

# The Bridge

TENNEY-LAPHAM NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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photo Tyler Lark

Lia Vellardita, Events Chair

Events are in full swing in the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood. TLNA had its spring meeting back in April on Earth Day. To celebrate and honor the occasion, we had a picnic at James Madison Park Shelter and enjoyed tours of Mendota Rowing Club right next door. Thanks are due to Festival Foods for the food they donated. While the weather kept many away (damp, cold temperatures and gusty winds off the lake made only the most intrepid and hearty of souls come out), we still had a great turnout. At the meeting we voted on two by-laws changes and enjoyed catching up with neighbors and meeting new ones.

TLNA's next event was Party in the Park, which had a massive turnout. This time the weather cooperated, giving us a beautiful afternoon/evening in Reynolds Park the first Sunday in June. Some perennial and ever popular favorites returned—the Water Utility tour, Reanna's Salona, and Elmore Lawson's drum circle. On offer as well were PITP newcomers: The Curious Crafter came with a plinko game and PITP-themed bookmarks and tiles; the Yoga Co-Op of Madison, celebrating its 20th year, gave tours of their space and demos (we found a few of them in various yoga poses throughout the

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# A Name With Meaning

Ryan McCormick

It's an object or an idea that brings two sides together. In the most common sense of the word, it's joining one piece of land to another. In our gem of a neighborhood, there is a Beautiful one; a functional piece of art, joining one side of Tenney Park with the other. Within the familial community of our neighborhood, there are many bridges, bringing a multitude of objects, people, and ideas together.

East Johnson Street contains a bridge that allows commuters to pass both within and through our neighborhood, both over and under itself, on the bike path or river. It brings commuters from all over the greater Madison area, including employees and employers from

myriad professions, students of all ages, fitness junkies on wheels of all breeds. T-L's Dryhooch is a bridge between military veterans and those of us needing a good cup of coffee or somewhere to hang out; Veterans displaying their talent as artists while honing their skills within a small business meet patrons from all walks of life. The Beacon and Salvation Army are bridges just outside this neighborhood, both joining citizens trying to find their footing with those who can help them do that.

TLNA events such as Party in the Park and Taste of Tenney attempt to join the association and everyone within the neighborhood. An extension of that desire to reach all corners of the neighborhood is this

very newsletter in your hands or on your screen. The content of our neighborhood association newsletter is curated, written, drawn, painted, or otherwise created, and then published, emailed, and delivered by us, for you. We the creators of this are not only trying to join you on the other side of this; we are trying to join all of you together amongst yourselves.

In the last newsletter we held a contest to put a new name on the cover. There were multiple submissions for the same name, The Bridge. We love it and we hope you do too. The beautiful new art on the masthead was done by Christine Knorr on E Mifflin. If you're reading the printed copy, do yourself a favor and seek out the digital version in all its sunset color splendor. Thanks for reading The Bridge.

# 5th Annual Tenney Lap

Tony Sturm

On May 21, nearly a score of watercraft successfully lapped the Tenney Park Lagoon. Nautically minded neighbors paddled at varying speeds to complete the challenge.

For those who chose to race, the finish was uncharacteristically close, with 3/4 of the Staples family (of Sherman Ave) edging out 2/3 of the Eklund/Gracia family (of Sydney St) by less than half a length. "It is weird to win a race where most people aren't competing to win, it feels a little like you worked too hard," said David Staple.

The roughly 2 furlong-long route was finished by the fastest boats in under 8 minutes, which is less time than it takes to hard boil an egg or listen to that opus of the 1970s by Don McLean.

"For the fifth year in a row, no boats sank, no drownings were reported to management, and there were no bear maulings," said event organizer Tony Sturm (of Few St.)

to his wife, Erica Turner, while he was writing this article. "So I consider it a moderate success." Once again, there was no karaoke.

"What was noteworthy was--was it the yucky, milky water?" said Dr Turner (of Few St), when reached for comment. She pondered this question for a moment, then offered another opinion, "I think what was most noteworthy is that the hams were back, and the weather was good!"

Conditions were idyllic. An ear-

lier milky-like algae bloom had largely dissipated allowing younger competitors to become briefly entertained by the local fauna, including a garfish, nesting swallows, and panfish.

The Froeschner family (of Elizabeth St) brought radishes as requested, and were rewarded with a Lap-ham.

