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TENNEY-LAPHAM NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Spring 2024

Ten Years Later: A Walk through the Party in the Park

By Jessica Becker

The first big construction project along East Washington can be seen in the background of this 2013 photo of the old Reynolds Park playground. From that development, \$75,000 was funneled over to playground revitalization. The Alder called a meeting, inviting input from neighbors. A group of people showed up with ideas but were told to expect a modest play structure. Those Tenney Lapham neighbors hoped and pushed for more.

In 2013, Mayor Soglin and city planners were working to attract high-density housing developments and a full-service grocery store to the East Washington corridor. The historic Breese Stevens stadium didn't yet have Big Top management or turf, nor did the Tenney Lapham neighborhood host big musical acts (no sessions, no Sylvie...). Plans for Central Park (now called McPike Park) and the skatepark were being discussed. A group of dedicated soccer enthusiasts used Reynolds Field for pick-up games, but Forward Madison had no fanbase and flamingo spottings were rare.

Reynolds Park, presumably named for the Reynolds Transfer & Storage, "proud to be family owned and operated since 1888" on East Mifflin Street, was home to the city's new (and only) bike polo court. The "Thunderdome" opened under newly installed lights on the roof of the brick structure in the park. The People's Communal Flower Garden, planted in 1991 by neighbors at the corner of Patterson and East Dayton, as well as the 19 varieties of flowering vines along what had just become the East Mifflin Bike Boulevard, were just a few signs of how much Reynolds Park, a full block of urban green space, meant to the neighborhood.

In those days, the owners of Cork n' Bottle, Jim and Tina, organized a beloved annual Block Party. They closed down the stretch of Patterson from Johnson to the corner garden of Reynolds Park and put out a generous spread of free food and music, with support from other Johnson Street businesses. This brought neigh-



Reynolds Park 2013

ors together for years and raised money for Lapham Elementary School. In 2013, the playground dreamers and schemers decided to ask people at the block party what they wanted to "see more of" and "do more of" at Reynolds Park. Responses were written onto paper scrolls and pointed to a desire for more events, activities, and reasons to gather.

From that energy came the Party in the Park. In the summer of 2014, The Cork n' Bottle String Band played under a tent near the new playground and Madison Water Utility gave their first-ever tour of the Water Well hiding under the Thunderdome. Cork n' Bottle provided barrels of root beer and our neighborly brewmaster Nick brought his own barrels of homebrew. He says, "I think I went through 15 gallons that year and ran out early. In the next few years I increased that to as much as 40 gallons of beer and 5 gallons of kegged cocktail."

Party in the Park raised funds to adopt the two mature Ash Trees near the playground and paid to have them treated in hopes they would survive the blight from the Emerald Ash Borer. Only one tree made it, but ambi-

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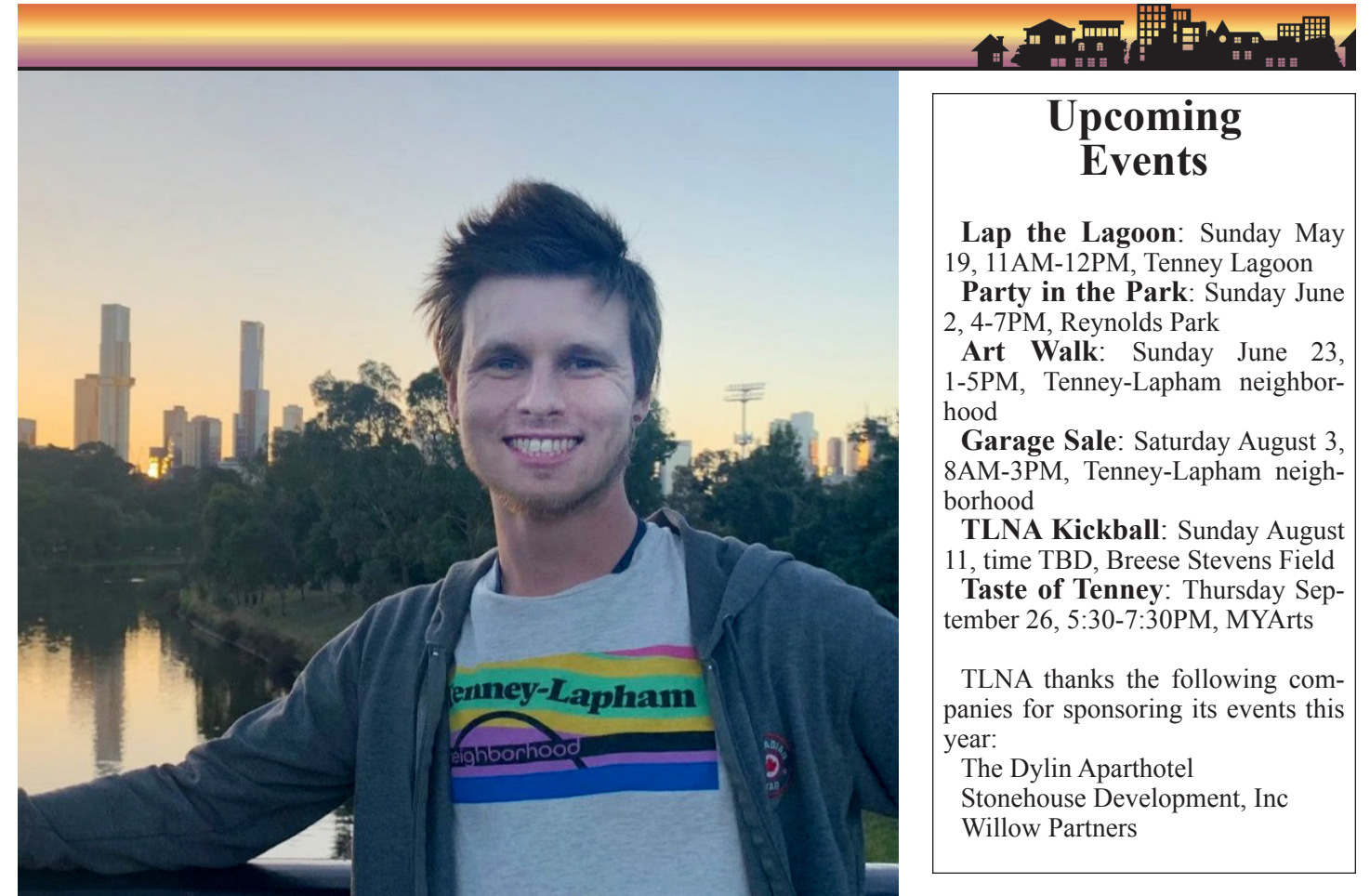
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Notes from the Vice President

