

# Tenney-Lapham newsletter

July, 1987

## Sherman Ave. Historic District Under Consideration

A proposal to nominate part of Sherman Avenue to the National Register of Historic Places will be discussed at the regular Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association meeting at 7:30 p.m. on July 13, 1987 in the cafeteria of Lapham School. A couple of years ago, the Capitol Neighborhoods Association allocated some of its Community Development Block Grant funds to study the potential of several downtown areas to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Capitol Neighborhoods Assn. graciously permitted some of that time to be spent on Sherman Avenue, because it was a logical extension of a study area along Gorham Street. As a result of that work, several historic parts of the downtown are being nominated to the National Register as historic districts, including the old railroad hotel district along East Wilson Street, the block of old stone buildings bounded by Main, King, and Webster Streets (called the Simeon Mills historic district) and Sherman Avenue.

The Sherman Avenue historic district would extend from Giddings Park to Tenney Park and include the houses on both sides of the street. The purpose of National Register listing is to recognize the unique cultural heritage of this interesting area and to promote neighborhood pride in its history. The regulatory effects of listing are minimal. Owners of income-producing properties (e.g., rental housing) in National Register districts are eligible to receive 20% tax credits on the costs of substantial rehabilitations, provided that the work is sensitive to the historic character of the building. Also, there is a federal matching grant program for restoration activities, but funds have not been allocated to that program since 1983. There is also some protection provided to the district from adverse effects of federally-funded projects, such as highways. Finally, when demolition is contemplated, the City is required to give the State Historical Society 30 days notice of the pending demolition so that the Society can document the structure prior to demolition.

Sherman Avenue and its surrounding area were included in the original plat of Madison drawn up in 1836 for Madison's founding father, James Duane Doty. The area was quite marshy, however, and was often covered by water, especially in the springtime. Throughout most of the 19th century, Sherman Avenue was a scenic, willow-lined road to Farwell's mill and the Rodermund brewery at the Yahara River outlet. In 1892 the Willow Park Land Company was incorporated to purchase this land and undertook a massive filling operation, using a dredge stationed offshore to fill the marshland with sand and rocks. The first house built in the new "suburb" was the Erdall house at 1228 Sherman Avenue. John

Erdall was the secretary of the Willow Park Land Co. The pace of development along both sides of Sherman Avenue was lively, with 14 buildings constructed from 1895 to 1900. Houses along the lake shore were built for middle-class families, including the families of a dentist/realtor, the superintendent of the city's street railway company, and one of Madison's leading attorneys. The houses across the street were mostly constructed for working class folk. Development continued at a steady pace until World War I, picking up again after the war. By the depression, most of the lots have been developed and only a few houses were in-filled after World War II.

The proposed Sherman Avenue historic district is architecturally important as a relatively intact turn-of-the-century working- and middle-class neighborhood. The area contains excellent examples of residential design in the Queen Anne, shingle, Craftsman, prairie, bungalow, Georgian revival, Tudor revival and Cotswold cottage styles. In addition, it contains excellent examples of the work of several locally important architectural firms.

Sherman Avenue has received the most attention and interest for its houses in the prairie style. Madison's most prolific architectural firm in this style was Claude and Starck. Louis Claude worked in Chicago with Frank Lloyd Wright and Louis Sullivan before beginning his practice in Madison in 1896. Along Sherman Avenue at least six houses are known to have been designed by the firm, including the Genske house (1004 Sherman), the Allyn house (1106 Sherman), the Griswold house (1158 Sherman), the Doyle house (1028 Sherman), the Schubert house (1118 Sherman) and the imposing Hokanson house (1047 Sherman). Another significant house type in the district is the beautiful red brick Georgian revival houses designed by noted local architect Frank Riley (the Butler house, 1040 Sherman; the Sheldon house, 1154 Sherman; and the Warner house, 1244 Sherman). Representative of an earlier style is the lovely Queen Anne Erdall house (1228 Sherman) which was recently restored after a terrible fire. This is just a sampling of the many fine houses that have been built along Sherman Avenue.

At the July 13 meeting Katherine Rankin, Preservation Planner for the city of Madison, will have on hand a summary history of each house in the proposed district. If you are curious about the history of your home, be sure to attend the meeting.

If you would like further information about the proposed historic district, please come to the July 13 meeting or feel free to call Ms. Rankin at 266-6552.

# Get Ready for Near East Side Bash August 1st

## Get Your Buns Over Here!

On August 1 the Old Market Place and Tenney Lapham neighborhoods will host a joint neighborhood festival. One of the favorite events will be the BAKE SALE. When our neighborhoods have a bake sale, it is not just your ordinary bake sale. We know from our potlucks that we have some wonderful bakers and chefs in our neighborhood. Take a few kudos and show off your wares at the joint festival.

If you are interested in entering some of your delectables, please contact Mike Pratzel (255-4230, 704 E. Gorham St.). Let's show Old Market Place who the real bakers are.

## Volunteers Needed for Bash

We have been meeting since this winter and are looking forward to the Festival Date of Saturday, August 1st, 1-5 pm, at the 100 and 200 blocks of N. Paterson St. Music, games for children and adults, baked goods and food will be available. This year a raffle with many valuable prizes will be featured. Please buy tickets. We are still looking for volunteers so contact Richard Linster for details at 251-1937.

# Fordem-First Project Still Years Away

About forty people showed up at Lapham School Auditorium on June 15 to hear Mike Nagy of the City Department of Transportation present an updated plan and schedule for the Isthmus Traffic Redirection Plan (passed by the City Council in 1982) and entertain pertinent questions. The major purpose of this plan is the redirection of traffic from the Johnson, Gorham, and Williamson corridors onto East Washington Avenue.

