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HOUSING TASK FORCE ISSUES REPORT

How to increase owner-occupied housing in Downtown neighborhoods

In an effort to attract new families and owners into Downtown neighborhoods, the city's Owner-Occupied Housing Task Force issued its final report on Feb. 24.

The task force, appointed by Mayor Sensenbrenner last spring, was comprised of business leaders, neighborhood association activists, and housing developers. As alderman of the 2nd District, I chaired the task force. The task force's main goal was to find innovative ways to increase owner-occupied housing and diversity in Downtown neighborhoods.

Lower interest rates, new tax laws affecting rental properties, a cap on enrollment at U.W. and the recent move of MATC's main campus to the far Eastside should help create a housing climate favoring new owner-occupancy in Downtown neighborhoods.

In addition to seeking innovations leading to more owner-occupant housing, the final report also includes data on future school enrollments, apartment vacancy rates, and citizen attitude surveys about "Downtown living." The overall target area of the study includes the entire Isthmus, and is bordered by the Yahara on the east, Allen St. on the west, and extends south to the Town of Madison boundary.

The task force's main recommendations include:

* **MARKETING CAMPAIGN**--City staff will work with Downtown Madison Inc. to create a marketing campaign that will involve neighborhood groups, developers, realtors and the Chamber of Commerce. The city will provide \$30,000 and the private sector \$15,000 for the marketing effort. It is the first time the city has taken such steps to focus attention on older neighborhoods.

* **HOME BUYER'S ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**--The city will reinstitute a program to target 1 to 4-unit owner-occupied buildings. The program will provide low-interest loans to eligible buyers in financing a portion of the acquisition and rehabilitation costs of an eligible property. Additional funds will be provided by a conventional home mortgage loan (a first mortgage loan). Up to \$100,000 will be available for this program in 1988, with \$500,000 slated for 1989.

* **DOWNTOWN SCHOOL REOPENING**--The city should continue its support for the reopening of an elementary school in the central part of the city.

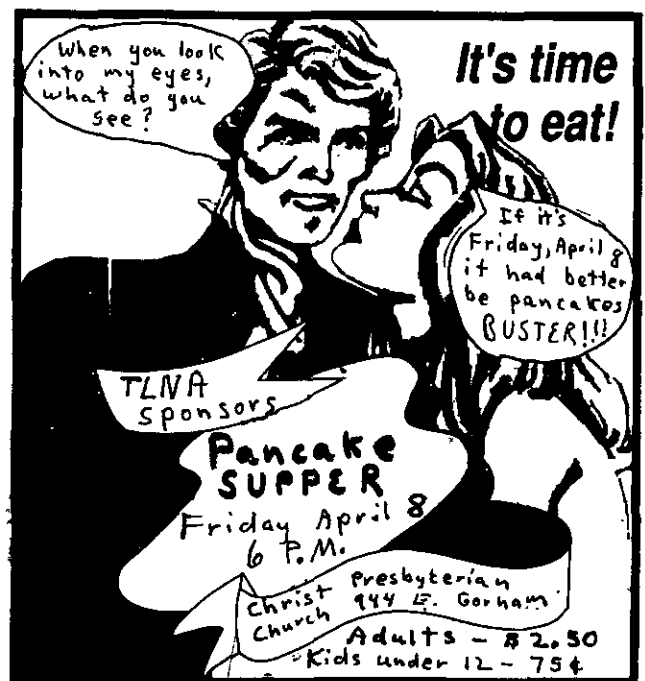
* **HOUSING REHABILITATION INSTALLMENT LOAN PROGRAM**--The report recommends broadening this program to include middle-income households. Up to \$15,000 could be borrowed to improve an eligible property.

* **LAND PACKAGING**--Priority should be given in the 1988 Capital Revolving Fund to package lots in the target area, where infill housing could be constructed or existing housing could be renovated in conjunction with new housing.

Mayor Sensenbrenner said the city will be ready to carry out at least part of the recommendations within the next few months. Task force members feel that the final report should provide a Downtown housing focus for the next few years, as the marketing campaign and other programs take effect.

For more information contact Percy Brown in the Planning Dept.

-Ald. David Wallner



SELF-DEFENSE FOR PARENTS AND KIDS

A six-week Self-Defense course for all parents and children over age 7 in any physical condition will be held at the Barrymore Theatre at 2090 Atwood Avenue from 10:00 am-12:00 pm on Saturdays from March 26-April 30. Each child should take the course with a parent or other adult. The class will be taught by Lisa Amacher of Common Sense Self Defense.

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Lisa Amacher is a professional self-defense and karate instructor at UW-Whitewater and has taught numerous courses for children and adults of all ages, physically challenged individuals, developmentally disabled adults, sexually abused children and women, and battered women in Whitewater, Jefferson, Fort Atkinson, Janesville, and Madison.