By Will Ochowicz, Vice President

I'm writing to fill in for our president, Ryan McCormick, who is traveling for both work and pleasure. If you want to hear what he's been up to, ask him about his visit to a Munich Biergarten.

Spring is almost here, and with it our spring events! On Sunday April 21 we'll be hosting our Earth Day event, "Beers and Bikes". After spending the morning cleaning up the parks we will be hanging out at Tenney Pavilion with brewers and bike mechanics. Unfortunately by the time you're reading this issue the event will have already happened, but you will have the 10th anniversary of Party in the Park to look forward to! Party in the Park happens on June 2nd in Reynolds Park, and we will also have beer and bikes! This year we're going to have food, beer, and potentially bike races! We're applying to get

a permit to use the streets around Reynolds Park for bike races, obstacle courses, and generally celebrate our neighborhood streets.

In addition to events, the neighborhood association has been busy with other topics around the neighborhood. We've been working with the Parks Department to use the George Ferry building in Tenney Park for storage, working on special projects throughout the neighborhood, and delivering newsletters. A big issue that we continue to hear about is traffic issues including speeding and cars creating dangerous situations for bikers and pedestrians. Peter Beeson, our traffic calming chair, has been leading neighborhood meetings to discuss possible solutions to these issues. If you're interested in slowing down traffic and making our streets safer you should join one of the meetings.

I hope to see you at some TLNA events soon!

Upcoming Events

Lap the Lagoon: Sunday May 19, 11AM-12PM, Tenney Lagoon

Party in the Park: Sunday June 2, 4-7PM, Reynolds Park

Art Walk: Sunday June 23, 1-5PM, Tenney-Lapham neighborhood

Garage Sale: Saturday August 3, 8AM-3PM, Tenney-Lapham neighborhood

TLNA Kickball: Sunday August 11, time TBD, Breese Stevens Field

Taste of Tenney: Thursday September 26, 5:30-7:30PM, MYArts

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Free Mending Program

By Nancy Didion

Do you know someone whose pants need hemming? Has shirts that need buttons? A child that loves something that needs patching? Tenney Lapham Neighborhood



Co-organizers Nancy Didion on the left and Barbara Wink on the right.

resident runs a Goodman Community Center Program that provides FREE mending!

Someone referred to this program as “the best kept secret on the Eastside”. Initially, this mending service was run by The Sewing Machine Project, a local nonprofit which collects and repairs used sewing machines and then sends

them to areas of need in the U.S. The Sewing Machine Project also teaches sewing classes locally and offers free community mending at both Central and Hawthorne libraries.

(<https://thesewingmachineproject.org/contact-us/>)

The GCC’s community mending site closed down prior to the pandemic. The Goodman Center was eager to get these services offered again and in May 2023 Nancy Didion (TLNC neighbor) and Barbara Wink restarted the mending program.

There are over twenty-five volunteer sewists who sign up to mend during pantry hours on Tuesdays

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MGE’s energy supply mix is transitioning toward greater use of renewable resources as we target carbon emissions reductions of at least 80% by 2030 and net-zero carbon electricity by 2050.

Badger Hollow Solar Farm

In late 2023, the second 150-megawatt (MW) phase of Wisconsin’s largest solar project began serving MGE electric customers. MGE owns a total 100 MW of the 300-MW Badger Hollow Solar Farm in Iowa County. The first phase came online in late 2021. MGE’s share of the entire facility is expected to

and Wednesdays. They’ve repaired stuffed animals, leashes, coverlets and backpacks, to name a few, along with the usual attaching of buttons, patching, and hemming. Their talented volunteers work magic and are eager to take on the projects but, alas, not everything is capable of being saved AND they don’t put in new zippers.

Hours as of June 2024:

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Tyto Solar in Fitchburg

Tyto Solar is MGE’s latest solar project, expected online in early 2024. The 6-MW array in Fitchburg is a distributed energy resource, like our other Madison-area solar projects. This means it is connected directly to MGE’s distribution system. Tyto Solar will serve all MGE electric customers.

Upcoming Solar Projects

These projects are part of a number of renewable energy projects to help MGE achieve our industry-leading carbon reduction goals. MGE will own a share of these three large-scale solar energy projects under construction:

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Thanks For Embracing the Dane County Way



By Joe Parisi, Dane County Executive

This spring marks 13 years since I was first sworn in as Dane County Executive. Within that time, our community has experienced tremendous change. And while today’s headlines often tout nationwide dysfunction and division, Dane County government has remained steadfast in championing our people and shared future:

Our staff and partners worked tirelessly to provide timely resources

and financial support during COVID-19. From millions in small business grants and food pantry funding, to emergency rental assistance and mass testing/vaccination efforts, we used an all-hands-on-deck approach to help our community rebound from the pandemic’s worst impacts.

Improving access to behavioral health support through “Building Bridges” school-based mental health teams and the Behavioral Health Resource Center has benefited thousands of residents. My final budget pushes for even greater accessibility by adding crisis counselors to the 911 center and expanding Madison’s CARES program to more communities.