Also notable was the record turnout of spectators scattered around the shoreline and finish line at the Most Beautiful Bridge. "It fuels you through the race to have those spec-

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## From the President

Tyler Lark

Howdy neighbors, welcome to the Summer issue of the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood newsletter! As you may have noticed, we've bestowed upon this quarterly publication a spiffy new name, "the bridge," an allusion to its purpose of connecting neighbors and to our iconic footbridge in Tenney Park. Get the full story behind the name and design in the article on page 3.

Summer is in full swing here on the isthmus. Whether it's a Forward game at Breese Stevens, a festival in the Marquette neighborhood, or one of our own TLNA events, fun is always just few steps away.

TLNA kicked off the summer festivities with our annual block party, "Party in the Park," held at Reynolds Field. The weather was gorgeous, and the beverages were cold and flowing--just like the sprinkler in the street. Check out the highlights later in this issue to relive the magic or build your anticipation for next year. 2024 will mark the 10th anniversary of this iteration of the

event, which descended from the long-loved Cork 'N' Bottle block party. We will celebrate next year with an even bigger bash, so mark your calendars now for late afternoon on the first Sunday in June.

Still on deck for this summer, we have the annual TLNA Art Walk on June 25th, the beloved Chicken Coop and Garden Tour on July 2nd, and the neighborhood-wide Yard Sale on August 5th. See the announcements and blurbs throughout this newsletter for further details on

each event.

What else is new in the neighborhood? Over the last few months, TLNA got the scoop from several local businesses while lending our support for their applications for City licenses. A few of the highlights include a new art and entertainment space, Dark Star Art Bar, set to open at 756 E Wash; a new craft cocktail bar (with food to be provided by Jackknife) to open at 709 E Johnson; and Cargo Coffee to continue providing extraordinary live music every Friday and Saturday in their space at 750 E Wash. Local businesses are what help make our neighborhood so livable and lively, and we're excited to see them continue to grow and thrive.

If you're ready to get more involved with your community, we're always looking for people to help with TLNA activities, and at any level--on the board, on standing and ad-hoc committees, or even for a single event or project. If anything in the neighborhood (or in this newsletter) strikes your fancy and you want to contribute, reach out to the folks listed on the inside cover, and we'll help you get connected.

As always, be sure to join the TLNA email listserv at <https://groups.io/g/tlna> for the most up-to-date info and opportunities. For now, grab yourself a comfy seat, a cold bev, and some space to enjoy the articles in our summertime edition of The Bridge. And until next time, Tenney to you!

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## Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Yard Sale

Anne Katz, Yard Sale Coordinator

Hi neighbors! It may seem like summer is a long way away but it'll be here soon enough! One of the big neighborhood events is the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood yard sale. It is happening this year on Saturday, August 5, 8am-3pm. Sell some of the stuff in your house, make some money (with a donation of a small percentage of your proceeds to the neighborhood association, we hope), and see neighbors and friends.

There will be a Google map with locations (to be updated as people register, and when you click on an icon it will display items available at that address), and good publicity on social media, thanks to neighbor



Bob Shaw. And thanks to the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association for sponsoring.

