

# LETTER

the tenney-lapham

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OPEN UP THE SHERMAN-

BREARLY FREE-FLOW LANE?

If you're used to walking about our neighborhood, you'd better start talking about our neighborhood-- more specifically, the Sherman/Gorham/Brearly intersection.

The City of Madison Traffic Engineering Department has heard nothing but complaints from motorists who must stop at the intersection as they travel toward downtown from the far Northeast side. City officials have heard little about the positive effects of closing off the Sherman Avenue free flow lane at Brearly; the lowered volume of traffic on Sherman Avenue; how much safer it is for pedestrians, many of whom are children, to cross Sherman Avenue now that traffic is required to stop there.

Ald. Loren Thoresen (12th Ald. Dist) is recommending that the free-flow lane be restored before the end of the complete testing period asked for by the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association.

The Neighborhood Council feels that the opening of the free-flow lane would invalidate the test by causing a significant amount of traffic to move down Sherman Avenue and through the neighborhood, rather than other routes better able to handle heavy traffic.

The Common Council will decide the fate of the present free-flow lane cutoff at its Tuesday, February 8th meeting. Write to City Transportation Director Warren Somerfeld. Come to the Council meeting Tuesday night and register against the Thoresen proposal.

If you value the benefits derived from these traffic changes, and particularly those which have come about through the closing of the Sherman Avenue free-flow lane, then the time for action is now.



## PEDESTRIAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN

Police Chief David Couper is considering a nine-week pedestrian rights education/enforcement campaign. The plan, recommended by members of neighborhood organizations and People United for Res-

possible Energy, calls for a three-part implementation schedule:

weeks 1-3 [combined police-citizen education effort on pedestrian safety laws]

weeks 4-6 [continued public education, along with intensive enforcement of pedestrian laws by Madison Police-- especially during rush hours]

weeks 7-9 ["spot" enforcement at particularly hazardous intersections]

The recommendation urges that the campaign begin on April 11th. It calls for a permanent reallocation of police resources to prioritize pedestrian safety and asks for cooperation between the Madison Police and Traffic Departments, so as to achieve a climate of pedestrian, bicycle and motor vehicle safety throughout the city.

## mid-winter fest

sunday, february 20  
3:00 pm

community room  
302 north baldwin

Our first mid-winter get-together will be held on Sunday, February 20th from 3 pm until 6 pm in the Community Room of the Tenney Park Apartments, 302 North Baldwin.

At 3:00 pm, we will hold a very brief neighborhood meeting, after which there will be a chance for everyone to get in some skating at the Tenney Park Lagoon. Non-skaters are welcome to stay around for hot drinks and warm conversation.

At 4:30 pm, there'll be more refreshments for skater and non-skater alike, along with a slide show on the history of the Tenney-Lapham area.

If you think you'll need a ride, please call Mary Legried (255-4942).

At the brief 3 pm meeting, the membership will consider two changes in the committee structure proposed by the Neighborhood Council.

One change would create an education committee to function as a liaison to the Lapham School PTA, and the Council can keep abreast of developments relating to our neighborhood schools.

The second change consolidates the membership and social committees. Given the interrelated nature of the two areas, this change will simplify committee work in each.

Anyone wishing to comment on these changes should contact Judy Jones (257-1218).

# ALTERNATE PARADE OF HOMES

## IS COMING OUR WAY

The Alternate Parade of Homes will be held in the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood on Sunday, May 15th. The Alternate Parade, a highlight of Historic Preservation Week, will underscore the desirability of central city living. It is being sponsored by Historic Madison, and the Marquette and Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Assns.

Many of us in the Tenney-Lapham area already recognize the merits of living on the near east side of Madison: accessibility to downtown and the UW campus; plentiful recreation areas at Tenney Park and the lakes; an excellent school and a wide diversity of people, lifestyles and accommodations.

The Alternate Parade can be a very effective tool for the promotion of our neighborhood-- not only for the people who might consider relocating here, but also for those having the wherewithal to assist in the preservation and restoration of neighborhood housing, such as builders and lenders. Sound long-term neighborhood preservation will require private capital and investment even while we try to bring in whatever public funds become available.