Since Day #1, we’ve prioritized protecting our lakes, caring for farmland, providing outdoor recreation, and combating climate change. Our programs within the Departments of Land & Water, Waste & Renewables, and the Office of Energy & Climate Change have made us a national leader and will pay dividends for generations to come.

We’ve also fortified Dane County’s social safety net. Through my additions of the Office of Immigration Affairs, the Division of Housing Access & Affordability, and the Tamara D. Grigsby Office for Equi-

ty & Inclusion, Dane County government stands at the ready to serve our most vulnerable and improve outcomes for everyone.

It has been the honor of a lifetime serving the people of Dane County, and I want to thank you for joining me in this endeavor. Your support for county-led initiatives, resilience during unprecedented times, and hope for a better tomorrow have allowed Dane County government to achieve remarkable things.

While my time as Dane County Executive is ending, I have no doubt that if our community sticks together, we will continue to overcome. We will continue to chart our own path. We will continue to build a better, brighter future for all who call this place home.

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Meet the TLNA Council

Molly Schuman Area Rep

Where were you born?
I was born in Madison and raised in Stoughton, WI

What was your first job?
My first job was at the now closed Cinema Cafe in Stoughton. I still crave their pizza!

Seen any good movies or read any good books lately?

The best book I read in 2023 was Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow by Gabrielle Zevin

What's your favorite place you've ever visited?

My sister lived in New Orleans for years and it's still my favorite place to visit.

Why do you choose to live in Madison?

There's many reasons I choose to live in Madison. The city has so many things to do and it's close to my parents. After college in Milwaukee, I moved back to Madison



in 2005. I was wooed to the Tenney Lapham neighborhood in 2012 by my now husband.

Why did you join TLNA?

I joined TLNA in 2022 as an area rep. I'm also on the events commit-

tee and get to plan fun stuff like the Taste of Tenney and resurrecting the Spring meeting. It's been fun getting to know more people in the neighborhood.

Angela Vellardita -- Area Rep

Where were you born?
Right here, in beautiful Madison!



What was your first job?

When I was 14, I was a dish washer and food prepper at Pizza Supreme on Johnson St. Can we all agree that aroma of onions and garlic cooking in olive oil might be the best smell in the entire world?

Seen any good movies or read any good books lately?

Nope was a phenomenal movie! I know, late to the game, but it's amazing. Maybe You Should Talk to Someone by Lori Gottlieb. All about a therapist needing to see a therapist! Really well written. Also, Under the Banner of Heaven by Jon Krakauer was a mind-blowing book.

What's your favorite place you've ever visited?

Water Island in the Virgin Islands. It is amazingly peaceful, there are less than 200 people who live on the

island year-round, and you use golf carts to get around. Highly recommend anyone to spend a week on the beach there and go snorkeling. Also, Savannah, GA. Absolutely gorgeous!!

Why do you choose to live in Madison?

It's home! I've lived in a few different states over the course of my life and something always brings me back here. But I love it, and as I've matured, I know this is where I'm meant to be.

Why did you join TLNA?

My sister! She's been on it for years and when she mentioned joining when I moved back to Madison in 2022, it sounded fun and what better way to meet my neighbors, and spend more time with her?



Springtime News from Mendota Rowing Club



By Amy Wencel

We've been incubating plans for the upcoming season's programming and now they are cracking open! Here are our egg-cellent 2024 public programs hatching at Bernard's Boathouse in James Madison Park.

This past winter Head Coach Heather hibernated only briefly and woke up early. She and staff coaches provided right-priced adult beginner indoor rowing. These eager students also enjoyed access to masters practices, and tank sessions at UW Porter Boathouse. Now the nestling land rowers are ready to fledge, stepping into boats for the first time. This off-season cohort benefits from a head-start on foundational skills covered in the summer classes, and a juicy discount on the 2024 Learn to Row instruction fee.

Rowing-curious adults, who might have seen the film *Boys in the Boat* or read the best-seller *Lessons in Chemistry* will be happy to learn we added to our usual three summer sessions. A four-consecutive-day "camp" session in July is open

to the flocks who want to start this beautiful sport.

Lake Mendota's February 28 ice-off inspired an urge to bust out class and camp registration earlier than usual. Since March, our website www.mendotarowingclub.com has been ready for sign-ups..

We also observed very warm interest in rowing at our table at Canoecopia in early March (thank you to Rutabaga's Darren Bush for letting us camp out with worthy watershed and conservation groups). It spurred us to open registration for

our free public open house "National Learn to Row Day" early, right after our displays were loaded out.

Enough about us, how about you? Want to get a peep at the club? Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 1. Come to the history-making boathouse from 12 to 4 pm. Visitors who reserve a seat will get a quick review of the fleet, a short rowing lesson on land, and then will go out for an excursion with experienced rowers in a coxed eight. We are beta-testing some new land demos, and brainstorming nutty tween/teen fun.

To reserve a seat for National Learn to Row Day, explore instruction, or get back in a boat after time away, start at www.mendotarowingclub.com

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June 24 - 28

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Who was Giddings and why is it named Giddings Park?

By Brian McCormick

When our house at 407 N. Brearly St was built in 1913, the block across from us, now home to Christ Presbyterian Church and Giddings Park, looked very different. The block was divided into two very large residential lots, each containing a large frame house. Both houses had a Gorham Street address, 930 and 952.

In 1941, 952 E. Gorham was owned by Charles. E. Giddings and his wife, Augusta Lee. It was described at one point as being distinguished by a number of rooftop cupolas. The Giddings house may have been Charles' family home. He lived there before his marriage to Augusta. However, in the city directories from 1898 through 1911, he and Augusta are listed as living at 726 E. Gorham, which was her family home. (This house, now demolished, was next to and northeast of Lincoln School.) The city directories do not show them living at 952 E. Gorham until 1916

Charles is strangely absent from note in the local papers. In the city directories, he is listed regularly, but without a job or career status, which most listings include. He is noted, under the church listings in the 1907 directory as treasurer of the board of trustees for Christ Presbyterian Church (then located at 124 Wisconsin Avenue.)

