for years to come.

Learn more and stay updated by visiting mmsd.org/future-ready and by following MMSD on Facebook (@MadisonSchoolsWI), Twitter (@MMSDSchools) + Instagram (@MadisonSchools).

Please vote by November 3.

Gloria Reyes, President
MMSD Board of Education



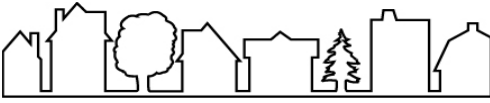
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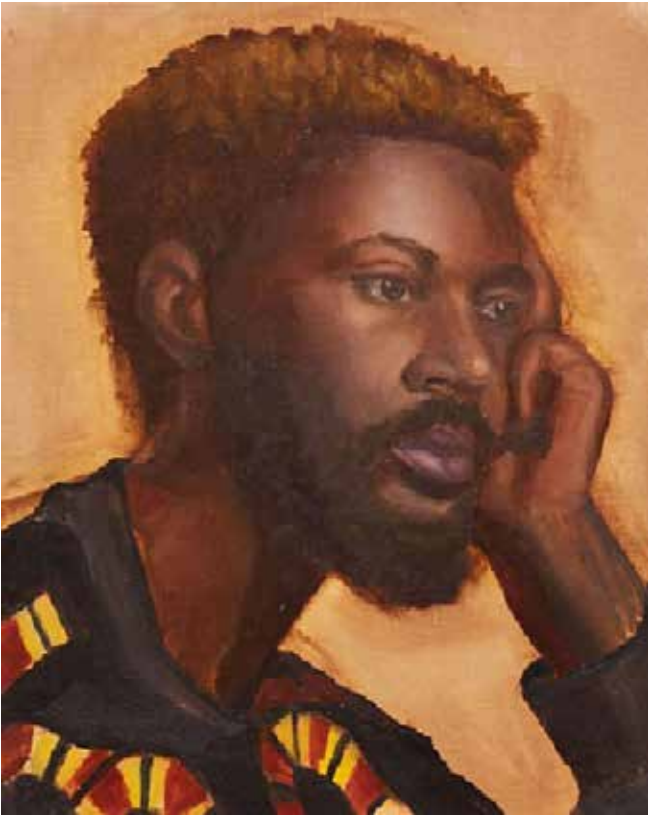
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Art Walk Goes Virtual



The TLNA Art Walk is going virtual this year! We invite you to explore our neighborhood artists via the web. We'll miss being able to visit and learn more about the artists, but social distancing is the safer path for us. Here are some of the artists in Tenney-Lapham. Please visit the websites and/or contact them for more information.

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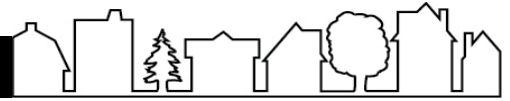
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Black Books Matter

Neighbors,

George Floyd was murdered in a midwest city just like ours. Jacob Blake was shot in a Wisconsin town just like ours. Tony Robinson was killed a few blocks away from us. Current and historical racism happens right here, in this beautiful neighborhood that we call home. This summer many of us finally saw what has been right in front of us. A few of us were talking in a driveway a few weeks after George Floyd's death. We wondered together what the people of Tenney Lapham could do to respond to this tragedy and this reality. We came up with many ideas. One of which turned into the Black Books Matter project. We thought if we could get our neighbors reading about racism and antiracism, we could talk more about it, and then just maybe we could do something about it. So... the Tenney Lapham Neighborhood Association board committed to spending \$1000 to purchase books for distribution. We identified a few books:

- Americanah by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie,
- Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You by Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi,
- Black is a Rainbow Color

by Angela Joy,

- Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut by Derrick Barnes, and
- Antiracist Baby by Ibram X. Kendi.