A variety of older homes-- preserved, restored, remodelled or in the process-- are being sought by the home selection committee. Chosen homes would be open to the public for part of the day. If you would be willing to have your home be a part of the Alternate Parade, please contact Ann Arnesen (251-1103) for further information.

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We're starting up the Neighborhood Bulletin Board feature below as regular item in the Letter. Non-profit community service announcements will be included on a space available basis.

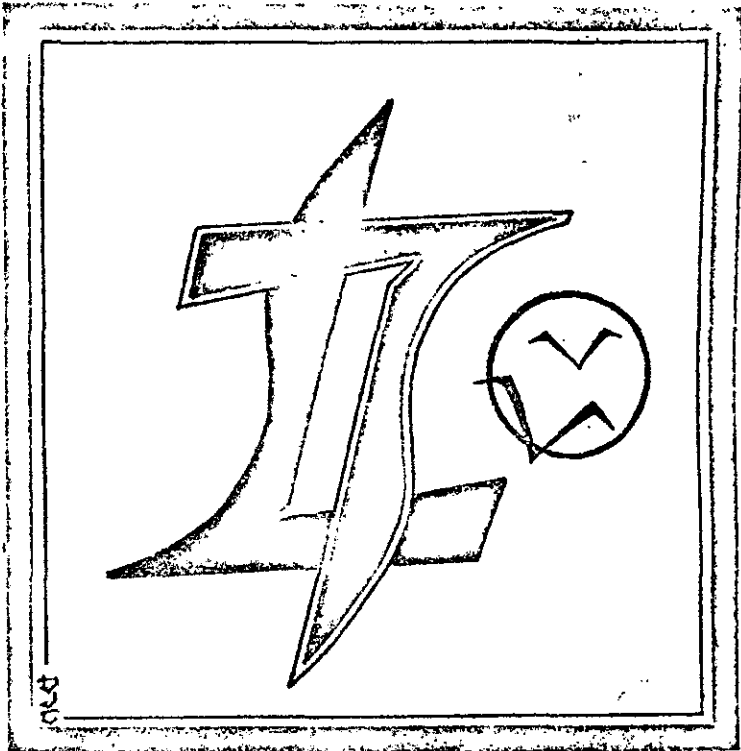
### \*\*\*\*\* \* NEIGHBORHOOD BULLETIN BOARD \*

- \* -thanks to those who helped
- \* promote the erection of the
- \* new bus shelter on Baldwin
- \* & Gorham
- \* -primary election, Feb 15th
- \* -the Madison Main Library is offering a new program entitled "Signed Story Hours for Deaf Children." The story hours will be featured every Saturday in February from 10:00 to 11:00a.m. for children 3-8 years old.
- \* -volunteer coordinators and crusaders are needed
- \* to make this Spring's neighborhood American
- \* Cancer Society Campaign a success. Anyone
- \* interested should call Doris Fischer (251-6458)
- \* or Becky Filler (255-3380).

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If you'd like to join the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association or simply want to help defer the cost of printing organizational materials, please forward a dollar (\$0¢ for senior citizens) to Mary Legried, 1230 Dayton Street, Madison, 53703 and fill in below:  
(255-4942)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ AREAS OF INTEREST?? \_\_\_\_\_



Above is one person's idea for a Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association logo.... do you like it?

### POLITICAL FORUM SCHEDULED

The Neighborhood Assn. will sponsor a forum for local political candidates on Monday, March 7th at 7:00 pm in the Lapham School Auditorium.

Candidates who survive the primary for the following elective offices are invited:

- 7:00 pm- County Executive
- 7:30 pm- City Mayor
- 8:00 pm- Board of Education
- 8:45 pm- City Common Council

Each will make a brief statement (or at least as brief as a politician can be made to speak), after which your questions will be put to the candidates. They will also be invited to stay after their presentations to answer any personal inquiries you might have.

If you'll need a ride call Pam or Stan Wrzeski (255-1638).