His lack of press is in contrast to his wife, Augusta Lee Giddings. She appeared often, being active in the local Women's Club. She was also featured in the Wisconsin State Journal (WSJ) in 1941 about people who had received two university degrees at one time. In 1893, she received an M.L. degree from the UW in absentia, while receiving her M.Ph. from the University of Michigan.

On October 5, 1943, Charles Giddings, took his own life. The WSJ

reported that "the suicide was due to despondency and ill health." Not long after her husband passed, Mrs. Giddings decided that she could not continue to live in the big house by herself. She proposed to the city that she would be willing to sell the property to the city at a reduced rate for use as a city park. This must have been a cause close to her heart because she had made the same offer on another property, which she owned back in 1916.

She had inherited property at 726 E. Gorham from her parents with its brick house on the lake next to Lincoln School. In an August 1916 issue of the WSJ, an article appears of Mrs. Giddings offering this lot to the city at a bargain price for use as a park. The owner of a neighboring lot was joining her in this proposal. Those lots are now part of James Madison Park and the Lincoln School Apartments' underground parking.

So, in 1944, she made the same offer to the city for the 952 E. Gorham property. The city acted quickly, because their purchase of the large lakeside lot was reported in the March 9, 1944, WSJ. By late July, the WSJ reported that the Giddings house was being demolished for the park. The city decided to honor the Giddings by naming the park after them.

In 1955, the WSJ reported that the city was eyeing the Sullivan property next to Giddings Park to extend the park to a full city block. However, Mrs. Sullivan's attorney wanted to develop the property into apartments. He said, "Giddings Park is used only by hoodlums and is no credit to the city." The city did not buy the property, but neither were apartments built.

Instead, in 1956, Christ Presbyterian Church, then located downtown at 124 Wisconsin Avenue, bought the Sullivan property with the intention of building a new church.



Mrs. Augusta Giddings signing the papers to sell her property for Giddings Park with the Mayor F.Halsey Kraege standing behind (1944). Photo used with permission of the WHS.

The church soon negotiated with the city to make a partial property swap. They would trade the lake-front portion of their newly purchased Sullivan lot, in exchange for the Gorham-fronting portion of Giddings Park. Giddings Park would then have a larger lake frontage running from Brearly Street to Castle Place. The church would have the entire portion fronting on Gorham, a benefit of more visibility and parking. It seemed a win/win situation and the city agreed.

Construction of the new church in 1961 was not without controversy. Neighbors complained of the loss of a "pleasant grove of elms and oaks." Then excavators accidentally dug a large hole in the park property, opening up a rubble filled basement of the previously demolished Sullivan house. A small replica of the Statue of Liberty, which had been installed on the Gorham side of old Giddings Park, had to be moved since it now was on church

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Somewhere On A Porch In Tenney-Lapham In The Year 2049

By Willie Stedden, Area Rep

Alright, gather round folks. Here's a little trip down memory lane. See that young person riding their bike down the street over there? Well, that wasn't always so easy in this neighborhood. Back when I first moved here, the streets were lined with cars, traffic was a constant worry as our kids darted across the highways that ran right through our neighborhoods. Not to mention, we were all breathing in fumes and tire particles--and you wouldn't even believe the noises cars made back then. But today, as I sit on my porch, gaze out onto the green space that surrounds me, and take a deep breath, it's hard to believe that this is the same neighborhood I once knew.

Our streets didn't start to look like this overnight. No, the transformation of Tenney-Lapham was a gradual process. Removing on-street parking and narrowing the roads was met with skepticism at first. Many residents, myself included, wondered how we'd ever get around town. But as the years went by, it

became clear that the benefits outweighed the inconvenience. Slowly, 2 car households dropped to 1 car, and 1 car households went car free. Our cycling and transit infrastructure improved to compensate, and it seemed like everybody got one of those adorable little cargo bikes to take the littles to school in. And for the trips that still needed a car, we borrowed from the neighborhood carshare, where one shared car could do the work of 10 private cars.

I can remember the conversations that used to go around in circles for hours as everybody tried to figure out how we could squeeze in a few trees here and there, or how we could make our streets safer for walking and biking, or even how we could make our neighborhood feel spacious in light of all the development going up around us. But once we realized how much of our neighborhood was actually taken up by cars, it became obvious. With the streets cleared, and parking lots turned to parks, space was reclaimed for greenery and socializing. What was once barren asphalt

could come to life. The canopy trees that were planted decades ago grew up into the majestic giants you can see today. Our neighborhood was always pretty "cool" (as they used to say back in my day). And thanks to their shade, our neighborhood has stayed cool even as the summers have gotten hotter and hotter.

But perhaps the most remarkable aspect of our neighborhood's transformation is the sense of community that has emerged.

As we worked together to create a more sustainable neighborhood, we forged bonds that have lasted as well. Of course, there were challenges along the way. Change is never easy, and some folks resisted the transformation of our neighborhood. But in the end, a lot of great things got done. Looking back, I've gotta say, I feel a sense of pride in what we accomplished here.

Anyway, enough of my history lesson, let's go take a walk through East Washington Park.

If you have ideas for more future imaginings of our neighborhood send them to TLNA Council Area

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Bikes & Brews -- Spring Membership Meeting

By Lia Vellardita, Events Chair

TLNA's spring membership meeting, Bikes & Brews, this year was held on Sunday April 21 at Tenney pavilion. Thanks to several amazing organizations, this family-friendly Earth Day event garnered upwards of 200-250 people throughout the day, mostly outside enjoying the gorgeous weather while getting bikes maintained.