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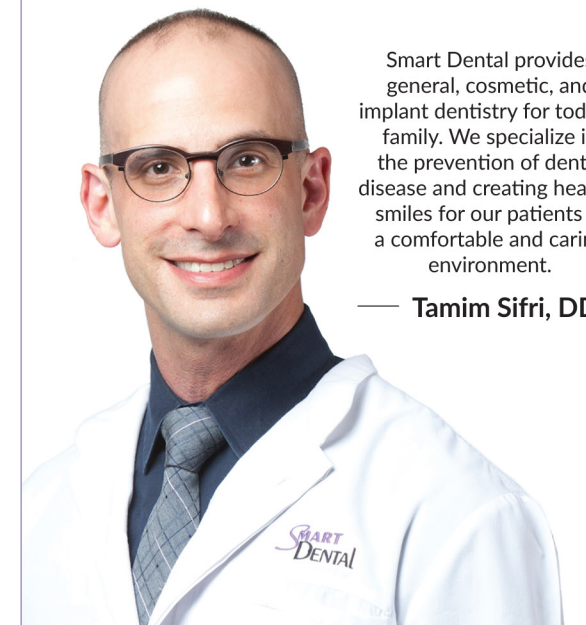
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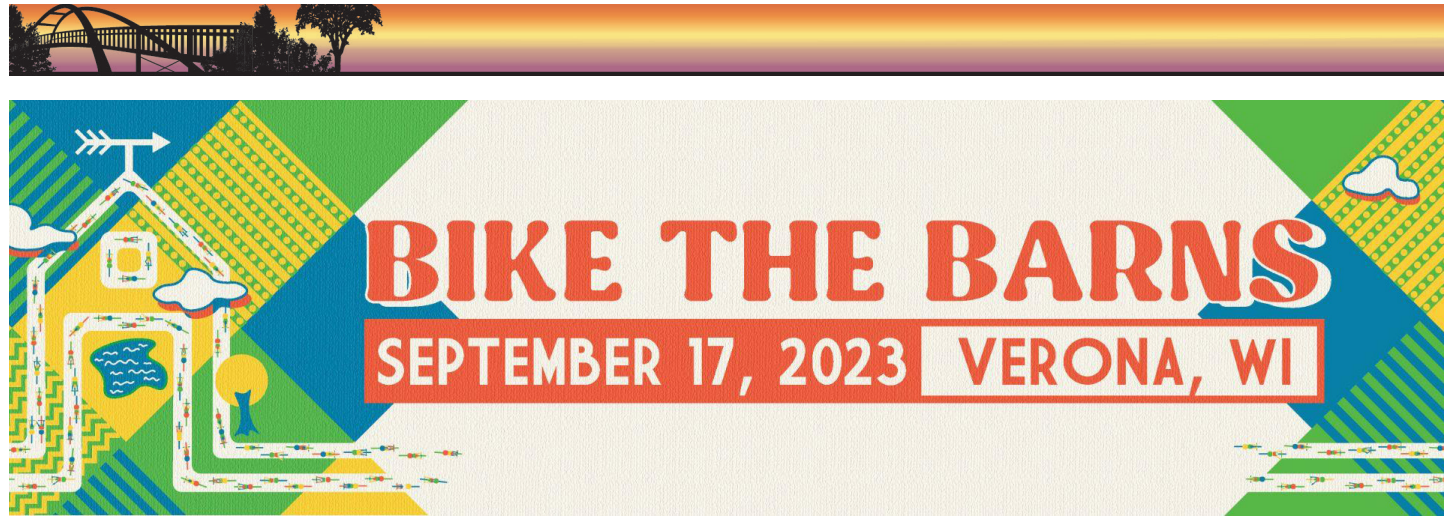
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ily! Bike the Barns is a day full of community fun, local food, festive music, and farm tours. This year riders will visit Crossroads Community Farm, Farley Center, Prairie Bluff Farm, and Snug Haven Farm. Registration is open now and spots fill up fast! Learn more and secure your place in the ride at the website <https://www.csacoalition.org/bike-the-barns>. You can enjoy the same farm tours, gourmet local food,

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## New Washington Avenue Development Proposed

By William Ochowicz, TLNA Development Chair

Willow Partners has proposed a new 14-story building at 702-734 E Washington Avenue. The site is currently occupied by the former QTI building and the Post Office annex, near the Reynolds Transfer and Storage warehouse. Preliminary plans showed 260-280 units of housing, including a mix of studios, 1, 2, and 3 bedroom units, ground floor retail space, office space, and a community center on the ground floor. The developer said that the community space would be on the ground floor and open to the public, although it isn't clear in what capacity.

Reaction to the proposal was mixed at the first public meeting on Tuesday, May 30th. Some neighbors appreciated that this would add

more housing while also continuing East Washington's redevelopment. Other neighbors were concerned about the lack of affordable housing, increases in traffic. The developer said that they would look into providing affordable housing, but that they did not have the capacity to access public funds for affordable housing.

This development lies in Urban Design District (UDD) 8, which caps the height limit at 8 stories. There is a mechanism in UDD 8 that allow the developer to receive up to two bonus stories for meeting various criteria, including, but not limited to:

LEED Gold certification, or equivalent.

Inclusion of at least fifteen percent (15%) of dwelling units for families with incomes not greater than sixty (60%) Area Median Income (AMI)

for rental units.