We purchased most of these books from Semicolon Books, a Black owned bookstore in Chicago. A few we bought from A Room of One's Own. On August 11 we went to Reynolds Park and in 2 hours handed out almost every single book we had to neighbors and passers-by! Inside each book was a sticker that talked about the project, and encouraged people to read the book and then pass it on. Then in September we hosted some virtual book discussions. At the beginning of each discussion session there was a brief time for kids as we had a student reader read one of the children's books that we'd selected. Neighbors participated in all parts of this. Americanah discussions were led by Tova Sacks and Reginald Royston. Stamped discussions were led by Sharon Lezberg and Heidi Vargas & Lucia Nuñez. All our student readers were neighbors. We had some meaningful discussions. Now our Black Books Matter project has run its course. Thanks to the Black Books Matter team of Amy Kazda, Ginger Buehner, and Patty Prime! Thank you to everyone

who pitched in to get this project off the ground! Thanks to all those who participated and supported! Thanks to this neighborhood for engaging in this kind of work!

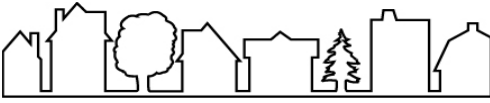
What comes next?

We aren't done. What do we do now to continue to work toward being an actively antiracist neighborhood? Knowing that all of this is complicated and exacerbated by Covid. Do we partner with an organization or school to raise money and rally volunteers where needed? Do we engage people who rent homes in our neighborhood in a more meaningful way so that they feel a part of our community? Do we change our board bylaws so that every decision that is made is considered from the lens of equity? Do we keep reading and talking? Email us your ideas. Let us know where you think our neighborhood goes from here. All along it wasn't so much that Black Books Matter, but that Black Lives Matter!

~Jami Wood
jamilane.wood@gmail.com



Tony Terrel Robinson



Neighbors

One moment at a time. We are in this together. By Jessica Becker

“It’s especially common these days for people to have worries about the present and the future. We thought it might be a good idea to give the community a reminder to focus on being in the moment and taking things one day at a time. It’s so important to spend time with loved ones and take even a momentary break from stresses in life- and that’s what we wanted to share using our artwork!” – Ariana Merline

This summer is like no other. For the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood, it has been quiet. Without the annual festivals, summer gatherings, and neighborhood events, we have fewer opportunities to feel the support of our community and neighbors. Fewer chances to see each other’s faces, catch up, check in, and do what friends and neighbors do: lift our spirits.

When the Party in the Park committee met in early June, we hoped to find a way to express the spirit of the block party even though the event had to be cancelled during the pandemic. The goals of the annual Reynolds Park Party in the Park have always been to be inclusive, friendly, and accessible. The artists and muralists in support of the Black Lives Matter movement working downtown to bring messages of perseverance, solidarity, truthfulness, hope, and beauty reminded us of the power of art and language at this moment in time.



So we invited two young artists, siblings Ariana Merline (age 17) and Cameron Merline (age 20), to design and create a temporary chalk mural at Reynolds Park this summer. Ariana and Cameron are students at West High School and UW-Eau Claire respectively. They were given an honorarium from the Party in the Park budget, thanks to Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association.

We hope the message of “togetherness” brought some sense of well-being and delight in this challenging time.

The Party in the Park planning committee includes Cheryl Balazs, Jessica Becker, Sara Cohen Christopherson, Tyler Lark, and Marta Staple. Photos from Ariana and Cameron Merline, used with permission.



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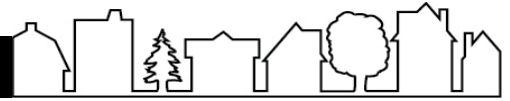
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Salvation Army

Hello Tenney Lapham neighbors,

The Salvation Army has been continuing to provide necessary services to those experiencing homelessness in our community despite struggles that COVID-19 has brought upon us during this stressful time. We wanted to send an agency update on what we have been working on since March and keep our neighbors informed about any changes which may impact them. This newsletter will include updates on changes to our services, as well as, provide an update on our building project.