The current construction schedule is as follows: 1) Blair and E. Wash., 1988; 2) First and E. Wash., 1989; 3) Blair and Johnson, 1990; 4) 1st and Johnson, 1989-91; 5) S. 1st St., 1990; 6) E. Wash. and Winnebago, 1990; and 7) N. 1st St. Extension (Fordem-First connection), 1991.

The TLNA Board has been pushing strongly for a speedier implementation of the N. 1st St. extension (Fordem-First) now scheduled for 1991 (originally 1986). Nagy admitted that this portion of the plan is the linchpin. He cited three reasons for its delay: 1) in order to handle the traffic redirected by a Fordem-First connection, all the other smaller adaptations in the greater plan must be in place beforehand, 2) there are significant logistical problems in acquiring the land from the railroad and accommodating their switching yard tracks, and 3) a lack of staff funding had kept him from spending much time on this particular phase of the plan.

Implementation of these projects depends upon sufficient and timely funding in the city council's annual budgets. For more detailed information contact either Floyd Jones or Mike Nagy at 266-4761.



**Tenney-Lapham/Old Market Place**

**Neighborhood Festival**

**Saturday, August 1**

Rain Date: August 8

**1 to 5 PM**

**200 North Paterson Street**

### Schedule of Events:

- 1 PM Kickoff Big Wheel Race**
- 1:15 Richard March, Ethnic Music**
- 2 PM Jim Wildeman Big Bubbles**
- 2:15 Myron Price, Ethnic Music**
- 3 PM Parachute Tag with Jim Wildeman**
- 3:15 Jim Lindberger Music**
- 4 PM The Big Raffle Drawing**
- 4:15 Dave Liddicoat Band**

Games for children, bake sale, food from Supreme Pizza, Begonia Bake Shop, Mildred's Sandwich Shop, Whole Earth and more ... Some adult embarrassment equivalent to last year's Dove Bar eating contest, and if a challenge received, the OMPNA will defend its volley ball championship.

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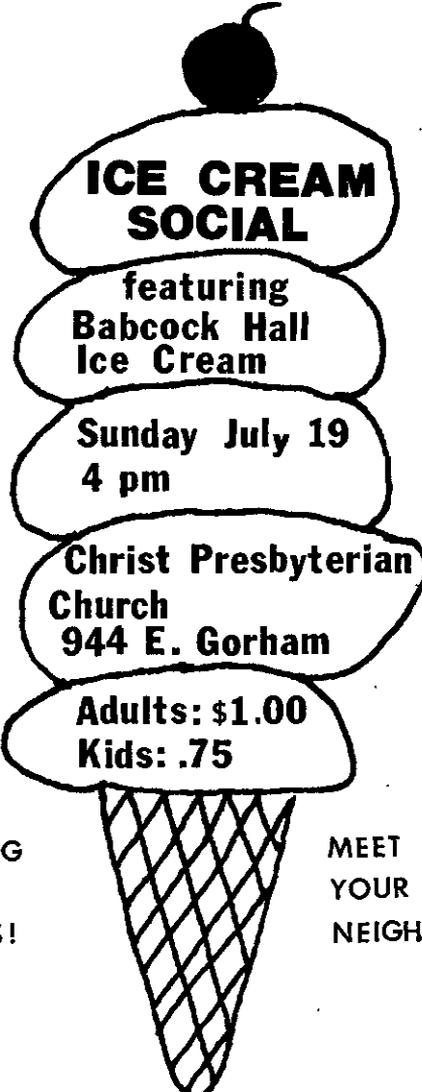
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251-2601

# Come to the Ice Cream Social! Sunday July 19

Sunday July 19 at 4-6 pm. has been set as the date for the 4th annual TLNA-CPC Ice Cream Social. As usual we shall be in the park behind Christ Presbyterian Church, 944 E. Gorham. Ice cream, coffee, and lemonade will be served. We'll also hold our quarterly general membership meeting. So come with your ideas and appetites!

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# TNPC Summer School Program Underway

The summer school program is underway at Tenney Nursery & Parent Center, 1045 E. Dayton St., and it looks like this will be another terrific summer.

Two year olds will enjoy and explore "boxes" and "bubbles" while 3-5 year olds will be busy pursuing knowledge of jungle, ocean, and desert life. The specialty class for 3-4 year olds will be exploring downtown Madison in one of the sessions and discovering our neighborhood in another. Older children will benefit from attending the 4-6 year olds' specialty class which offers a deeper perspective in the fields of art, recreation, and nature. All of the sections are taught by outstanding and creative teachers.

Each of Tenney's summer school activities classes contains outdoor field trips: parks, beaches, playgrounds, and wading pool fun.

As always, children are welcome to bring bag lunches daily and share in an hour and a half of "lunch-bunch" programs as varied as story-time and T-shirt painting.

There are three sessions available in summer school spanning from June 8 through August 7. For further information about Tenney's extraordinary summer school please call Nancy Daly at 255-3250.

# TLNA Joins NESCOA Board

On May 21, the Near East Side Coalition of Older Adults (NESCOA) accepted Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association as a new member group. Our current delegates are Carrie Estill and Jim Sturm.

# Recent TLNA Donations

The TLNA Board has voted money to be given to the renovation of the Marquette School Soccer Field. The Board also voted to purchase a net to be installed on the outdoor basketball court at Lapham School.