BITS AND PIECES

The Tenney-Lapham Board of Directors meets on the second Monday of every month at 7:30 pm. You are welcome to observe and/or participate. Please call any Board member for the location.

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The Tenney-Lapham newsletter is published quarterly (January, April, July, and October) by the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association and 2,000 copies are hand-delivered free to households within the neighborhood. The editor welcomes articles of neighborhood news and business affairs, letters of opinion and story suggestions. Copy deadline is the 15th of the month preceding the month of publication. Advertising rates are available from the editor.

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President's Report SOCCER ANYONE?

The question of whether there is life after baseball can be put off for another year since Opening Day is just around the left field corner. It did not go unnoticed that Little League registration at Marquette was finally attended by Marquette and Tenney-Lapham (T-L) kids, so maybe this year marks the real beginning of a significant presence of the Isthmus consciousness into the realm of Little League psychosis. If you don't play, come and see.

Speaking of the thrill of the grass, we all know that Soccer is the proper manifestation of the Isthmus attitude--egalitarian, co-ed, and third-world. But soccer does require property, real estate, goals and objectives. T-L is devoid of a true soccer field for general use but there are possibilities. Reynolds Field (adjacent to Breese- Stevens) may have room. Tenney Park has new fill, new growth and promise but the Softball (not to be confused with real baseball) fanatics with which Madison is cursed will fight for the grass so we should make our move soon.

The point is that we, as a neighborhood, have a very real role to play in what the Parks Department will design and implement for the Parks in our boundaries. PARKS and PLAYGROUNDS will be our primary focus as a neighborhood association for the next several months. There is great potential and great need for involvement. We need ideas, sweat and consensus. Last summer Tenney Park was an embarrassment. Two clean-up days netted about fifteen bodies and a ton of algae and litter. We need a lot more bodies in the grunt department to lend credibility in the ideas and demands department. If you want to get involved call one or more of the board members or come to the next meeting. And keep your eyes peeled for notice of the first clean-up day (May 14) and be there or be square.

- Jim Sturm

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR TLNA RECYCLING PROGRAM

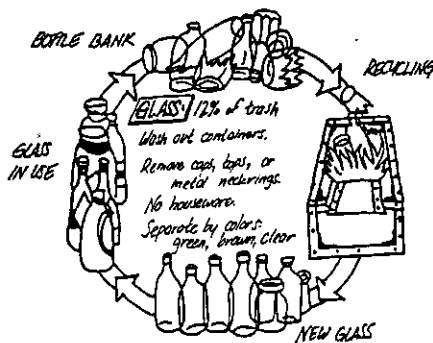
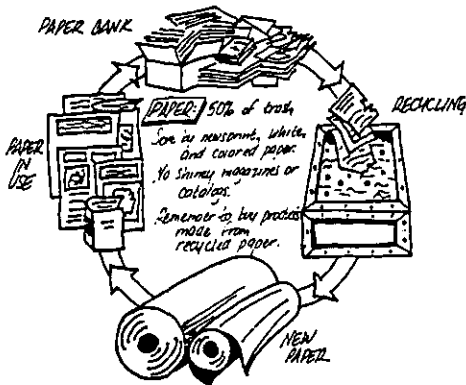
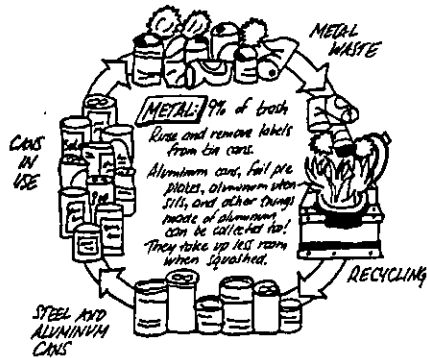
The Tenney-Lapham Recycling Program is going strong. We are currently collecting about 1/2 ton (1,000 pounds) a month from approximately 100 neighborhood participants.

With the coming of warmer weather we are hoping to get more volunteers involved. One way is to start in your home. When separating materials (tin, aluminum, glass) into their own containers, it is best to place the containers in an out of the way place which the whole family can get to. Try to not break glass bottles for the pieces can be very sharp!

Another way to lend a hand along with your recyclables is to meet other volunteers on Saturdays between 10-12 at a garage donated by Mullins Realty (the corner of Dickinson/Dayton). People will be sorting the collected goods and taking them to the recycler.

For more information or to volunteer please call Lee at 251-1538 or Lynn at 255-2675.

- Lee Hackeling



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Are your utility bills high? Is your home drafty and cold? Free weatherization services are available to eligible homeowners and also to renters. The Dane County Housing Authority and Project Home were recently awarded over \$1,300,000 to weatherize eligible Dane County homes.