Substantial amount of family-supporting housing, including at least ten percent (10%) of dwelling units with three (3) or more bedrooms, outdoor recreation spaces, and/or other family-related amenities.

Adequately sized community meeting rooms available free of charge for neighborhood, public, or other community meetings or on-site daycare facilities in conjunction with family-supportive housing or employment uses.

The developer is requesting a change to UDD 8 that would increase the maximum height allowed to 14 stories. It is not clear at this time if the developer would require a rezoning.

TLNA will be gathering public input for this project, either via a steering committee or through a survey. Interested in following this development? Join the TLNA mailing list and hear about upcoming public meetings!

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## 2023 Spring Picnic and Party in the Park

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party); and Todd Gray, a licensed massage therapist in the neighborhood gave free chair massages. Ken Vogel also displayed some of his handmade puppets.

Folks brought picnics and relaxed on chairs, blankets, and picnic tables, while children played on the

playground and ran all through the park. Neighborhood brewmaster Nick Balazs's tasty beers flowed into many a cup, Chocolate Shoppe ice cream was scooped and readily consumed by most party-goers and a keg of amazing root beer satisfied many thanks to a generous donation by Cork N Bottle. Breese Ste-

vens also saved the day last minute with a porta-potty! All in all, it was a fantastic night for neighbors new and old to get together and enjoy our community.

Thanks to all who have attended these events and to those who make them happen!

Even more events are coming up



photos by Pat Kelly and  
Keith Wessel

so take a look through this newsletter for more information on those, and if you're not already on the TLNA listserv or following us on either Facebook or Instagram, please join those to be kept apprised of all our upcoming events.

Finally, it is through your generous donations that allow us to host

such community-building events like these as well as fund other grants and events in the neighborhood, so please consider joining or renewing your membership, donating, and/or picking up a t-shirt at our next event.





## MYArts: Fostering Community in the Neighborhood

Angela Vellardita, Area Representative

Did you know there's actually a correct way to play the kazoo? I thought it was just blowing into it, but turns out, you're supposed to hum into it! I found this fun little trick out when I had the pleasure of sitting down with Courtney Byelich and Jessica Courtier, who are part of the small, close knit team who run MYArts. Courtney is the Director of Facilities, and Jessica is the Director of Community Partnerships, and chances are, you may have met them or seen them around the building if you've been inside attending a program or participating in a tour.

Both graduated from UW-Madison and in addition to having ex-

tensive backgrounds with the arts, they are both extremely passionate about it. Courtney worked as an advisor to students who booked the bands on campus at UW Madison and Jessica, also at the university, ran adult classes for music, dance, and art history. These two bring so much knowledge, love, and appreciation for the arts to MYArts and want to see it grow to its full po-

tential. They've been with MYArts since it opened its doors in 2021 and have since helped facilitate over 90 groups and program that have used the building's beautiful space in the last two years!

Many neighbors who have been in the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood for several years will remember the vacant lot that used to be where MYArts now sits. Between 2017 and 2018, the anchor partners of MYArts, Madison Youth Choir and the Children's Theater of Madison, sought out a space to call their permanent home, where they could rehearse, build sets, create connections, and welcome other groups who were also in need a creative space. Choosing our neighborhood as their permanent home was an easy choice and by a stroke of luck their lot became available from Stone House Development, who developed apartment building The Arden right next door.

Through an extremely generous donation from Pleasant Company founder Pleasant Thiele Rowland, Stone House was able to purchase the land and begin a grand scale capital campaign to build the building. After Pleasant Rowland committed her donation, MYArts was ready to fundraise and eventually received roughly 500 donations from alumni of the Youth Choir and Children's Theater, their families, and many members around the community. MYArts and its anchor partners knew that to create such a unique space, it wasn't going to just be for them but would be a community space for all to enjoy. The building holds 15 rehearsal studios and classrooms that range from 600-2000 square feet, designed for



music, theater, and dance. They also house a theater that seats 300, community space on each floor, a visual art gallery space, two large outdoor patios, and shared offices for both their anchor and community partners. The space is quite extensive and well thought out, offering soundproofing in each studio.

I was able to take a tour of the building prior to meeting with Courtney and Jessica, seeing some behind the scenes spaces as well, including two pretty amazing spaces: where sets are built, and the seemingly never-ending costume room. The tour is phenomenal; you get to see far more of MYArts than you would if you just came for a program, so I highly recommend it!