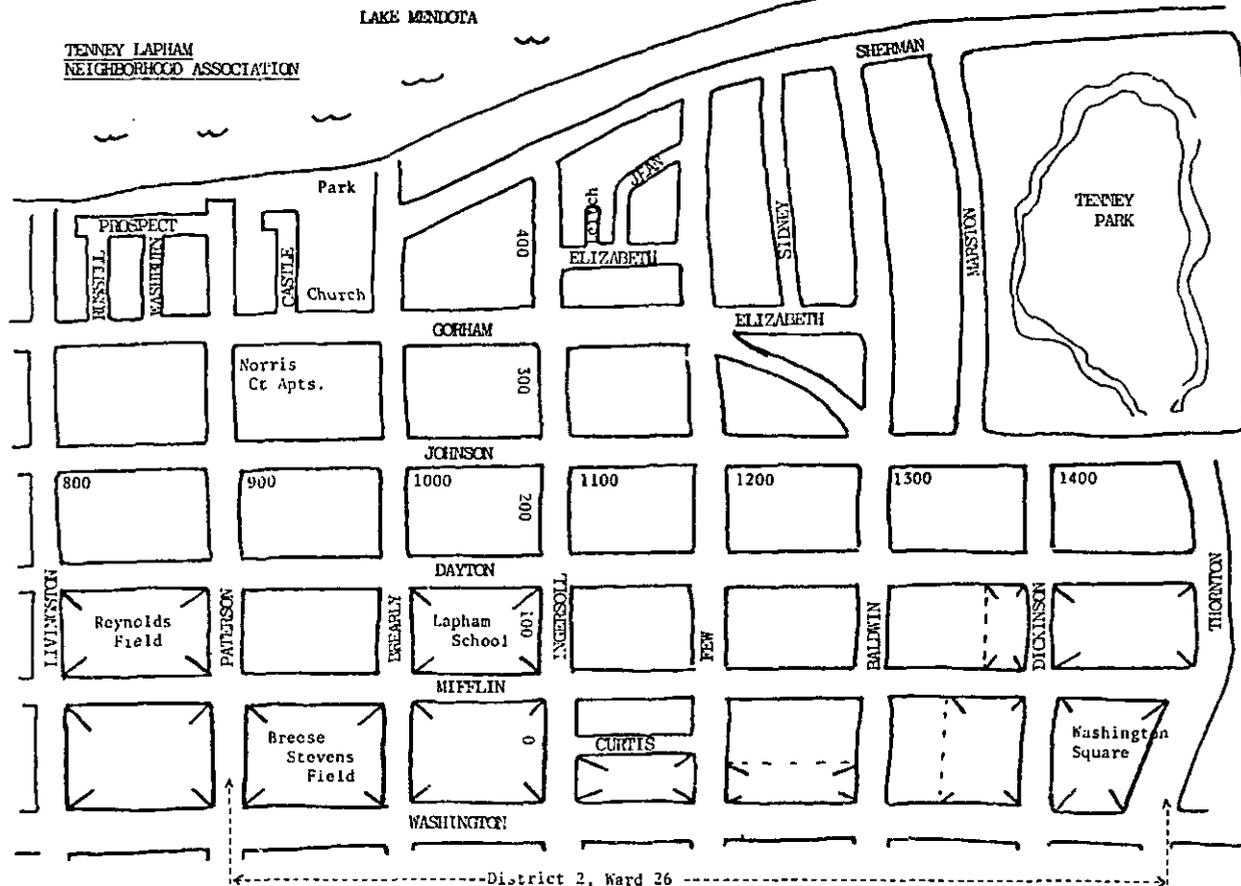
# Brush Collection Dates For 1987

The City Streets Department has announced the brush collection schedule for 1987.

For those Tenney-Lapham residents who have THURSDAY garbage collection, their brush will be collected during the following periods: April 27-May 2, June 8-13, July 13-18, August 24-29, and Sept. 28-Oct.3.

For those Tenney-Lapham residents who have FRIDAY garbage collection, their brush will be collected during the following periods: May 4-9, June 15-20, July 20-25, Aug. 31-Sept. 5, and Oct. 5-10.

Residents must have their brush placed at the curb in an orderly fashion by 7 a.m. on the Monday of any collection period. About a week is required for collection crews to complete each of the city's districts, and once an area has been completed they will not be able to go back for "late set outs." Questions may be directed to the city streets dept. at 246-4532.



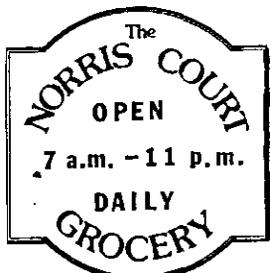
# Lapham School Issues Still Unresolved

Summertime, summertime, sum, summertime! Although the Summer of '87 has only just begun, it is not too early to discuss public education. Teacher allocations and quality teachers, space needs, four year old and all day kindergarten, Lapham use, special needs, playgrounds, and building maintenance are relentless issues for which there is no summer vacation. Some of the more disturbing issues around here are the reputations of Marquette Elementary and Middle Schools and East High. Too many parents have fallen victim to media and/or historical depictions that misrepresent these schools. You can't blame any parent for wanting to avoid chaos and violence or substandard academics for their children, but Marquette has gotten a bad rap! And, I believe, some parents are creating an unnecessary inconvenience by transferring their kids out of the district. Marquette is not a wealthy, well-appointed, state-of-the-art institution. But it is a dynamic, diverse school where parental involvement and activism is unusually high and effective. You should know that a platform for action has been already been constructed and awaits your participation if and when the need develops.