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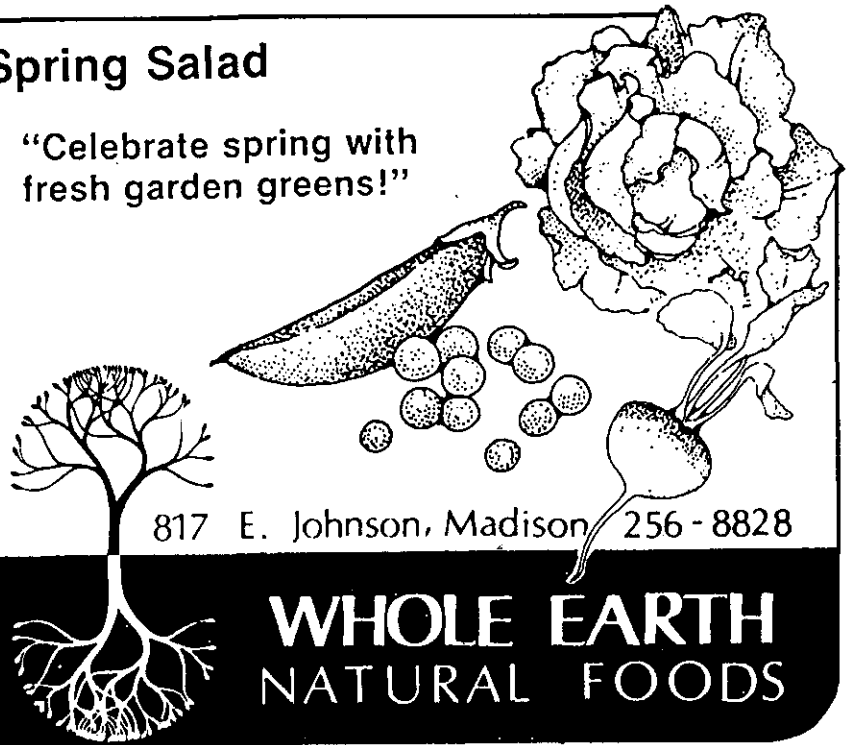
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The heavy snowfalls we received this winter left many neighborhood crosswalks impassible and caused mobility problems for neighborhood residents. It is normally the responsibility of corner property owners to ensure that crosswalks are cleared of snow, but because of poor health, trips out of town, and other reasons, this responsibility is not always carried out.

Ald. Wallner received a number of complaints about the situation this year and in January he came to TLNA for assistance. Using membership lists, TLNA council members successfully launched a pilot program of "crosswalk adoption". Association members living on or near problem corners were asked to take charge of keeping those crosswalks cleared. Over 80 neighborhood households took part in the program, checking on their assigned crosswalks and shoveling them as needed. Following the last heavy snow in February, mobility problems were greatly reduced and many neighbors commented on the improved appearance of area streets.

The TLNA wishes to thank all of you who helped make the "crosswalk adoption" program a success. Maintaining a crosswalk is a never-ending job, since plowing can continue for days after a snowfall is over. You are to be commended for your patience and persistence in the face of such odds.

Our goal for next year is to have all neighborhood crosswalks adopted before the first snow flies. If you live on or near a corner and would like to volunteer in advance, please call Sue Fieber (251-3909) or Richard Linster (251-1937). Thanks again to all who supported us in this effort.

- Sue Fieber

SPRING CLEAN-UP SET FOR MAY 14


Due to the excellent results of our snow removal program this past winter (see story elsewhere) it is hoped to duplicate this success in a spring clean-up. For this we need you to join your neighbors at 9 AM on Saturday, May 14 at the shelter in Tenney Park. TLNA will supply plastic bags; please bring a rake if you have one. To make this work, WE NEED YOU! Please call me at 251-1937 if you would like to become involved.

- Richard Linster

Membership Report: SPRING MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS PLANNED

Since the beginning of our membership year (Oct. 1) 152 members, 39 of them new, have paid \$396 in dues. It is the goal of the committee for this year to bring our total membership to 500 and in the process to collect \$1,300. In the next 6 weeks the bulk of the membership will be renewed. We are asking you to alert us to new prospects so we can expand our contacts. JOIN THE TLNA.

- Richard Linster



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**Legislative Report:
PROBLEMS OF THE HOMELESS
IS A COMMUNITY RESPONSIBILITY**

Homelessness has become a nationwide epidemic affecting people not only in large cities like New York, but also in Milwaukee, Kenosha and even Madison. Twenty years ago nobody thought very much about the homeless. We all knew that there were people without homes, but they were "bums", alcoholics who lived on "skid rows" in big cities. It was unfortunate, but it was not considered a major problem.

The economic and social policies of the last decade both on national and state levels, have led to the epidemic of homelessness. The most significant causes of mass homelessness in the 1980's include: 1) the lack of adequate housing and support services for people with disabilities; 2) job and wage trends; 3) urban renewal; and 4) decrease in government funds for low-income housing and personal benefits.