Opening in 2021 in the middle of a global pandemic wasn't easy, but one perk was that there was no "before COVID" guidelines or rules to adhere to. MYArts had free reign to create brand new rules and shape their building around this new post-pandemic world to which we are still adapting. They were able to adjust things as needed, working closely with different organizations to figure everything out. They added touchless faucets and towel dispensers as just one small factor to help with reducing the need to touch things and spread germs. Another huge design insight that was implemented was a state of the art HVAC system, incorporating MERV 13 filters, a bi-polar needle point ionization system to create the best air quality imaginable. And because each studio is soundproof, the HVAC will filter each room individually, and doesn't spread the air around to different studios. Through these and other precautions, MYArts was able to fully integrate all new public health safety protocol.

In early May, MYArts was awarded an Ovation TV Stand for the Arts award. This is to recognize organization for their support of creatives and artists in community driven programming, advocating for equity and access to the arts, and for also



providing accessible spaces for creative expression. Ovation is an arts focused station that partnered with Spectrum to give out this award to 10 organizations a year across the nation, and MYArts was among the ten selected! Congratulations to them for their amazing work in the arts and in our community! They would not be able to do their work without the support of the small yet mighty staff of seven, who do a phenomenal job of keeping everything running smoothly.

That being said, MYArts would love to get more volunteers. Whether it's keeping an eye on things during performances, or helping with gardening around the building, you have a place! They have a beautiful outdoor space that they're working on to add more greenery and would appreciate anyone who has time to come by to help. Bring your kids too! They're welcome to volunteer, as long as their parent or guardian is present of course!

The board also has a number of subcommittees for which they need volunteers, such as human resources or finance. So if you're interested in volunteering in MYArts one way or another, please reach out to them! Our community is extremely fortunate to have MYArts in our neighborhood, and both Courtney and Jessica and their staff are working hard to help create a space that's accessible to everyone who uses the

building. Thanks to Courtney and Jessica for sitting down with me, as well as to their amazing team for making MYArts welcoming and safe for everyone!

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## The History of Yahara House



photo by Keith Wessel

by local architectural firm Claude and Starck there is a seamless blend of stained glass, oak paneled rooms, and massive windows. In 1980 it was added to the National Register of Historic Places; shortly thereafter it was added to the Wisconsin State Register of Historical places. In 1994 it became the permanent home to the Yahara House.

Recently I had the immense pleasure of sitting down with two key figures of the House. Jerry Pasdo is the President of the Friends of Yahara Advisory Counsel and Elissa is a house member. We discussed the history of the house itself, Journey Mental Health, and the extensive background of where the program that Yahara House is modeled after started.

The history of Yahara House and its origins are quite amazing and rich, stemming back as far as the 1940's to the program it's modeled after, Clubhouse International, which first started as Fountain House. In the early 1940's, within the walls of Rockland State Hospital in Orangeburg, New York, ten psychiatric patients formed a group of their own to offer support for one another. They would come together to read, paint, talk, and join in social functions.

This group would serve as the foundation for Fountain House, which created the innovative concept of the "clubhouse model" for people living with a mental health diagnosis. The idea was to develop a safe space to help those living with a mental health condition overcome one of their biggest challenges: social isolation. They wanted to be able to offer support to each other for life's challenges and foster their social community, and in doing so, try to help to change society's perception of anyone living with a mental health condition. As time went on, their work together began to evolve more into helping each other with their own needs of friendship, employment, housing and belonging.

After leaving the hospital, about eight of the original members wanted to continue their work, and in 1944, they formally named their group "We Are Not Alone" (or WANA), careful to select a name that didn't include reference to mental illness, and to focus on unity, hope, and connection. They held their first meeting in 1944, along with the first female volunteer in the Rockland State Hospital male ward who would go on to serve as the first president of the Board of Directors. She was also the one who found their first physical space: a building in New York that had a fountain in front of it. Inspired by the fountain and the idea that it represented hope and rejuvenation, they named their home "Fountain House". It was in this house that the clubhouse model was born, creating a place for supportive relationships among members and staff. Social worker John Beard, joining Fountain House as the executive director around 1955, insisted that it be open to anyone with a history of mental illness, and it should be a place



where members were given responsibilities and meaningful tasks to carry out each day. Currently, there are over 300 Clubhouses in 30 countries worldwide.