The education issue on our side of East Washington is Lapham School and its potential reopening as a public school. A Space Utilization Committee (SUC) has been established by the Madison Metropolitan School District Administration for the alleged purpose of assisting the Administration in evaluating prospective needs in terms of space use given projected population changes. Two representatives from Marquette, Sandy Solheim and Carol Carstenson, serve on this committee. Marquette also has its own SUC advisory committee which serves to assist our representatives on these issues.

The history of Lapham has been a long and frustrating one. Ask a parent whose kid is now in fourth or fifth grade. Almost ritualistically when we experience a higher than expected enrollment at Marquette and classes are held in the boiler room, we demand that Lapham be re-opened and the Administration suggests that we merely bring in our eastern boundary and domino out to the suburbs. To paraphrase the now legendary response to school space needs on the Isthmus from the Administration's demographer, once we have kids ready for school we'll be looking for the good life in the 'burbs. So don't get excited.

At any rate, the issues and our involvement as a neighborhood have developed to a point where we have a substantial reservoir of information and political awareness, thanks to the enormous efforts of people like Carol Carstensen, Lynn Schmidt, and others. At the moment those involved with SUC are looking for the current state of neighborhood expectations. What do we want to do with Lapham? How about elementary here and Middle at Marquette? Or how about Lapham School Condominiums? We will discuss the Lapham alternatives as we hear from one another and as information is received. The subject will be on the agenda of a TLNA meeting soon. Please contact TLNA Board Members or members of the SUC if you want to talk about Lapham or get more involved. We also have a TLNA Education Committee that is always looking for participants.



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## "Saints and Sinners" Housing Awards

The SAINT of the month is 1020 E. Johnson St., a two flat newly refurbished with two colors of white (eggshell and white-white) paint, mini-blinds, new landscaping which includes a handsome planter flanking the steps (also new) to the property. It is especially gratifying to see E. Johnson properties improved, since those houses are so visible to the thousands of commuters and set the tone for this neighborhood.

**SINNERS** - The new owners seem to be more conscientious than the professor who formerly owned all of the following: 1052 and 1054 E. Johnson, 310-312 and 314-316 N Ingersoll plus the handsome yellow and brown two flat at the corner of Ingersoll and E. Gorham. Although signs proclaim Ace Painting and Repairs, the properties have a long way to go to become an asset and not the liability they presently are. Tenants are a large part of the problem; a large Doberman frightens pedestrians as they pass by; beer bottles and garbage litter the properties; an old soggy carpet lays against one house; and all but one property needs extensive cosmetic work as well as restoring third floor porches to two properties.

Nominations for the next issue of the newsletter should be directed to our Housing Chair, Pat Whyte-Lehman.

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## Barrymore Theatre Opens Live Dance Slated

The Barrymore Theater, 2090 Atwood Avenue, is donning a new face. The Theater was built in 1929 and it soon became the focal point of the 'new' east side. Presenting feature films and touring vaudeville acts, residents pointed to it and the thriving Schenks Area retail district with pride. As the city grew with the accompanying large malls the Schenks area suffered, and, as a result, the theater management turned to an x-rated film format. The theater still retains some of its original ornamental plasterwork, the original stage floor, and the renowned twinkling ceiling left from the original "Spanish courtyard" design. Under the care of Richard Sloan and partner Tom Peterson the Barrymore is being lovingly renovated and carefully converted back into a neighborhood theater presenting film, civic and live performance events. To mark the opening of the newly renovated theater as a viable space for live performance WORKS OF FIVE, a concert of contemporary dance will be presented.

WORKS OF FIVE is an evening of captivating and provocative contemporary dance combining the artistry of dancer/choreographers from around the country - Sandra Mathern-Smith of Madison, WI; Sara Grindle and Bonnie Nedrow of NYC; and Terri M. McCanna and Bonnie Merrill or Portland, OR. These artists' work, as members of The Company We Keep, is noted for its "versatility, cohesiveness, and originality," (Martha Ullman West, Dance Magazine). These dancers and choreographers share a common eclectic movement background of several years with the Portland, OR based The Company We Keep, a company that presents "choreography with content, variety, and imagination, that effectively blurs the distinction between message and amusement," (Robert Lindstrom, The Oregonian). Six contemporary works will be included in the program, including two with original film collaborations. Madison artist Sandra Mathern-Smith, a multi-faceted dancer whose work in performance has been described as "pure dance at its best," (Diana Vance, Wisconsin State Journal), and "tenderly moving and expressive", (Paul Gerard, Isthmus), is the Artistic Director and Coordinator of WORKS OF FIVE. Mathern-Smith will perform in the concert, as well as present some of her most recent work. Mathern-Smith has been choreographing since 1980. She has received many grants for her choreography, and has performed in companies and for independent choreographers in Portland, Madison, and NYC. In addition to producing her own work she currently performs with and acts as Company Manager for the Melrose Motion Company.

The concert will take place on July 24 and 25 at 8 pm. Admission will be \$5.00. Parking is available. For reservations and more information call 238-0816.

This concert is funded in part by a grant from the Wisconsin Arts Board, with funds from the State of Wisconsin and the National Endowment for the Arts, and by grants from the Dane County Cultural Affairs Commission, and the City of Madison ArtGrant program.

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## Gorham Under Construction until September

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Traffic will be maintained on Gorham during the duration of the project. Parking on Gorham will be removed to facilitate the street reconstruction. People who park their vehicle(s) on the street will have to park on adjoining streets while the job is progressing.

Persons holding residential parking permits are reminded that they will have to park on other streets in their area for which their permit is good or they will have to find other solutions for their parking needs while this work is being done.