Estimates show that between two and three million Americans are homeless. The number in Wisconsin alone ranges between 16,000 and 32,000 people. While exact figures for homelessness are notoriously difficult to determine, all studies have concluded that the problem is growing -- as much as 25% per year.

What is the solution to this frightening and rapidly increasing problem? Last session, the Legislature appropriated \$450,000 to provide grants to agencies and shelter facilities for homeless individuals and families. This was the first such appropriation in recent Wisconsin history. The Legislature also directed the Department of Health and Social Services to make long-term recommendations to help homeless individuals and residents of shelters apply for and receive the medical assistance benefits available to them.

The Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority was directed to study the number of inexpensive, single-room housing units in the metropolitan areas of the state. One result of the Legislature's efforts in Madison is a men's shelter with room for 75. Two meals a day and a morning counseling session are provided to help them find state and local services, jobs and a more permanent place to live. An additional drop-in shelter has been established at the Grace Episcopal church, which provides cots and food to the homeless.

During last year's budget debate, the Legislature provided an additional \$150,000 for grants to local governments and nonprofit organizations operating emergency shelters for the homeless. This money would have provided individuals and families with a place to live while looking for permanent housing. Governor Thompson vetoed this proposal and reduced the annual funding by \$100,000.

It's been said that we all are only four paychecks away from being homeless -- for some, it's even less than that. This problem deserves the attention of all levels of government. Despite Governor Thompson's unwillingness to recognize the seriousness of the situation, we will continue to approve funding for programs and long-term solutions for these unfortunate members of our society.

- Rep. David Clarenbach



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- APRIL 7 TLNA TRANSPORTATION MEETING
- APRIL 8 TLNA PANCAKE SUPPER
- APRIL 11 TLNA BOARD MEETING
- APRIL 21 MARQUETTE CARNIVAL
- APRIL 23 TLNA RUMMAGE SALE
- MAY 9 TLNA BOARD MEETING
- MAY 14 TLNA SPRING CLEANUP
- JUNE 13 TLNA BOARD MEETING

(Read the details of these events elsewhere in the newsletter)

**GARAGE SALE DONATIONS
SOLICITED BY NESCOA**

The Near East Side Coalition of Older Adults (NESCOA) will soon hold its 4th Annual Fundraising Garage Sale.

If you'd like to donate items to NESCOA for sale at this event, drop them off at their office at Room 118, Lapham Building, 1045 East Dayton Street or telephone them for pickup at 257-3322. NESCOA office hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Supervisor's Viewpoint: EXIT THE CONQUERING HERO, ENTER ADMINISTRATIVE GENIUS

The editor asked me to prepare a brief article on the job of County Executive, a timely subject. Fortunately, Mr. Shaw's request coincided with a job content evaluation done by both former Executive Jonathan Barry and incumbent interim Executive Rod Matthews. Every four years the Personnel Committee, on which I have served for two terms, must set the salary for the County Executive. In an effort to de-politicize and de-personalize the salary setting process the Personnel Committee asked Matthews and Barry to fill out a lengthy questionnaire describing the job activities and responsibilities of County Executive. To my surprise, considering how very different Execs Matthews and Barry are in style, manner of attaining the office and tenure, their estimations of the job were very similar.

Both said the job was a mixture of administrative responsibilities, financial management and investment, direct supervision of professional staff, extensive public relations, and negotiation and planning. In other words, both described the functions of the chief operating officer of any large company. Both men also described the job as mercurial. In a private conversation with me, Matthews said that "I might have been easier on Jonathan if I had only known how much constant pressure there is in this job, how you're expected to make nearly immediate decisions on such different topics one right after another."

I believe that the ideal County Executive should vary with the developmental stage the County as a whole is in. We have just gone through a period of empire building, assuming many functions previously performed by municipal government. At the same time we also ceased providing some historically county-provided services, e.g., the county nursing home. A big change that is not directly service oriented was the granting of administrative home rule. This took years and years of lobbying to achieve. Home rule dramatically expands the authority of the County Executive. Though Barry and I were usually at odds over specific issues, his style was mostly appropriate to our "Alexander the Great" phase.

Now, I believe we are entering a period of internal restructuring to handle all the new responsibilities and still continue to provide traditional services with marked declines in revenue. On the Board side, I hope there will be an increasing sense of legislative prerogative and functioning. These new elements of context make my ideal County Executive someone

who is challenged and rewarded by less visible, detail-oriented management, someone who has a demonstrated capability for longer-range planning in an open, public process, someone who has a keen sense of diplomacy between executive and legislative branches as well as between county and other governments or institutional elements, e.g., organized labor and county contractors, involved in doing the County's business. Exit the conquering hero, enter the administrative genius.