This is the model that Yahara House uses to this day, as it is part of Clubhouse International. Under the impression that Yahara House was a household for its members, I was educated by Jerry and Elissa that this in fact is not the case; while Yahara House is a home in many ways to its members, no one actually lives in the house. Comprised of both a small number of staff of Journey and members of Yahara House, the everyday operations are primarily run by the members themselves, with members making decisions on everything within the house, and the staff helping to facilitate.

As a vocational rehab program, Yahara House will accept members with varying mental health diagnoses, with members knowing that when they arrive at Yahara House, they're coming ready to work. Members will join a transitional employment placement (TEP), where essentially Yahara House takes over a job placement with an employer, and they will train members to work at that job. This gets the member ready for their first day, so they don't need extensive training when they start the job, and Yahara House staff will cover any absences by the member to make sure the job gets done. This helps members build confidence in their abilities, learn new skills, get job references, and help enable them to transition into the workforce again. In fact, the last person hired at Yahara House was at one time a member at the house!

Along with job placements, Yahara House also helps members with getting any education they would like to start or finish. From obtaining their GED, to a Madison College Associate Degree, and PhD programs with UW Madison, Yahara House offers the support and encouragement for their members to work towards their educational goals. By starting out with job training and placement, each member is able to ready themselves for either permanent work or school, gaining the tools needed to feel ready for either endeavor.

While there have been thousands of members who have gone through the house, currently there are about 120 members at Yahara House, though maybe 30-40

come by each day. With their doors opening at 8:30a, each morning begins with a meeting around 9am to cover news and any other pertinent information that needs to be talked about, and then each member splits off to their respective departments. Almost completely self-operated, members of Yahara House are pretty self-sufficient. Members plan the weekly menu, shop for groceries, cook in their own commercial kitchen, develop and produce publications and videos—all within the house. It may be hard to imagine, but what's happening on all floors of that building matches the grandeur you see from the street.

Yahara House members take complete ownership of everything they're doing for themselves and the house. Recently, for Mental Health Awareness month in May, members wrote and produced a video called "30 Stories, 30 Days." In the video, current members talk about their experiences with Yahara House and the impact it has had on their lives. It's amazing. I highly recommend heading over to their website to watch the videos!

Yahara House members and staff are like a family for each other. During COVID when the house shut down the staff went out to the members to check on them, making sure they were doing okay. They needed to let them know that while they couldn't come to the house, the house would still come to them. Just like every family, they hold holiday get togethers, learn about what each person likes so they can personalize cards and gifts for special occasions, and spend time together outside of the house.

Similar to the very beginnings of Fountain House,  
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Angela Vellardita, Area Representative

At the top of the hill of the 800 block of East Gorham Street sits the beautiful brick Kayser House. Built in 1902, the mansion was designed and built for former Madison mayor Adolph Kayser, active in office from 1914-1916. Inside the astounding mansion designed

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## The New Reynolds Park Community Food Garden

Lauren Engelke

On a warm Sunday morning in May, my toddler daughter watched intently while TLNA neighbors Will Ochowicz, Joey Hoey and I pulled out power drills to assemble a new raised garden bed. Neighbors Pat Kelly, Bob Shaw, and Tyler Lark helped shovel topsoil into the bed and planted fresh basil, sage, parsley, oregano, tarragon, thyme, lemon thyme, rosemary, and dill, while Tyler's own toddler daughter watered the new herbs with gusto, courtesy of the Starliner Condos generously sharing water access with us.

As we exchanged tips (should marigolds be interspersed between the herbs or form a barrier around them? Joey said interspersed had been more effective in his tests at Tenney Park.) and gossip (which coffee shop nearby has the best scones?), I couldn't help but marvel that this was what we had pitched to AARP a month ago, and yet so much more.

Will found the Small Dollar, Big Impact grant sponsored by AARP, which seeks to support projects across the state that are designed to improve communities and make them better places for everyone to live, work and play as they age, and proposed applying for it at the April TLNA meeting.

Pat suggested centering the project on the Reynolds Community Food Garden by asking for some honeyberries and rhubarb, and others brought up adding a bench to increase accessibility and a raised bed for herbs.