The wonderful teams from several groups made this a fantastic success: Wheels for Winners and Dream Bikes provided bike tuning; Madison Police Department offered bike tuning and the safety obstacle course for young riders; Wisconsin Bike Fed had bike safety and bicycling information on hand; The Cargo Bike Shop had two cargo bikes on site for test rides; Madison Parks Department promoted volunteering for Ride the Drive; Isthmus Carshare attended to raise awareness of this new car sharing cooperative; and Vintage Brewing Company supplied the beer and root beer that quenched many thirsts.

TLNA thanks the following organizations for participating in Bikes & Brews:

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tion for the Party in the Park grew thanks to an influx of energy and ideas from caring neighbors. We talked about 'friendraising' and used name-tags, QR coded scavenger hunt, and a mapping activity to get folks talking to each other and feeling more connected to the neighborhood. The schedule of events for the party varied over the decade, ebbing and flowing with the offerings of generous local businesses and the talents of our neighbors.

Some highlights included a doggy parade & fashion show, musical performances (VO5!), displays of handmade puppets and marionettes from Ken Vogel, good eats from Underground's food truck and the Johnson Public House bike cart, delicious pineapple soda the year Robin Room opened (that was gone in 30 minutes!), and always a range of beers made special for the party and served on a volunteer lawn just outside the limits of the park. There were performances by unicyclists, drum circles, sprinklers in the street, lots of good vibes, and more little delights than we could list.

There was that one year that the principal of Lapham Elementary School scooped free Chocolate Shoppe ice cream for a very long line of excited kids for an hour,

and the year a neighbor built an extravagant maze structure out of cardboard boxes that covered nearly half the park! Burnie's Rock Shop brought a sandbox for kids to dig for fossils and stones and Festival provided a flow of watermelon, veggie platters, and popcorn. There was roller skating on the rooftop and yoga demonstrations and opportunities to get a massage or some color added to your hair (Thanks Reanna, whose Salona is on the corner of the park!).

Every year has been a little different, but Madison Water Utility has remained a constant partner, allowing the wall to be decorated with chalk art and the well to be opened for what has become a beloved peek into where our drinking water comes from. Lots of money has been raised over the years – large gifts were given to Lapham Elementary, an edible garden was planted along Mifflin Street, and bike racks were added near the playground. It has been a decade of change for the neighborhood, but the 2024 Party in the Park promises, once again, to bring neighbors together for a relaxing afternoon of fun. We hope to see you there!

Party in the Park 2024 is on Sunday, June 2nd from 4-7PM. Everyone is welcome!

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Puppet by Ken Vogel

2024 Annual Artwalk

By Sharon Redinger

On Sunday, June 23, 2024, 1-5pm you will experience the Tenney/Lapham Neighborhood's 22nd Annual Art Walk. Eleven visual artists who live in our neighborhood will exhibit their original artwork. Use this map to guide yourself to each of the artist's home exhibits. Look for a fuchsia-colored sign at

each artist's house. The artists have described their own artwork in the following paragraphs. For more information, email: sharonredinger@gmail.com Get additional maps at 408 Washburn Place.

Parking is available in the Christ Presbyterian Church parking lot, 1000 block of East Gorham.

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June 23, 2024, 1-5pm
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WATERCOLOR PAINTING

The close-up world of leaves and the splendor of landscape has captured Sharon's attention in her painting. Sharon's watercolor style is described as Hard-edge Watercolor Painting. Multiple layers of color washes create saturated colors and dark shadows. Sharon also paints a series of fruit paintings called "Fruitful Art". redingercreations.com

1. Bill Redinger, 408 Washburn Place
608-695-2169, billredinger@gmail.com

SERIGRAPH PRINTING & WATERCOLOR PAINTING

Bill has finds it enjoyable to depict scenes from creation—imitating nature. My favorite subject matter is wild flowers—flowers that have become a metaphor of the brevity of life. The prints Bill creates capture the light and fleeting beauty of objects of nature. Bill is also working on a watercolor series, called "Fruitful Art". He paints veggies. redingercreations.com

2. Chris Julson & Mike Franke
421 N. Paterson Street #2
608-219-0088, cjulson@sbcglobal.net

PHOTOGRAPHY

Chris and Mike have managed to combine two of their favorite pastimes: travel and photography. Mike has been traveling the world since the early 70s with Chris joining him in the mid-80s. Together they have visited over 70 countries. Photos and photo cards from all 7 continents are on display. Though neither is a professional photographer, both enjoy making photos that capture the faces and places they've visited. They enjoy sharing them with their families and friends. Chris will have a solo exhibit featuring her travel photos at the PhotoMidwest Studio,

Siberian Iris by Bill Redinger



Duck Pond, March Evening, watercolor by Brian McCormick

700 Rayovac Drive, Madison, during July & August.

3. Brian McCormick, 407 North Brearly Street
608-695-4369, brianmc52@yahoo.com

WATERCOLORS & WOODBLOCK PRINTS

Previously a preservation architect, Brian now spends some of his time in retirement making art. He has painted since he was a child but didn't try watercolors until college. He did not take a woodblock printmaking class until after his retirement. He often combines the two media, adding watercolor to his prints. He is inspired by the local natural and built environments, especially trees, gardens, prairies and water. More of Brian's work can be seen at U-Frame-It on Johnson Street; Outside the Lines Art Gallery in both Dubuque, Iowa, and Galena, Illinois; and at his website: brianmccormick.artspan.com.

4. Ken Vogel, 917 East Dayton Street
608-256-8131

PUPPET MAKER

"I've been making puppets, mostly string but also hand, for over fifty years. Most of them are of people, famous and not, but there are animal ones as well. The heads are made of papier-mâché and the bodies of cardboard and newspaper tubes. I sew the costumes on

my 1940's Singer. I welcome commissions and requests for specific

characters."

5. Mary Gill, 941 East Dayton Street
608-217-4133, izaatrini2@gmail.com

PAINTING

"I grew up in Trinidad and Tobago but have lived in the USA for over 30 years. Many of my paintings are about my Caribbean experience. I am a graduate of UW-Madison in Art Education. Though I work mainly with oil paint, I recently began to work with collage using fabric and paper where I continue to explore imagery that addresses my

Caribbean experience."