- Supervisor Kathleen Nichols

Scholarships Available UW CONFERENCE FOCUSES ON PREPARING WOMEN FOR TECHNICAL CAREERS

The College of Engineering, UW-Madison, will sponsor a conference titled "Retooling Women for Scientific, Mathematical, and Technical Careers."

It will be held at the Wisconsin Center, 702 Langdon Street, on May 14 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The conference fee is \$20 and scholarships are available.

For more information, call me at 257-8421.

- Carrie Estill

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All items should be brought to Christ Presbyterian Church between 8 and 9 a.m. on Saturday.

Each seller is responsible for labelling his/her own items. Each label should have the seller's name and the price of the item. If, on any item(s) you wish to donate the entire price to TLNA, please put TLNA on the label instead of your own.

If you do not plan to stay at the sale, place an X on the label of those items you do not want reduced. If there is no X, TLNA may later in the day reduce the price of the item by 1/3 maximum. Also, please pick up leftover items between 2:30 and 3 p.m. Items not claimed by 3:00 p.m. will be given to a charity.

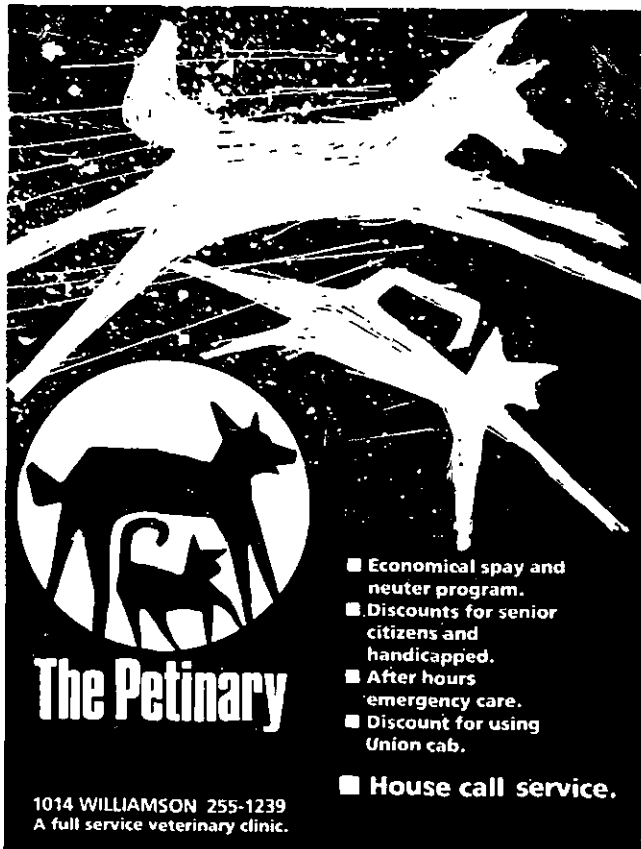
TLNA will provide the sales desk for all items. We ask a donation of 25% on all items sold; however, please feel free to give more. Sellers can pick up their money from the sales desk between 2:30 and 3 p.m. Money not claimed will be delivered as soon as possible after the sale, provided an address is left at the desk.

If you have any major items for sale -- furniture, bikes, etc. -- let us know so we can include them in our newspaper ads.

Please take note: as stated above, TLNA will not be able to return items that are not picked up by the end of the day. All items not sold by the end of the sale will be collected and taken to a charity.

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- Anne Katz



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Come meet your neighbors, stuff your face with all the pancakes, sausages, applesauce and beverages your stomach can take, and get involved in the neighborhood affairs--all at the same time. Mike Tuten, pancake man extraordinaire, will be at the griddle.

The agenda for the Quarterly Meeting will include decisions and information on Tenney Park improvements, recycling efforts in the neighborhood, and the annual Tenney-Lapham Cleanup Extravaganza. Don't miss it.

- Anne Katz

LAPHAM SCHOOL RE-OPENING GAINS MARQUETTE PTG SUPPORT

Reopening Lapham Elementary School is generating new interest from those studying school space needs due to a major concession by Marquette area representatives.

The North-East Area Space Utilization Committee of the Madison Metropolitan School District had considered it too costly to open Lapham School, 1045 East Dayton Street, in the same attendance area as Marquette Elementary. The Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association has long advocated reopening Lapham Elementary to strengthen the neighborhood and enhance the quality of education.

Despite its recognized advantages, a plan that "linked" continued use of Marquette Elementary School to a re-opened Lapham Elementary was losing out to competing plans that included opening Hawthorne School, changing attendance boundaries, or sending some Marquette students to Lowell Elementary School on Atwood Avenue.

The breakthrough comes in a proposal being formulated by Sandra Solheim and Carol Carstensen on behalf of Marquette Elementary to cut costs by transferring the students, staff and equipment as a unit from the smaller Marquette Elementary facility to a re-opened Lapham School.