When the COVID-19 pandemic hit in March, The Salvation Army moved the guests of the family shelter out of the East Washington location into hotels to be able to provide proper social distancing. This not only freed up space within the facility but also allowed us to offer day services to the women utilizing the shelter. The women's shelter then transformed into a 24-hour shelter, giving women a safe place to isolate during the day. We believed in the beginning that this would be a temporary solution to keep our guests safe, but the COVID-19 pandemic has stretched on longer than originally predicted. With that in mind, we continue to adjust our services to be mindful of the real threat COVID-19 poses to our staff and guests. For the remainder of 2020, the families will remain off site, and our women's shelter will continue to operate 24/7. We are continuing to work to find a longer-term solution for all the folks we serve. At both our East Washington location and the off-site hotels, The Salvation Army is following Public Health guidelines and best practices to keep our facility and guests safe. We have also partnered with Nurses Disrupted, who provide COVID-19 screens to our women's shelter guests each evening. As Alder Heck has previously stated in the spring newsletter,

The Salvation Army was awaiting the announcement from WHEDA if we were awarded Section 42 tax credits. This application was unfortunately denied due to some technicalities within the application. The Salvation Army is planning to re-submit the application again this year to WHEDA for the same project that was presented to the neighborhood last year. We would like the neighborhood to know that there are no changes to the project, the footprint or the physical structure. We are applying for the same project of 44 units comprising 28 one bedrooms and 16 efficiency apartments off of East Mifflin Street. The only project change to note is the timeline which has been pushed back due to the resubmission of our WHEDA application. We continue to fundraise for the Shelter portion of the facility that faces East Washington Avenue and do not have an updated timeline for development at this time. Our current property has also undergone some changes in the recent months. As many of you have already seen, Steve's Auto has vacated the premises. Since this lot is our property and now vacant, The Salvation Army is now able to monitor the entire block from our building to Blount Street. To assist with continued monitoring, we removed the trees that were in between The Salvation Army and the vacant parking lot to allow for extended visibility. The Salvation Army has added additional picnic tables to our greenspace to provide space on our property for guests to congregate, hopefully limiting the number of guests congregating within the neighborhood. Since moving to a 24-hour shelter model for our women's shelter, we have also added additional staff during the day and evening hours which has assisted in monitoring and maintaining the property.

Even during this pandemic, The Salvation Army has been work-

ing assiduously to assist some of our most vulnerable neighbors to obtain permanent housing. Not only have we served a significantly higher number of both families and women than we have in years past, but we also have assisted 29 households move from homelessness to permanent housing. The Salvation Army is thankful to be able to continue to serve our community and grateful to be in such a supportive neighborhood. We understand that this is an unpredictable time for everyone, and it is very important to us to continue to build our relationship. We encourage feedback, and please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions that you may have. Melissa Sorensen can be reached at melissa.sorensen@usc.salvationarmy.org.

Thank you,
Major Andrew Shiels

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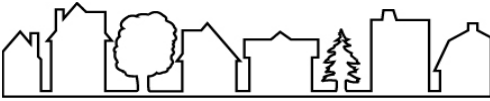


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A Wish for Change

Dearest Members of the Madison Community and Surrounding Communities,

It is with great joy that I am reaching out to you with good news about my local mural project entitled, 'A Wish For Change,' a project awarded by the Madison Arts Commission to paint a mural on the billboard in front of the old art In building at 1444 East Washington Ave. in Madison, WI.

This project has been approved

by the city of Madison!!! Yay!

What started out as a mural on a billboard has turned into an offer by the building owner to paint a mural on the wall behind the billboard which will be a continuation of the 'A Wish for Change' mural in style, imagery, and message.

'A Wish for Change' offers a message of hope and strength in community, integration of love and support of one another, in

order to develop a greater understanding of and power within keeping the faith for a greater today and tomorrow in the midst of the many injustices that we have experienced and have been witness to in recent months.

In the midst of news of issues of racial injustice, political upheaval, gender and class discrimination, among numerous other trials we all face on a daily basis, I have found my artistic expression in mural painting to be my greatest means of communicating and expressing my belief for an immediate need for a reshaping of thoughts and action within this city along with a tossing out of old anger, hatred, and unhealthy values that seem to keep a strong divide among our communities.