6. Evie Woltil Richer, 122 N. Brearly

Evie works in three different mediums. She is an illustrator who works predominantly in gouache, watercolor, and colored pencils.

7. Sharon Gould, 422 N Few Street
608-669-1687, sharongould66@gmail.com

PORTRAITURE- black/white charcoal drawings, PHOTOGRAPHY

As a student of the local art studio, Atwood Atelier, Sharon draws portraits from live models. She works

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Vietnamese Boat, photography by Chris Julson

Our House Concerts Roll into 13th Year

By Anne Katz

It's hard to believe, but we just entered our 13th year of Our House Concerts here at 451 N. Few St. What started off as a one-and-done whim has turned into a serious love affair with musicians, audiences, and music as the universal language of people.

We kicked off our 13th year with a great NY Eve show with Madison's own super duo, Chris Wagoner and Mary Gaines. We followed that up with LVDY, a wonderful duo from Colorado, then Danni Nicholls and Sara Peacock rolled in from Nashville. And in March, Milwaukee's guitar phenomenon, Willy Porter, outdid himself during his third show here and our 90th concert at Our House.

What?! 90?! Yes, we are heading onward, hoping to hit our 100th concert sometime in 2025. So what's on tap for the coming months? The grand Nashville bluegrass/Americana duo, The Rough and Tumble, return for an encore performance on Friday, May 10. Weather permitting, that should be

our first outdoor show of the year. Thanks to our gracious neighbors, Madeline, Bret and their two girls, Wren and Annie, we transitioned to outdoor shows in their backyard during the pandemic. Now we are hooked on those outdoor shows, under the birch trees and early evening moonlight (Rad Lorkovic from Chicago said It was like "playing in the Carnegie Hall of backyard concerts."). During the summer we will host Ruth Wyand, a blues wonder from North Carolina (Saturday, July 20), singer/songwriter Mike Vitale from LA (Friday, August 10), and back indoors with Door County musical powerhouse Katie Dahl on Saturday, November 9.

Of course, we couldn't do it without all the thousands of folks who have turned out for these concerts, and the great musicians who show up from all over the US, Canada and the UK. Yes, it's true, we've gotten requests this past year from artists from Italy, Brazil and Australia wanting to line up a show with us. We are still getting five or more requests each month from agents and artists wanting to play here.



Katie Dahl

Thanks to websites like Concerts in Your Home, we have definitely been discovered.

And then there are the local WORT hosts like Brian Hirsch and Chris Powers and Simply Folk's Sile Shigley, who provide tremendous help by promoting our shows and doing on-air interviews with our performers, and the Madison Folk Music Society and the radio station MaxInk, which promote our shows around the area.

And while we are handing out bouquets, hats off to Allison Russell, our one and only Our House Grammy winner. Allison played here three times with her husband JT Nero and their band Birds of Chicago. Now she's getting tons of airplay for her two stellar albums while touring with Brandi Carlisle and other national stars.

Of course, people often ask us why we do these concerts. Aren't they a ton of work? Don't you get tired of hauling up chairs from your basement, cleaning your house, and putting up with strangers showing up at your home? Yes, they are a lot of work. Promoting the concerts, telling so many talented performers

Mike Vitale

sorry, we can't host you now because we only do 8-10 shows per year, and getting the house ready IS work. And those damn chairs!

But the benefits far outweigh the negatives. We love live music, and we've heard dozens of amazing artists right in our living room. We get countless positive strokes and have gained so many new friends from our performers and our guests. There's nothing like sharing a meal and a bottle of wine with people like Willy Porter, Martyn Joseph, Garnet Rogers, Ellis Paul, Claudia Schmidt, Vance Gilbert or Birds of Chicago after a night of grand music.

The house concert surge, so we're told, is a growing trend across the US and other countries. Our musicians are wonderfully talented people who work hard at their craft, traveling thousands of miles each year to spread the joy of live music. And did we mention the power and magic of building community at the same time?

So help keep Our House and other music venues alive by showing up for a show on those cold Wisconsin nights and warm summer eve-



Allison Russell

nings. Send us a message or a text to get on our email list and check our Facebook page @OurHouseConcerts. Music keeps us young and alive and hopeful, even in the darkest of days.

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15 years With Our Neighborhood Progressive Potluck

By Sharon Redinger

15 years ago, Jane, Ellen and I sat down to plan our first neighborhood progressive potluck for residents of Paterson, Prospect, Washburn and Castle Place. Except for the pandemic years, we have gathered every April and October with at least 30 people in attendance. We take turns hosting, as the hors d'oeuvre

house, the salad house and the dessert house, with everyone who attends signing up to bring food. Through the years, we have had a mix of long-time residents and new residents, retired residents and graduate students, young families and singles and homeowners and renters. We meet on Sundays from 5-8pm, spending one hour at each house before we walk onto the next house. When one hour is over, con-

versations end and we pick up a new conversation with a different set of people at the next house. We only stay at each house for an hour because it keeps everything fresh. We have chosen Sunday nights because it allows people to still have their weekends. It's always an enjoyable time, allowing us to learn things about each other that we never knew and growing relationships in our neighborhood.

Art Walk 2024

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to bring in personality and contrast to make the portrait come alive, identifying the subtle expression or the glint in the eye. Her analytical style brings in a lifelike rendering of the subject. Her approach focuses on two medium styles – black charcoal on toned paper, highlighting with white charcoal. She also focuses on the reverse – white charcoal on black paper, drawing from the negative.

Building on this experience, she also focuses on photography throughout her travels – always looking for that one shot that tells a story, bringing the viewer back for another look.