In addition to providing room for growing enrollments at both the middle and elementary school levels, this new "moving the school" plan would avoid the duplication of cost in staffing two schools in one attendance area and give the students and staff access to additional programs that can only be offered in the larger building. The Lapham building is wheelchair-accessible and contains a swimming pool.

The Marquette Parent-Teacher Group was convinced that the many advantages of the plan out-weighed the significant disadvantage: more students would ride the bus than under current arrangements.

The Space Utilization Committee will report its final recommendations to the School Board in May.

- Richard Linster



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(ed. note: Mary Ellen Testen from the Madison Dept. of Public Health sent us this article to further clarify Pat Whyte-Lehman's article in the January newsletter.)

The Madison Public Health Department offers a program to assist Madison residents with identifying asbestos in their homes and apartment buildings. We perform screening tests on asbestos samples, and if the screening tests indicate the presence of asbestos, we send the sample on to the State Laboratory of Hygiene for confirmation and determination of the percentage of asbestos in the sample. If you have questions on asbestos, you can contact the Chemistry Laboratory at 266-4845.

Asbestos is found in many older homes because it has several very useful properties and its adverse health effects only became known recently. Asbestos is a fibrous silicate material, which looks something like dirty fiberglass. It is an excellent insulator and is very resistant to heat and chemicals. It does not burn. Because of this it has been used as insulation in walls and ceilings, in woodstoves and furnaces, as wrapping for steam and hot-water pipes. Asbestos, because it is fibrous, was also used as a strengthener and fireproofing agent in floor tiles, roofing and siding. Other uses for asbestos included patching compounds, ceiling materials, automobile break pads, stove and furnace gaskets and insulation in household appliances.

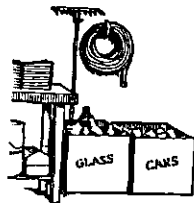
If you think you have asbestos in your home, and if it is solid and undamaged - LEAVE IT ALONE! DON'T try to scrape it off, sand it off, sweep it or vacuum it. Keep in mind that dust masks or painters masks WILL NOT protect you from asbestos fibers in the air. The above activities will cause asbestos fibers to become airborne. Solid asbestos is not an active danger; asbestos fibers in the air are.

If you think you have asbestos in your home and it is loose and crumbly (friable), there are several precautionary steps you should take:

- 1) Minimize traffic through the area (keep pets out too).
- 2) Clean up the dust in the area using a damp rag, then place the cloth into a plastic bag, and put it in the garbage.
- 3) Find out if the material is indeed asbestos and then find out how best to handle it. It may be encapsulated or removed. If it needs to be removed, a reputable contractor will take proper safety precautions and follow proper disposal practices. If you remove a small amount of asbestos yourself, do not put it out with trash. Double bag the material and take it out to the Dane County Landfill.

If you believe that you are being exposed to asbestos, contact the Health Department Laboratory at 266-4845. We have a fact sheet - Asbestos in the Home - which we will send on request. We will also be glad to answer your questions on asbestos and to help you get samples tested for asbestos.

- Mary Ellen Testen, Chemical Analyst II



BRUSH COLLECTION DATES SET FOR 1988

The City Streets Department has announced the brush collection schedule for 1988.

For those Tenney-Lapham residents who have THURSDAY garbage collection, their brush will be collected during the following periods: May 2-6, June 13-17, July 25-29, Sept. 5-9, and Oct. 10-14.

For those Tenney-Lapham residents who have FRIDAY garbage collection, their brush will be collected during the following periods: May 9-13, June 20-24, August 1-5, Sept. 12-16, and Oct. 17-21.

Residents MUST have their brush placed at the curb in an orderly fashion by 7:00 a.m. on the MONDAY indicated as the start of their collection week. Approximately one week is required to complete each district; once an area has been completed, the Streets Dept. will be unable to go back for "late set outs".

MARQUETTE CARNIVAL SET FOR APRIL 21

The Marquette Elementary School will be holding its Eighth Annual Spring Carnival on April 21, 1988 from 6:30 thru 8:30 pm in the school gymnasium. This year's theme is "Marquette Olympics." There will be games, activities, a scrumptious bake sale, and the annual and ever popular raffle. As usual raffle donations from area businesses are impressive! Raffle tickets are still available through Marquette Elementary students. Don't miss your chance to win one of the many valuable prizes.

Everyone is welcome to attend. Come for dessert at our Bake Sale and share a night of fun with your fellow East-siders.

- Mary Beck

BASH PLANNING BEGINS

At our March TLNA Council meeting I agreed to act as our representative with Old Market Place Neighborhood Association on the 3rd Annual Joint Neighborhood Event. This should take place in the late summer-early fall. What is needed at this time are some volunteers to help in brainstorming, and to go over our previous records to begin the planning cycle. As one who several years ago had never done this sort of thing, I am surprised how easy and fun this can be. If you have a curiosity about planning a festival or fundraising this may be for you. Please contact me at 251-1937 and I'll give you details. Thanks.