'A Wish for Change' is a non-violent protest for a more hopeful attitude and approach to the problems that we face today. I believe that change begins with a healthy outlook upon self, and the greater the self-love, the greater one's ability to promote and present love unto others.

With my recent experiences painting several murals, including some for the downtown boarded storefront project with the Madison Arts Commission, I have developed a greater understanding of the resources, funding, and energy required for a mural of this caliber. I thank you for your generous contributions that I believe will be of benefit to all of us as a commu-



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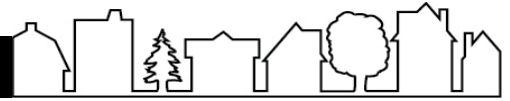
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Keysha

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nity. As a sign of my appreciation upon the completion of this project, I will be issuing signed and framed copies of one of my mural prints (or another of my limited edition prints of your choice) for all who are able to donate to this cause.

Please see my contact and reference information listed below, as well as a couple of videos I posted which provide a greater explanation of what this project entails.

I look forward to hearing from you all, and to embark upon this exciting venture into community improvement and development with the strength and power of love.

In loving kindness,
Keysha

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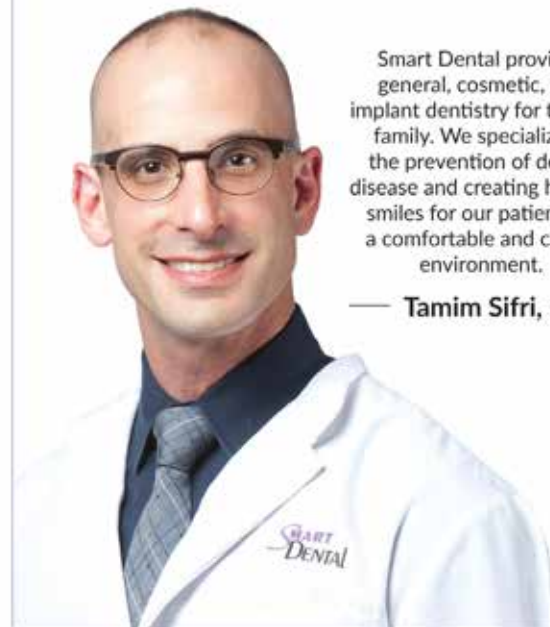
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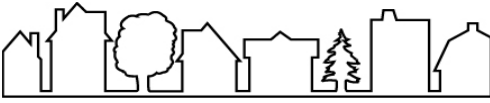
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Teena Browder with parents

Change Comes to Cork N' Bottle

The Cork 'n Bottle

"It's never been boring. It's been a blast, really." -Teena Browder

Gosh, how do you begin to say 'goodbye' to an E. Johnson Street institution like the Cork 'n Bottle? Before the pit deepens in your stomach, the answer is: You just don't. The neighborhood will certainly not feel the same without Jim Wright, Connie Kaeser and Teena Browder around, but the old C'n'B legacy will be in very good hands with new owner, Chad Vogel. And I have been promised the aforementioned dream team will not be strangers around these parts.

A brief history:

Teena and Connie's father, Ernest "Ernie" Kaeser, opened the Cork 'n Bottle in the spring of 1960. He owned a previous liquor store on State Street, but had to close it after

being drafted to WWII at the age of 32. After returning to Madison, marrying and having children, he opened a liquor store at 924 E. Johnson (where Studio 924 currently resides). The store moved to 823 E. Johnson (now Macha) for more space, and then found its current home in 1985 after Ernie and his wife Claire purchased the building. The liquor store was a part time gig for Ernie, who worked full time elsewhere. So after staying home with Teena and Connie, Claire Kaeser happily took up daily operations. With a background in sales, previously at Yost Kessenich's on State Street, and a love of people, she truly enjoyed her time there.