I was interested in learning to write a grant, so I put together everyone's contributions and filled out the paperwork. I talked about how the garden was a place where anyone could access fresh fruit, where



kids would learn about how their food grows, where some of us could try a paw paw for the first time, and where we could learn from the wonderfully experienced gardeners in our neighborhood. I loved the idea, but it was still just words on paper to me.

Three days later, Tyler surprised us with the news that our community food garden project had been selected from dozens of applicants for the \$1,000 grant. Suddenly Pat was divvying up the tasks of buying plants, mulching, ordering and picking up the raised bed, bringing tools and installing the improvements. Wait, what?? I thought this was going to be some paperwork and a new skill for my LinkedIn!

We got together twice, first to install the honeyberries and rhubarb, and then later to build the raised bed and plant the herbs. With so many hands helping and lots of chit chat and joking around, our work went

quickly. The new raised bed looked beautiful and abundant, full of herbs ready to pick!

I took photos as we worked, and Pat pointed out details to me - the cherry branches loaded down with baby fruit, and the tiny currants just starting to form. Bob and Joey gave me ideas for ground covers to try in my yard, and we debated whether the wild ginger flowers were creepy or cute.

Sharing knowledge, involving kids in their food cycle, building inter generational connections - these were no longer just words on a grant application, but our shared lived experience, and part of the fabric of our neighborhood. Please visit the Reynolds Community Food Garden and share in the bounty! The herbs and rhubarb are ready now, and the currants, cherries, honeyberries, and paw paw will ripen throughout the summer. I am looking forward to trying my first paw paw!



## Chicken Coop Garden Tour set for Sunday, July 2

Bob Shaw and Tony Sturm

Tenney-Lapham's annual Chicken Coop/Garden tour will be held on Sunday, July 2 from 2 p.m. – 6 p.m. Last September's tour was a wash-out when it rained all day so we are going to try again with many of the same coops and gardens from last year being featured again this year.

Print maps will be available the day of the tour at 461 N. Few Street and 917 E. Dayton Street. Or by going to <http://tinyurl.com/2023tlnatour> you can download on your computer or phone the brochure that contains a map and description of all of the stops. That link will be publicized on the neighborhood listserv and Facebook pages a few days



before the event. The tour will be self-guided and neighbors may visit as many or as few coops or gardens as they wish.

Let's hope the gods look favorably upon us this year and it doesn't rain. Hope to see you on July 2.

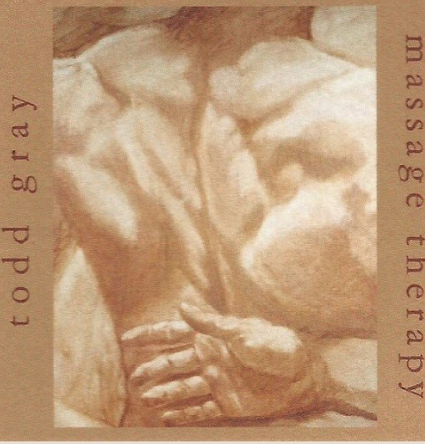


### "The History of Yahara House"

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the foundation of Yahara House is simple: social connection. They've built a community within the four walls of the house to support one another, build lasting friendships (and in some cases, marriages), and to learn skills they might not have

otherwise been able to or thought they could. Yahara House has a remarkable program that we're lucky to boast as part of our community, and while no one lives in the house, many have called it home over the years.



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## Treasurer Update

Davie Froeschner, TLNA Treasurer

Neighbors, As incoming Treasurer, and this being my first time as Treasurer for any organization, I have had to learn a lot this year. It took me longer than I wanted but I feel that I finally have my feet under me and have a budget approved for this year.

As near as I can tell TLNA has been in reasonable financial standing for many years. However, the pan-

demio and a lull in membership have not treated us well and we have been in a budget deficit for several years now.

Ultimately, we have been operating at a \$3-5k deficit every year and are on track to do much the same this year. Fortunately, there was a bit of savings before these events, and we are slowly working through that, but I have a plan to pull us out of this. Some of the easier changes that will be coming down the pike are increased ad pricing in this very periodical (prices haven't changed in at least 5 years), new shirts and other merch to offer up for sale, and I aspire to revamp how we handle online memberships and donations such that TLNA ends up with a higher percentage of that money. Another challenge that the council as a whole has taken on is to increase neighborhood engagement and memberships.