- Richard Linster

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City Council News: BICYCLE PARKING RACKS BECOME MANDATORY

BIKE PARKING ORDINANCE PASSES--Madison, often called Bike Capital of the Midwest, will finally have a new ordinance that will require adequate bicycle parking. The new ordinance, which I co-sponsored along with the City's Pedestrian-Bicycle Committee, was in the works for over a year. It will now require that new construction projects (apartment buildings, commercial developments, offices, schools, etc.) will be required to have bike parking for customers, employees, residents, and students. Buildings that are renovated or add on space will also fall under the ordinance. In the future new office projects like Manchester Place on the Square or shopping center renovations like the Fiore Shopping Center on E. Washington will fall under this ordinance. (Let's hope Fiore takes the hint.)

Although there are specific guidelines for each type of project, the Zoning Administrator will have some flexibility in working with developers. The city has long had a zoning requirement for car parking; now we'll have guidelines for bike parking. This should especially help apartment dwellers, shoppers who bike to stores, and office workers who commute by bike. (And my personal thanks to local bike advocates who supported the ordinance, especially Benita Walker and Arthur Ross, the city's Ped.-Bike coordinator. Both live in the TLNA neighborhood, and assure that the 2nd District is adequately represented when it comes to pedestrian and bike concerns.)

GARBAGE CAN STORAGE--By next month the City Council should pass an ordinance I've sponsored that will create a citation procedure related to storage of garbage cans on private property. Owners who leave their garbage cans in front yards or side yards and visible from the street risk a \$20 citation for the first offense and \$30 for the second offense. Garbage containers are to be stored at the rear of buildings, in basements or garages.

THOSE ANNOYING RITES OF SPRING--Now that spring is here and the snow has melted away, your alderman's thoughts turn to . . . sunny days, spring gardening and the return of the robin??

Well, yes, all of those things. But now that my phone is ringing, I'm reminded of those other spring symbols, like dog poop on peoples' yards and terraces, broken bottles, cans and other bits of debris in yards and gutters, and, of course, those wild late-night party-goers who too often forget that they have neighbors who like to get a decent night's rest.

Each of these problems could be solved with a little common sense and neighborly decency. Dog walkers: bring a Pooper Scooper; property owners and tenants: take 10 minutes per week to clean up (and don't forget that what you leave in those gutters ends up feeding the algae in our lakes this summer); and you Party Animals and Heavy Metal Freaks: don't forget that your late-night celebrations and musical taste can be a big headache for your neighbor. Please!

ROAD CONSTRUCTION ON TAP--Several street improvement projects affecting TLNA residents will take place this summer. These include:

- * Resurfacing along Sherman Ave. from Sidney to Brearly.
- * Reconstruction of Gorham from Butler to Carroll.
- * Resurfacing of Fordem from E. Johnson three blocks to the northeast.

* The reconstruction of the Brearly street-end to provide a safer cul-de-sac.

TRANSPORTATION RESTRUCTURING--During the last two months I've served on a city committee that is looking at the restructuring of the city's Transportation Commission, related sub-committees, and the Dept. of Transportation. By mid-March the committee was close to making several important recommendations in these areas. Several 2nd District residents testified at a recent public hearing before our committee.

For my part, I've voiced three major concerns:

First, that the city's transportation-related committees, like the Transportation Commission, the Ped.-Bike Committee, the Transit Committee that monitors Madison Metro, and the Parking Committee all continue to include adequate citizen participation and membership.

Second, that the city continue to have a committee to deal specifically with pedestrian and bicycle concerns important to district and city residents.

And third, that the city continue to have a Dept. of Transportation to coordinate an "all-modes" transportation policy, as we've done for the past 15 years.

Following preliminary discussions and prior to a vote by the full City Council, I remain confident that these three goals will be achieved. Stay tuned, or give me a call for further details.

PARK PROJECTS--The Parks Commission will soon be discussing future park projects for 1989, and I'd appreciate any suggestions from area residents. Working with TLNA on a matching fund-raising project, we hope to provide new children's playground equipment for Tenney Park by this summer. The park will also receive some new landscaping this summer, and it is hoped more attention will be paid to park maintenance and lagoon upkeep.

For next year I'll be recommending that the department provide funding for landscaping for the Mifflin/Paterson and E. Washington/Paterson entrances to Breese Stevens Field. Currently these two corners are ugly, barren chunks of concrete, and both could benefit from new trees and shrubs.

In addition, this summer the Forestry Division will be planting more than 100 new trees in the terraces along E. Mifflin, E. Gorham, and adjoining side streets leading off of E. Washington. I will be asking that the forestry personnel begin looking at establishing a street tree assessment district for Johnson, Gorham and Sherman, plus adjoining side streets.