In the 1970's, Connie and Teena joined their mother at the Cork 'n Bottle. In a 1993 WSJ article entitled "Three's Company" their working dynamic was explained: Teena was "the gossip," Connie, "the heart," and their mother Claire

lent "dignity to the place". One thing is abundantly clear--from the stories, from the WSJ article, from the memories I've been told: This group of people has had fun every step of the way. Teena and Connie's mother, Claire, loved the store. In 2006, at the age of 89, she went to sleep with curlers in her hair with every intention of going into work the next morning. Claire passed away that night in her sleep.

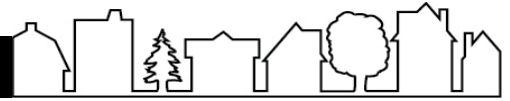
So, what about Jim? Jim Wright came from a family of 14 and one of his older brothers worked at the Cork 'n Bottle in the late 70's. When a 15-year-old Jim accompanied his brother to pick up a paycheck, Claire told him to come back and work there when he turned 18. Serendipitously, on Jim's 18th birthday (May 28, 1980) an employee didn't show. Jim was called in, and he has been at the Cork 'n Bottle ever since.

In 2007, Jim purchased the business, carrying on the legacy of good booze and great people and keeping Teena and Connie near. Throughout the years, a dozen of Jim's relatives have worked in the store as well as several Kaeser cousins. It has truly always been a family business and the Cork 'n Bottle crew has knit itself into the fabric and the families of the Tenney Lapham Neighborhood. Between Jim being an "internet ordained" minister and presiding over numerous customer and family weddings, and folks stopping by with newborn babies to introduce to the crew, the Cork 'n Bottle is clearly more than your average liquor store. It's truly a special place, a social space, a neighborhood staple where people connect.

And Now, to The Future:

Jim, Teena and Connie have thought about next steps for the Cork 'n Bottle frequently in the past few years, but the pandemic was a motivating factor to the 2020 handoff. Instead of playing "Covid Russian Roulette" daily, a term coined by Teena, Jim became mo-

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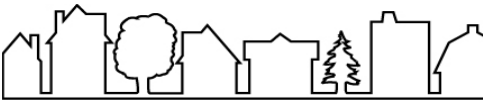
tivated to sell before winter set in. Though Jim knew he couldn't sell to just anyone, he needed to be sure the beloved Cork 'n Bottle would be in good hands.

Let's go back to the year 1980 for a minute, when Jim started working at the Cork 'n Bottle. Well, another cool thing happened: Chad Vogel was born in Sturgeon Bay, WI. This kicked off a series of life events which in 2016 would bring him to open the greatest cocktail bar ever, conveniently located in the Tenney Lapham Neighborhood. The Robin Room filled a void in the neighborhood and Chad was regarded as a committed community member and business-minded entrepreneur. He went on to open Mint Mark (2017) and Muskellounge (2020). In his own state of covid-related chaos, acquiring the Cork'n Bottle gives him a place to resituate employees while bars aren't able to operate. Jim chose Chad because he is invested in the community, he is connected, and he will surely carry on the Cork 'n Bottle legacy.

Sadly, the Cork 'n Bottle's 60th anniversary occurred during the summer of covid and this transition will as well. So, in lieu of hugs, if you'd like to share any great memories, well wishes, etc. for the Cork 'n Bottle crew please email teena@madisoncorknbottle.com. And because I have the mic (perks of volunteering for these things): When I agreed to write this article for the newsletter, I did so because of my own love of these people and this place. When my husband and I came to E. Johnson St. and opened a business in 2011, they welcomed us with open arms and made us feel like part of the fabric of the neighborhood. They see the humor in every situation and the value in all people. You will all be missed. And because I still have the mic: Congratulations Chad! The E. Johnson St. business community is so lucky to have you as a neighbor helping to drive the greatest street in Madison into the future.