People who park off the street (driveway, garage, parking lot, etc.) are advised that during the time that the concrete gutter and driveway approach is being poured and curing (usually about seven days) they will not be able to use the driveway and should make arrangements to park their vehicle elsewhere during that time. It is the responsibility of vehicle owners/operators to find a suitable place to park their vehicle during the time that parking is not allowed on the street(s) under construction, or access is not available from the street to the abutting property.

Bikers who use Gorham Street should move south two blocks to quiet peaceful Mifflin St.

## New Veterinary Clinic Opens in Neighborhood

Citywide Pet Clinic, a full service veterinary hospital which also offers housecalls for small animals has opened its doors in the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood at 1440 E. Washington Avenue.

Dr. Deb Schroeder, Madison's housecall veterinarian said the clinic will offer quality animal care with emphasis on preventative health care and client education.

Opening of the clinic in the location where Wes Zulty Sports had been, next to Great Big Pictures at the Yahara River, will also mean the expansion of housecall service for Madison pets.

"Many people like to have their pets seen by the veterinarian in the home, in more natural surroundings," Dr. Schroeder said. She noted that housecalls are also important to people with disabilities and are a convenience to persons with no transportation and for animals that do not enjoy car travel.

"The East Washington Avenue location is exciting, allowing us centrally to serve all of metropolitan Madison. 'And I am very happy to be able to accept new clients', Dr. Schroeder said.

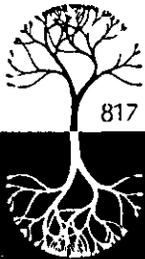
Joining Dr. Schroeder in the new clinic will be Dr. Linda Sullivan who was named student-of-the-year for the 1987 University of Wisconsin Veterinary School. Also in the clinic are Mrs. Jackie Disch, receptionist and Karen Groeber, certified animal technician.

Schroeder is a 1977 graduate of Michigan State University School of Veterinary medicine and has practiced small animal health care in Madison for eight years. She serves on the State of Wisconsin Veterinary Examining Board and is Secretary of the Madison Area Small Animal Group. Hours for the clinic are 7:30-7 on Monday and Wednesday; 7:30-5:30 Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday; and 9-1 on Saturday. The clinic's phone number is 255-2977.

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# Clarenbach Chairs Lakes Committee

# Q & A

Like the weather, everybody complains about the conditions of the lakes in the Yahara drainage basin -- Mendota, Monona, Wingra, Kegonsa, and Waubesa. And like the weather, citizens in south-central Wisconsin have come to feel that nothing can be done about the thick, green algae and despoiling schools of carp which make fishing, swimming and living on our lakes a sometimes unpleasant experience.

But the tide may now be turning in the fight to clean-up these bodies of water, with the work of the Committee on the Management of the Yahara Watershed. I have the honor of chairing this committee.

Although we do not intend to offer specific solutions to the problems on the lakes and waterways -- non-point source pollution, nutrient loading, non-native species breeding -- we hope to resolve the jurisdictional questions which have stymied citizens in this area for over forty years.

Our recently released initial findings suggest that to prevent further degradation of the lakes, it is necessary that: programs and services are coordinated through a central decision-making body; costs and benefits of lake management are distributed equitably among those who use, live on or live near the lakes and waterways; the public be made better aware of the problems facing these bodies of water; the interests of citizens from urban and suburban areas are represented; and the system which results from these deliberations receive funding from state, federal and private sources.

I have every confidence that, with continued input from members of all concerned communities, we will soon be on the way to a better water management system for everyone.

- Representative David E. Clarenbach

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**QUESTION:** Are pollution and weeds in the Madison lakes getting worse or is it just my imagination?

**ANSWER:** Contrary to popular opinion, Lake Mendota has not changed significantly since the late 1800's when farming was established in Dane County. This caused an increased supply of plant nutrients to the lake. There is no data to show that the increase in population in the Madison area in the last 90 years has caused the algae and weed problems to worsen, though there have been some changes in the fish populations, mainly perch.

Lake Monona, in contrast, has been greatly affected by urban development, namely municipal sewage treatment effluents. The Madison effluent was diverted downstream from Lake Monona to Lake Waubesa in 1937; then partially returned to Lake Monona for a limited time in the 1940's. In 1958, the effluent was diverted away from Lakes Waubesa and Kegonsa and discharged farther downstream to the Rock River.

The Deforest and Waunakee effluents were diverted away from Lake Mendota in 1971.

Dane County is one of the ten richest agricultural counties in the U.S. The glaciated eastern part drains to Lake Mendota while the western unglaciated part drains to the Wisconsin River. Seventy percent of the Lake Mendota water enters through the Yahara River and Six Mile Creek (Waunakee Marsh). Pheasant Branch (Middleton), springs and Willow Creek (U.W. campus) are minor. The majority of Lake Monona water comes from Mendota via the Yahara River.

The effects of pollutants on a lake depend on numerous factors including the size of the lake, the rate of replenishment of the lake water and the rate of pollution input to the lake. Lake Mendota contains about 4.5 times more water than Monona, 13 times more than Waubesa and 9 times more than Kegonsa. The residence time (total volume divided by the rate of input) for Lake Mendota water is about six years; Monona, one year; Waubesa, four months and Kegonsa, five months. The half-life is the time necessary for the total amount of an existing substance in the lake water to be reduced by half assuming the hypothetical situation of no additional input of the substance to the water. For Mendota, it is nine years; Monona, 1.5 years and for Waubesa and Kegonsa, six months. Because the sediments can recycle various substances such as plant nutrients and heavy metals to and from the overlying water, these theoretical half-life times are often larger.