- Ald. David Wallner

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TRANSIT COMMITTEE SEEKS MORE INPUT FOR AGENDA

Several stalwart souls braved their way through the blizzard to attend our first open committee meeting of 1988 to make their concerns known on important transit issues. It was proposed that we solicit input from more neighborhood members by means of a survey in the next newsletter and contact neighboring neighborhood associations to work on consensus formation on issues affecting the general area.

The issues which were reviewed for possible inclusion in our 1988 Agenda are included on the sheet with the survey. These issues have been proposed by members by way of the fall neighborhood survey and contacts with the committee or the neighborhood council.

Please review the information and compare it with your own experience. Add any other transit issues which you feel strong concern for on the empty lines available.

1) Isthmus Traffic Redirection Plan: Push for its completion.

(See petition included for some essential information contained there.) The plan should result in the transfer of 20% of the traffic from the Johnson-Gorham corridor to East Washington Avenue. Since the plan was adopted, traffic in the J/G corridor has increased by 25%. According to the 1985 statistical summaries, the occurrence of accidents and injuries on the J/G corridor was roughly twice as high as it was on "East Wash."

2) Madison Metro Bus Service: Support Adopt-a-Shelter plan.

Indications are that the neighborhood is fairly pleased with the amount and quality of bus service in our neighborhood. There is some concern about bus shelter vandalism since Metro has explained that they will be forced to remove badly vandalized shelters. A newly proposed "Adopt-a-Shelter" plan may assist

in maintaining and improving shelters by allowing individuals, groups, and businesses to adopt particular shelters and work with Metro on their upkeep and development (including landscaping).

3) Other Transit Problem Areas:

a) 400 Block of North Baldwin: G-Mendota buses depend on this route for the support which WPS employees provide. Metro has been notified of our concern about bus speeds and has responded that Metro employees living on the route will informally monitor bus traffic. Traffic Engineering Dept. does not recommend stop sign at Baldwin/Sherman but rather encourages tighter enforcement by police.

b) Bicycle lanes/routes: Winter travel problems on Johnson/Gorham corridor bike lanes. Bike route crossing at Yahara River unsafe. Alternate crossing of Yahara for bike traffic to Emerson neighborhood and east side.

c) Sherman Avenue: Rush hour thru-traffic still a problem.

d) Pedestrian crossings around Tenney Park: No traffic stopping points on either East Johnson or Sherman currently exist for safe pedestrian crossing.

e) East Mifflin Street Thru-traffic: Low number of stop signs attracts Isthmus traffic between Capitol and Baldwin Street avoiding main thoroughfares.

NEXT MEETING: The Transit Committee will have its next open meeting at 8 pm on Thursday April 7 at Mildred's Sandwich Shop (827 E. Johnson). Please come and express your opinions.

- Rob Latousek

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TRANSPORTATION PETITION
PROPOSED

Below is a DRAFT version of a PETITION which has been proposed for distribution this summer in order to influence the deliberation process for the city's 1989 Budget, to be discussed from May through November and voted on in November of this year.

If you have any substantive changes you would like to propose for the petition, please note them here so they can be considered before a final petition is approved by the neighborhood council.

We, the undersigned, vigorously support the full and rapid implementation of the Isthmus Traffic Redirection Plan.

Heavy traffic flow on Johnson and Gorham, due to extensive recent development in outlying areas, is endangering the safety of residents and motorists alike. The Isthmus Traffic Redirection Plan was developed by a thorough process of citizen and staff input, resulting in its official acceptance. Since that time, the stages of its implementation have been continually postponed so that it is currently four to six years behind schedule.

We recognize the strains upon the city's budget which have been created recently by severe cutbacks in state and federal support, but we believe that the City of Madison should make the Isthmus Traffic Redirection Plan the top priority of its Street Projects Program and make every effort to expedite the completion.



TRANSIT PRIORITIES SURVEY

Please CIRCLE the appropriate LEVEL of SUPPORT you feel for the issues listed below.

	Strong	Some	Little	None
Completion of Isthmus Traffic Redirection Plan	3	2	1	0
Implementation of Adopt-A Shelter Plan for bus shelters	3	2	1	0
Rerouting of buses off of North Baldwin Street	3	2	1	0
Stop sign at intersection of Sherman and Baldwin	3	2	1	0
Rerouting of bike route at Johnson/Yahara crossing	3	2	1	0
Pedestrian crossings on Johnson Street to Tenney Park	3	2	1	0
Pedestrian crossings on Sherman Avenue to Tenney Park/Beach	3	2	1	0
More stop signs on East Mifflin St.	3	2	1	0
Monitoring snow removal at crosswalks	3	2	1	0
Other issues of concern to you:				

PLEASE MAIL OR DROP OFF THIS SURVEY TO:

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