We should all go ahead and grab a bottle from the Cork 'n Bottle





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A Year of Firsts

This has been a year of firsts for me. I experienced a world-wide pandemic from the center of the maelstrom, published my first novel, felt the first stirrings of hope after a three-and-a-half year nightmare, and survived my first, and hopefully last, stroke and underwent heart surgery. At 73 years of age my life is still a surprise and a challenge wrapped in a spider-web.

Covid-19 has caused me and many others to go into self-imposed quarantine. This has offered me a lot of time for contemplation and reassessment of the things that are important in life. In separation from others, my wife and I have grown closer. It's good to know that your partner is a soulmate who is a source of ease and strength during difficult times. Ironically, I have also recorded more "face time" with my family during the pandemic, albeit virtual. After the "all clear" is declared by scientists, not politicians, I wonder how this time apart will have altered our collective feelings about intimacy and empathy. I am self-employed, having retired in 2016, so my work life has been minimally disrupted by the pandemic. As a professional writer, I find the imposed isolation indeed facilitative to the creative process.

My first novel is entitled Walker's Way. It is a work of historical fiction that tells the story of an African American family that progresses from enslavement to freedom in the mid 19th century. The protagonist, Joe Walker, is a black cowboy whose story reflects my desire to bring the contributions of such men to the historical forefront. Shortly before completing this novel, I suffered a mild stroke. For a brief period, I experienced the terror of not being able to put thoughts and words together. Due to my wife Peggy's timely intervention, I received immediate emergency treatment and my



recovery has been nothing short of miraculous. Thanks to my family and friends and their networks for an avalanche of prayers and healing energy on my behalf and thanks to the doctors and nurses at Meriter Hospital for their expert intervention. I am blessed.

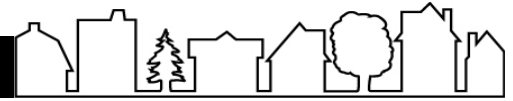
The greatest blows to my heart and mind were not physical, however. I am wounded by the scourge of institutional racism that continues to destroy black lives and scar the consciences of good people of every race and creed. The enemy I have fought all my life is pressing for the final victory that will render this country a mockery of its own ideals. I am heartened by the peaceful protests that are ongoing around the world. There are more of us than there are of them. We just have to find a way to take advantage of our majority. I believe the ballot box is the way. This is the time for us to stand up and be the change that we hope to achieve. If we are successful, I may yet see another first this year. The first black woman Vice President. Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!

William Greer
August 18, 2020

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106 N Breatly			\$265,000
309 N Breatly	5	\$302,000	\$285,000
825 E Mifflin #410	10	\$340,000	\$329,000
647 E Dayton		\$342,900	\$350,000
205 N Ingersoll		\$355,000	\$352,000
731 E Gorham	9	\$350,000	\$370,000
1137 Elizabeth	8	\$350,000	\$370,000
123 N Blount, #404		\$374,900	\$378,500
819 E Mifflin #310	106	\$394,900	\$385,000
625 E Mifflin, #321		\$399,900	\$395,000
145 Dayton Row	2	\$425,000	\$425,000
422 Sidney	4	\$445,000	\$445,000
461 N Baldwin	32	\$450,000	\$450,000
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TLNA Annual Meeting

This year's annual membership meeting of the Tenney Lapham Neighborhood Association (that's you, dear reader!) won't happen immediately after we fill our bellies with food from local restaurants, as we have done in years past at the Taste of Tenney.

Instead, we can log on to a virtual space to share time together and vote on important matters like who will represent the interests of the neighbors and the neighborhood on next year's TLNA council.

The meeting will be virtual, happening on Thursday December 3, at 7 pm. Here is what we promise:

- short!
- easy!
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There is a possibility that something contentious, controversial, or provocative will show up on the agenda!

The council needs a quorum of neighborhood association members to attend the annual meeting, which means we really do need some interested neighbors who have paid their membership dues to log on and cast a vote. Without a quorum, the meeting cannot happen. Please consider logging on and joining in. Stay tuned for a link, which will be shared through electronic communication on TLNA social media like Instagram, the Facebook Page, and the email listserv.

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