The plant nutrient phosphorus seems to be the most critical regarding weeds and algae in the Madison lakes (though, of course, many elements are essential for plant growth). Phosphorus is emphasized because it is easier to control than the other essential nutrients, such as nitrogen.

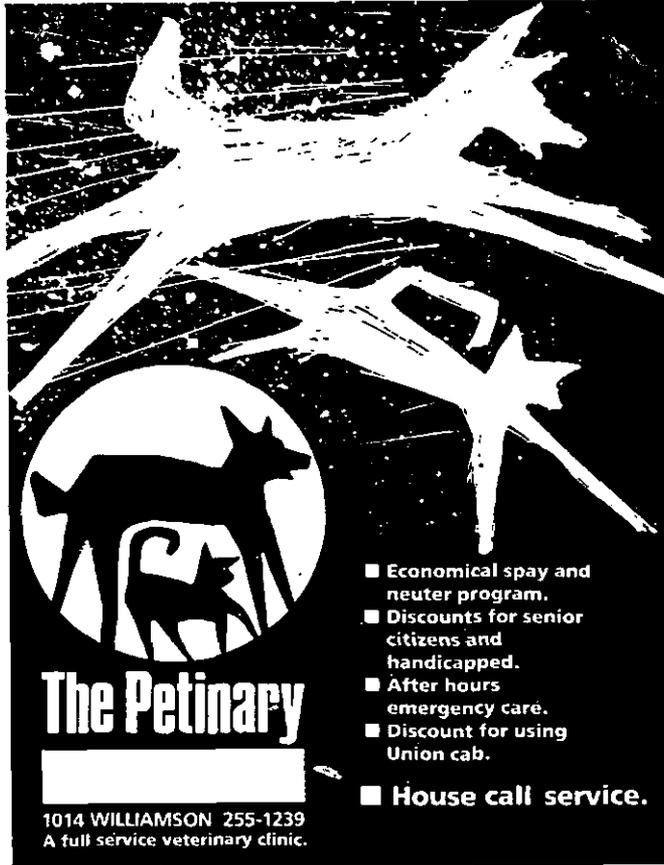
There are no data showing that phosphorus has increased in Mendota since reliable and comparable scientific measurements were first made in the 1940's. Earlier data are more difficult to compare because of different methods of analysis, but seem to show the same levels. The lower lakes in the past were, however, affected by the above-mentioned sewage effluents.

Rural runoff is the major contributor of phosphorus to Mendota, and is about four times larger than urban runoff (streets, leaves, roofs, sidewalks, etc.). The Yahara River is the major source of phosphorus (and water to the lower lakes. Urban runoff is the primary source of phosphorus for the spring-fed Lake Wingra.

-(from "Summary Report on Lake Nuisance Vegetation," Mendota-Monona Property Owners Association)

## 75 People Attend Garden Tour

Around 75 people turned out on the evening of June 3 for the 1st annual Tenney-Lapham garden tour. Eight gardens in the neighborhood were visited. Thanks go to Valerie Mellekop, Michael Jaeger, Barb and Ted Cochrane, Gene Mitchell, Jan Arnovich, Mike Sullivan, Sandy Bell, Ana Larramendi, Ruth Cadoret, Bob Shaw, and Richard Friehofer for allowing their gardens to be in the tour. Keep your eyes out this summer for other promising gardens that could be included in next year's tour.



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## Marquette School Carnival Raises \$5000

Marquette Elementary School did it again! The Annual Spring Carnival and Raffle was a huge success. Many parents, teachers, businesses and students worked together to make this event both fun and profitable. The total profit was \$4933.40.

The Marquette PTG will use this money for the following items: teacher/nurse/TAG and chapter I program funds, keyboards, field trips, physical education supplies, art supplies, music supplies, computers, playground needs, art appreciation program, partial funds for PortaPack camera, popcorn machine, PTG administrative costs, cultural arts program, fifth grade appreciation program, petty cash and the discretionary needs fund.

A PTG fund-raising committee has been established and is brainstorming in its infancy. The 1987-88 PTG officers at Marquette Elementary are Nancy Lanyon, President; Scott Herrick, President Elect; Lou Ann Karter, Treasurer; and Richard Linster, Secretary. It is the intention of this group to increase attendance of parents and teachers this fall at meetings.

All those involved with the Carnival wish to thank the 120 plus businesses and individuals, many of whom were Eastsiders, for their generosity and support. They donated raffle prizes, game prizes, goods, and money. A heartfelt thanks to you all.



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## City Council News:

### Aquascreen Placed in Tenney Lagoon

TENNEY LAGOON - The Parks Dept. recently placed 50 rolls of Aquascreen, a fiberglass material, in Tenney lagoon near the park shelter. The material is designed to cut weed growth in shallow areas and will be tried on an experimental basis this summer.

However, much remains to do to help keep the lagoon from becoming choked with weeds in places where weed harvesters can't maneuver. Last summer a crew of volunteers worked for a day raking up weeds and other unsightly debris in the lagoon. With the help of the Parks Dept.'s new volunteer coordinator, I'd like to get together another volunteer crew this summer. If you're interested in helping out on a worthwhile neighborhood project, give me a call at 256-2958. (And a personal thanks to those who participated in the May Isthmus Parks and Waterways Clean-up. About 35 volunteers worked to clean up Tenney Park and the Yahara River shorelines between the two lakes. Members of the Madison Apartment Association and the Yahara Fishermen's Association played a key role in this effort.)