8. Ripley Patzlaff, 1206 Elizabeth Street

608-334-7520, michweb6@gmail.com

DIGITAL ART, PAINTING, CLAY, JEWELRY

Ripley has lived in Tenney/Lapham all her life. She has a passion for art and has begun exploring digital art. She loves creating new characters and gets her inspiration from books and DnD role-playing with friends. Her graphic designs truly capture the essence of her imaginative characters. Every detail, color and expression is carefully woven into an image that leaves you wondering what led to that snapshot in time—the mischievous grin, the laughter, the melancholy or the loneliness. You can tell your own story. She also enjoys creat-

ing unique jewelry, ornaments, and clay creatures. She will be sharing some of her art for all to enjoy & welcomes you to step into her creative realm.

9. Sandy Froeschner, 1225 Elizabeth St.

608-458-6353, roach.sandy@gmail.com

KNIT BABY HATS

Sandy loves to knit, especially baby hats, and with high quality soft and beautiful yarns. Most hats are made with superwash merino wool yarns which are machine washable. Many exciting colors to choose from! Please come by and check it out!

See map at page 23



The 2024 Tenney Lapham Neighborhood Yard Sale Is Coming Up Fast! Saturday, August 3, 8 am - 3 pm

By Anne Katz

August will be here before you know it. Join your neighbors at the annual Tenney-Lapham neighborhood yard sale, happening Saturday, August 3, 8 am - 3 pm, with great stuff to buy all over the neighborhood.

Please sign up to sell your stuff at the yard sale by visiting [https://](https://forms.gle/f9QFRijU4sQTqzXv6)

forms.gle/f9QFRijU4sQTqzXv6

Thanks to neighbor Bob Shaw for overseeing the Google map of participating locations and promoting the sale on Craigslist and other on-line outlets.

If you have any questions please contact Anne Katz, Yard Sale Coordinator, at

tenneyyardsale@gmail.com

Out and About in the Neighborhood

"It's a joy being out with my dog in the park during the golden hour. Sometimes the heavenly bodies along with the lagoon's mirror images make for a photo op like this "moon shot." Eric Bertun



Mendota Rowing Club

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July 15 - 19
July 29 - August 2
Email hswan@mendotarowingclub.com for more info.

Adult Learn to Row Sessions. Fee includes Novice membership through August 31. Sessions 1, 2, and 4 meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:15 to 8:30 PM. Session 3 ("Camp") is four consecutive evenings Sunday through Wednesday, 6:15 to 8:30 PM.

June 4 to 13. \$370

June 18 to 27. \$320

Camp: July 7 to 10. \$270

July 23 to August 1. \$220

Email learntorow@mendotarowingclub.com for info

So Shiny

The steel dock that's usually next to the City's rentable small-boat racks had a makeover. A member's business, Custom Metals, Inc. galvanized this stalwart fixture. Wow-ee! (Look them up! They do fantastic design and fabrication.)

Be reminded that the steel dock is stored, re-assembled, installed, fixed as needed, re-adjusted for water level changes, cleared of weeds, galvanized, and hauled out in fall, by members of Mendota Rowing Club, Inc., who owns it; it's not public City property. The floating dock down the way does belong to the City.

When rowing practices are not in session, you are totally welcome "borrow" the Club's dock. Hang out, fish, swim, stargaze, and launch your kayak. Do not moor your seaplane. Clean up after yourselves. If you feel like showing your appreciation for the rowing club dock, we'll gladly take your free-will donation. <https://mendotarowingclub.com/Donate-Page>



Welcome to the Neighborhood, Turtle Island Dispensary

Q & A With Ian Marsden

Turtle Island Dispensary is a new arrival at 831 East Johnson St., selling THCA and D9 cannabis products. Owner Ian Marsden worked wholesale for cannabis manufacturers and suppliers before deciding to offer his own direct to consumer products at affordable prices.

Why Johnson St?

I used to live in the building next door, I've taken my kids to the parks around here. This part of Johnson St, is very accepting of everybody. And it has a certain style to it that you can't really find anywhere else, you know, there's a charm over here. It's special, too, so I want to be a part of this neighborhood.

As a business owner, I know that this neighborhood will take care of

local businesses if you take care of your customer base. So we want to have a really good customer experience for people, and have things like speed dating, market days, comedy nights that just add to the neighborhood.

Tell me about the events you're hosting.

We started yoga every day for February. There'll be Wednesday 9:30 pm comedy, Thursdays we have a special from 4:20-7:10 pm where you can buy one, get one free on a lot of our edibles and some of our smokeable products. And Friday we have a special for women – we're going to sell women's reproductive products here, and they can get a \$5 joint with it. And Saturday we have the Market days, from 1pm-6pm, it'll be a rotating cast of artists and



craftspeople and some drinks on tap, so it'll be something kinda new every week that people can check out after the farmer's market. And on Sunday, we're going to do speed dating at 7pm. We want to build a community and be a part of the community.

Similar to a brewery?

A nonalcoholic bar. NA bars are becoming a very important part of society – alcohol has its place, but to be able to have a social setting that's not geared towards alcohol is really important and fits well in this neighborhood.

Who was Giddings and why is it named Giddings Park?

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property. This statue eventually was moved and installed in Warner Park.

By April 1963, Christ Presbyterian had left their Wisconsin Avenue building to take up residence on Gorham Street in their brand-new church. Augusta Lee Giddings lived to see the new church completed and a lakefront park bearing her and her late husband's name. She died in July of 1964 at the age of 96.



Thinking Solar?

By Lauren Cohen

Are you interested in installing solar but are unsure where to start? MadiSUN, the City of Madison's initiative to expand solar energy, is excited to announce its 2024 Solar Group Buy Program!

This program, administered by RENEW Wisconsin, brings together households from across Dane County, using their collective buying power to secure great deals on rooftop solar installations. MadiSUN issues a Request for Proposals that is open to dozens of solar installers in the area, who compete to serve the group. A committee helps review each competing bid and selects preferred installation partners to serve the group buy. When participants sign up, MadiSUN refers them to the selected companies for a free site assessment and customized proposal.