I look forward to being your Treasurer this year and beyond.

TLNA 2023 Budget		
	Actual	Proposed
Revenue	2022	2023
Membership/Donations	3773.5	2800
News Ads	3128	7600
Merch	2198.82	2200
Expenses		
Monthly Bills	-1173.21	-1200
Newsletter Printing	-4547.83	-9000
Merch	-2014	-2050
State Tax	-20	-20
Grants	-1900	-1500
Committee Budgets		
Transportation		-200
Engagement		-1000
Parks	-660.16	-500
Events	-1464.18	-3000
Totals		
Revenue	9100.32	12600
Expenses	-11779.4	-18470
Total	-2679.06	-5870
Monthly = (zoom, website, PO Box, Ins, Misc)		

## TLNA Anual Art Walk June 25, 2023, 1-5pm



<https://tenneylapham.org/2023-art-walk/>

## TLNA Events:

Find information for upcoming events

and more photos from the TLNA

## Party in the Park

<https://tenneylapham.org/events/>

## TLNA TEES Around the World



Patty in Patagonia, Will in Australia and New Zealand



## CTM Thanks TLNA!

Amy Montoya, CTM Operations Director

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## 5th Annual Tenney Lap

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tators there," said David Staple.

Galliano Sims, age 5, upon receiving his purple ribbon for finishing the lap, held it out to his mother and said "Soy ganador, Mama\*!" ("I'm a winner, Mother!"). It was true, everyone who participated was, indeed, a winner.



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# Become a TLNA Member Today!

Peter Beeson, TLNA Engagement Chair

Are you a member of the Tenney Lapham Neighborhood Association (TLNA)? TLNA is the organization that delivers this newsletter to almost every apartment and house within our boundaries. We organize neighborhood events like Party in the Park, provide teams and com-

mittees as ways for people to connect and engage around shared interests, and maintain a listserv to connect with neighbors, share resources and build community. TLNA is unique in that it is not just a “home-owners association” but a neighborhood association, striving to include the diversity of residents living between Lake Mendota, East Washington Ave, Blair Street, and the Yahara River in making our neighborhood a better place to live. TLNA needs your help. With coming out of the pandemic our membership and giving is down. As we build bridges between residents and create more opportunities for social connections and community good, TLNA needs your financial (and volunteer) support to

keep our membership strong. The membership dues people pay support grants to and initiatives in our neighborhood schools and parks, support neighborhood events, build community connections, and create this neighborhood newsletter. You can sign up and become a member by going online to [tenney-lapham.org](http://tenney-lapham.org) and clicking on “Membership”. FYI, while being part of the list serve or Facebook page is great, it’s not the same as being an official member of the neighborhood association. Whether or not you become an official member, we look forward to seeing you around the neighborhood and connecting at community events.

## Purple Martin Racks

Bob Shaw

A nest inspection on June 2 of the purple martin racks by the locks in Tenney Park turned up 46 eggs in eight gourds at the rack west of the locks. The rack east of the locks had no eggs but purple martins were spotted at that rack a few days prior to the inspection so it was hoped those gourds would be occupied soon.



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	1347 E Dayton #2	1276	\$289,900
	931 E Johnson	1361	\$450,000
	1145 E Johnson	1887	\$589,900
	418 N Baldwin	2171	\$599,900
Pending	201 N Blair #105	948	\$275,000
	111 N Blair	1193	\$335,000
	124 N Baldwin	1984	\$550,000
	1121 Elizabeth	1430	\$550,000
	1048 E Johnson	2600	\$564,000
	119-121 N Blair	2136	\$600,000

	Address	Days on Market	List Price	Sale Price
Sold!	28 Sherman Ter #4	5	\$160,000	\$163,000
	123 N. Blount #105		\$205,000	\$192,500
	10 Sherman Ter #1	4	\$189,000	\$194,000
	13 Sherman Ter #4	3	\$189,900	\$195,000
	22 Sherman Ter #4	2	\$195,000	\$230,000
	319 N Few	37	\$345,000	\$321,750
	109 Dayton Row	4	\$400,000	\$412,000
	201 N. Blair #101		\$395,500	\$410,000
	123 N. Blount #401		\$450,000	\$450,000
	123 N. Blount #407		\$475,000	\$475,000
	825 E Mifflin #402	4	\$649,000	\$660,000
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