CRIME WATCH TIP - The summer months are prime time season for burglars, especially when people are away on vacation. Madison police reports also indicate that many intruders enter through unlocked garage doors, patio windows, or windows open during the hot summer months. And outdoor items like bikes, boats, and tools are easy prey. Keep in mind some simple crime prevention tips:

- Inform your neighbors when you'll be away on vacation, then leave at least one light on inside the house.
- Use that front porch light. It costs pennies to use each night.
- If you must store certain items on porches or in garages, don't forget to keep them locked up.

STREET REPAIRS - Street repairs on both Gorham and Johnson will continue throughout most of the summer. Gorham St., where the most extensive work is underway, is slated to be completed by September. Motorists, bikers, pedestrians and bus users should be cautious when using these two streets this summer.

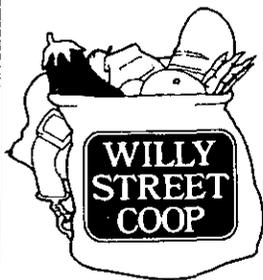
CITY BUDGET - City department heads are busy preparing their 1988 budgets, which the City Council will take up later this fall. As a new member of the city's Board of Estimates, I will be heavily involved in shaping the final budget package. If you have suggestions on how the city can improve services, save tax dollars and better use your hard-earned taxes, don't hesitate to call me with your ideas. Are there any specific areas where the city could do better in the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood?

STREET TREE PLANTING - By this fall new street trees will be planted on E. Washington, E. Mifflin and the side streets leading off of E. Washington. If any of you in the Mifflin area receive a street tree assessment notice, I urge you to send in the form so the planting work can begin as soon as possible.

CONVENTION CENTER DEBATE - It should be a hot and heavy time in the next two months over whether the city should build a convention center in the Downtown. I serve on the committee related to this project, and I would appreciate any ideas or input you might have to offer.

- Alderman David Wallner

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## President's Report:

### Summertime and the Livin' is...

Garden Tours! Beachfront Volley Ball! Street Parties! Ice Cream Social! Ba-a-a-seball!!! In case you haven't noticed, Spring has sprung; Fall has fell; Summer is here, and its hotter than usual. The neighborhood is out on the streets, in the sand and under the water. Gardens are virtually exploding in the near-tropical climate we've experienced this year. Bob Shaw, our distinguished editor, single-handedly developed and promoted a first-rate garden tour in the space of a couple of weeks. These things normally take about three months to even form the planning committee. Or did he do it with mirrors?

And how about them Aces? or Beagles? (our neighborhood soccer teams). The soccer wave, our athletic future, is about ten years old and wearing out our playgrounds. We are desperately trying to raise several thousand dollars to reseed the Marquette soccer field and to provide for an alternative playing space. Also, coaches for all age groups are needed. Many young people don't have teams to play on because the rosters are full. If you're up for it, give me a call and I'll fill you in on the details. Also, speaking of sports, there is an East Side Little League Ass'n that plays at the multi-field operation near Sherman and Commercial. I've not seen many Tenney-Lapham hard-batters there and there's always room for more players (6 and up). Again, I'll be more than willing to talk about this league if you give me a call.

We have many neighbors who, over the years, have distinguished themselves and our neighborhood through a substantial expenditure of blood, sweat and/or tears. TLNA feels it is about time we honor these fine folks with appropriate acknowledgment at our annual meeting or thereabouts. And how about a Neighborhood Hall of Fame? We've got the fame. All we need is the hall. Please call me or any board member to make a nomination.

Ever wonder just what the TLNA does for a living? Ever been willing to join up but weren't quite sure just what you'd be joining? Well, the Board collects membership money and holds monthly meetings where we treat ourselves to an over-indulgence of expensive beer and catered hors d'oeuvres. Actually, we're lucky if we can get a glass of water at our meetings. We do try to address the concerns and needs of the neighborhood in whatever way we can. Nevertheless, we frequently wonder whether those who pay the buck get their dollar's worth. And we wonder, because we don't always hear from you, whether you care whither we goest. So we are about to articulate once again our goals and objectives. If you care to contribute in this effort let us know. Check the list of Committees and their respective Chairs, and pass on your feelings and suggestions about the subjects and issues.

Finally, our Newsletter editor and Tourmaster is always looking for good copy, so if you want to write, do it, and send it to Bob. Finally finally: from Ken the Barber comes a word of caution and concern. He often sees our children crossing at the intersection of Baldwin and East Wash on their way home from school and he cringes at the often inattentive way they make that most dangerous passage. Ken has seen many accidents at that intersection, some fatal, some involving pedestrians. One note in that regard: the walk light gives you 33.67 seconds to get across the four lanes at East Wash and Baldwin; the green light without the walk light only 20.92 (by my watch anyway). So encourage your kids to always push the walk button and get the maximum time to cross. And tell them to STAY ALERT! Later.

- Jim Sturm

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# Isthmus trash soon will earn scarlet tags

By BARBARA MULHERN  
Capital Times Staff Writer

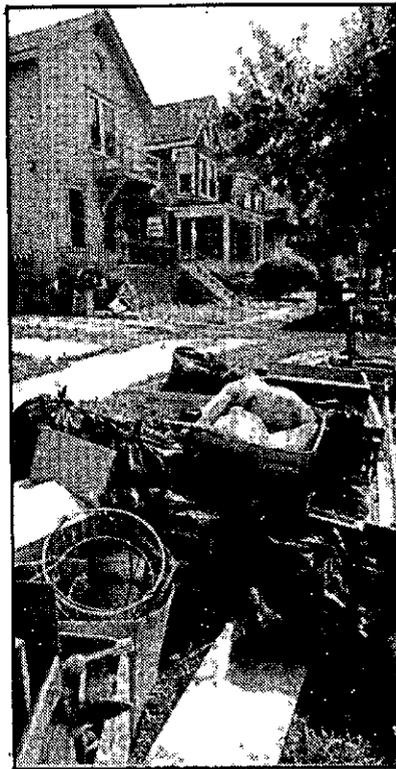
Isthmus residents who store their unsightly trash at the curb for days at a time will soon find bright red tags attached to it.