Here's what Tenney Lapham Neighborhood resident Mallory VanMeeter, a 2023 Group Buy Participant had to say. "After moving into the neighborhood a few years ago, my partner and I started looking into the possibility of installing solar on our home. The MadiSUN Program made going solar an even easier choice! Through the MadiSUN program, we were connected with a vetted solar installer and got an upfront discount on our panels. Now that they are installed, we are looking forward to fretting a little less about running the AC this summer."

Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to go solar, save money on your energy bills, and contribute to a sustainable future. To sign up or learn more, contact MadiSUN at madisun@renewwisconsin.org or visit madisunsolar.org. We look forward to helping you harness the power of the sun to energize your home!

By Lauren Cohen Program Manager for RENEW Wisconsin, MadiSUN



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More Solar Serving MGE Customers

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will own 20 MW of solar capacity and 11 MW of battery storage at this project in the town of Paris in Kenosha County. It is expected online in 2024.

□ Darien Solar Energy Center – MGE will own 25 MW of solar capacity at this project in the town of Bradford in Rock County and the town of Darien in Walworth County. It is expected online this year.

□ Koshkonong Solar Energy Center – MGE will own 30 MW of solar energy from this facility to be located in the towns of Christiana and Deerfield in Dane County. The Koshkonong facility is expected online in 2026.

Learn more about our renewable projects, energy efficiency and new technologies at mge2050.com.



When, Who, and Why to Call the Madison Police Department for Non-emergencies

By Mary Lang Sollinger, Area Rep

At the February TLNA Council Meeting, questions were raised about when, who and why to call for police assistance for situations when there is not a 911 immediate crisis situation.

Here is a practical and easy format for contacting our Central Service District Police Officers for a timely response.

CALL: 608-255-2345

You will hear a Dane County Public Safety Non-emergency Line recording. Dane County public Safety oversees and dispatches MPD Officers to non-emergency and emergency calls. Follow the call prompts.

Some of the options include:

- #5 for parking violations
- #6 an occurring now event
- #7 already occurred event or an on-duty officer, when in doubt, use this extension
- #8 public safety department
- #9 for all other information

Please put 608-255-2345 in your cell phones and take a screenshot and put the above list on your refrigerator.

Consider sharing the screen shot with neighbors who would appreciate this reminder or didn't receive the TLNA newsletter, The Bridge.

Officer Ryan Jeffries and Mary Lang Sollinger, TLNA Area Rep



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458 N Few (A/O)	885	\$319,900
925 E Dayton (A/O)	1042	\$365,000
955 E Gorham	1626	\$525,000

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7 Sherman Ter #5	7	\$214,900	\$240,000
2 Sherman Ter #2	15	\$279,900	\$245,000
201 N Blair #203	7	\$279,900	\$275,000
311 N Hancock #234	89	\$375,000	\$350,000
625 E Mifflin #215	7	\$375,000	\$365,000
201 N Blair #206	25	\$384,900	\$380,000
123 N Blount #204	13	\$450,000	\$425,000
309 N Blount	6	\$449,900	\$440,000
20 N Baldwin	1	\$425,000	\$460,000
825 E Mifflin #210	180	\$515,000	\$472,000
850 E Gorham	5	\$589,900	\$560,000
423 N Ingersoll	6	\$675,000	\$726,000

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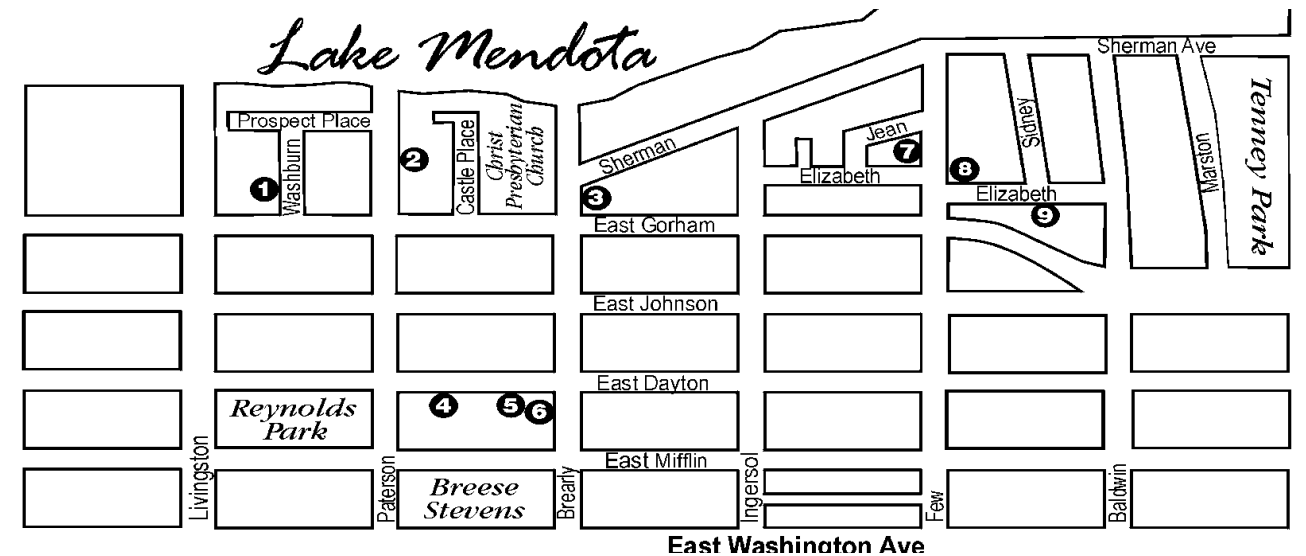
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More info: cpcmadison.org/fridge

Art Walk Map 2024

<https://tenneylapham.org/events/2024-events/art-walk-2024/>



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