The tags — which will begin appearing on doorknobs, trash cans and on trash itself within the next month — will alert passersby that there are some residents who don't care about keeping the downtown area clean. They carry no fines or legal obligations, however, serving only as public notices that the trash depositors are not being good neighbors.

"This will be an embarrassment when people driving by see them," Streets Superintendent Lloyd Sarbacker said. The tags will note the city's trash storage and removal rules, which include a requirement that trash cans not be stored at the curb any more than 12 hours before or 24 hours after pickup.

The tags being developed by the city's Building Inspection Unit are part of an effort to start cracking down on isthmus residents who continue to pile up garbage on their lawns.

District 2 Ald. David Wallner met with Building Inspection and Streets Division staff this morning to finalize some recommendations on how to deal with the problem. Madison Apartment Association president Gary Voss also attended the meeting



Will red tags shame garbage droppers in the student wards?

and endorsed the ideas.

Among the other plans are to increase the current \$23 fine for violation of the trash removal and storage

rules to \$34.50 for the second and third offenses. Violators who don't stipulate they're guilty within five days would get slapped with an additional \$15 in court costs.

Wallner will introduce an ordinance change to the City Council asking for the fines to be increased.

None of the other plans decided on this morning need council approval. They include:

- Having supervisory staff from the Streets Division record the addresses of properties where garbage is not properly contained and forward them to the Building Inspection Unit. Violators will then get one warning notice before a citation is issued.

- Developing through the apartment association a lease addendum making tenants responsible for

proper storage and removal of trash. Property owners hope that would relieve them from responsibility for fines when tenants were in violation of the city's rules.

- Working with neighborhood associations to publicize the city's trash regulations. It is also hoped the associations will sponsor neighborhood cleanups twice a year.

Sarbacker said the addition of 10 public works employees this year should enable his workers to get the city's large-item pickup program back to its 1985 level. The goal, he said, is to pick up large items of trash once a week.

Wallner has been complaining to city officials about trash in downtown neighborhoods since last year. The problem gets worse at the end of May and on Aug. 15, when many students move in and out.

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# New ideas emerge <sup>3/2/92</sup> to combat the woes of springtime trash

By BARBARA MULHERN  
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With spring's arrival, the scent of fresh flowers will soon be in the air.

But in parts of Madison's isthmus, the only smell residents can look forward to is that of garbage piled up on their neighbors' lawns.

It's that time of year again when District 2 Ald. David Wallner scraps his usual good nature and pays nasty visits to landlords and tenants telling them to clean up their act.

"I've got areas in my district where up and down one block there are dozens of beer bottles on the terrace, where there is garbage strewn out days in advance (of pickup), and where there is trash that hasn't been put in containers," Wallner said.

"This is an ongoing thing, although it exacerbates at the end of May and on Aug. 15, when student leases are up," he said.

Last year, Wallner began complaining to city officials about the problem after hearing from residents of the Tenney-Lapham, Old Market Place and East Emerson neighborhood associations.

Not only is garbage left out on the terraces days in advance of pickup, but trash cans in some places are permanently stored at the curbs. Sometimes the trash is in them; other times it is not.

At the end of May and on Aug. 15, when students move in and out, items ranging from old sofas to broken tables to just plain garbage is thrown out of upper story windows and left out on the lawn.

Over the winter, Wallner began meeting with representatives of the Madison Apartment Association, Tenant Resource Center and city staff to try to come up with some solutions to the problem.

They've developed a number of suggestions, expected to be finalized at a meeting Tuesday. Among them are:

- Developing a card that outlines city trash regulations and penalties for violations. The cards would be

placed on violating trash cans, and would be distributed to tenants by the apartment association, Tenant Resource Center and neighborhood associations.

- Increasing fines for repeat violations. This suggestion would require an ordinance change by the City Council. The current fine, about \$25, would go up with repeated violations, Wallner said.

- Establishing two large item drop-off points at the city-owned brush sites on Sycamore Avenue and Badger Road. Residents would be able to bring their large items of trash there during certain hours.

- Providing large item pick-up in the isthmus on a weekly basis. Wallner believes the addition of 10 city public works employees this year would make that possible.

- Asking the city's animal control officers to increase efforts to prevent stray dogs, cats and other animals from rummaging through garbage cans.

- Organizing neighborhood clean-ups and clean-up awareness programs in April and August.

- Having Streets Division workers record the addresses of properties where trash is not properly contained and forward them to the city's Building Inspection Unit. Violators would then be issued warning notices.

Wallner is also suggesting that neighborhood associations every couple of months publish in their newsletters the names and addresses of the "worst problem cases."

He said, however, that he'd also like other neighborhood groups to follow the lead of Old Market Place, which will soon give out "downtown beautification" awards to property owners and/or tenants who have improved their properties' looks.

Despite some landlords' contention last summer that there was little they could do, Wallner said he has received enthusiastic support from apartment association representatives and from Fred Mohs, the owner of a large number of downtown properties.

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