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TENNEY-LAPHAM NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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Transportation and Safety Chair Report

By Bob Klebba

N Baldwin St

At the end of May, we had a neighborhood meeting with Traffic Engineering concerning the application of the City's Safe Streets program to Baldwin St. Many neighbors attended and provided some great feedback on pedestrian, bicycle and skateboarder safety on N Baldwin St.

Traffic Engineering presented at the September 15 Transportation Commission meeting. They suggested that the following measures be implemented:

Add a bike lane on N Baldwin St only on the uphill segment between E Mifflin St and E Johnson St.

Add bicycle "sharrows" on N Baldwin St between E Washington Ave and E Mifflin St.

Add continental crosswalks across N Baldwin St at E Mifflin St and at E Dayton St.

Add Accessible Pedestrian Signals for N Baldwin St at E Johnson St and for Baldwin at E Washington Ave.

I sent out this information on the TLNA listserv. I hope that you had the opportunity to comment on these proposals.

Curtis Ct

Jeff, an active member of the TLNA, lives on Curtis Ct and proposed lowering the speed limit to 15 MPH. I have to admit I didn't think the City would post such a low speed limit. But Jeff persisted and together with Alder Rummel's help, Traffic Engineering agreed to post the lower speed limit. Look out for slower drivers soon!

More on Safe Streets

The Curtis Ct exercise reminds me that the City has a Safe Streets Report and Authorization Tool for evaluating changes to speed limits, implementing continental crosswalks, bump outs, speed humps, etc. on

the Traffic Engineering website: www.cityofmadison.com/trafficEngineering/SafeStreets.cfm. There is also an Excel spreadsheet that lists the top priorities for this program with their rankings. Please let me know if you would like to get your concern on this list.

BRT Construction Update

You've probably learned to avoid the thoroughfares affected by the construction of the Bus Rapid Transit stations around town. Well, they've recently started construction on our section of E Washington Ave. Please be careful when driving, walking, and biking. Bike lanes should remain open during construction. Please let Traffic chair Peter Beeson know if they are closed anywhere. Keep in mind that eastbound left turns will be removed at Paterson St and Baldwin St.

Tenney-Lapham Summer-Fall Events Recap

By Lia Vellardita, events chair

Tenney-Lapham vs Marquette Kickball Tournament

What an amazing summer and fall it has been for events in the lovely Tenney-Lapham neighborhood! In addition to the many neighbor-created events throughout such as the annual yard sale, art walk, the garden and coop tour, Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association also created a new event this year that we hope continues to be an annual one: the Tenney-Lapham Marquette Kickball Tournament!

On Sunday September 10th, TLNA and Marquette Neighborhood Association, in partnership with Breese Stevens Field, hosted both a youth and adult game. Breese Stevens Field provided the equipment, beverages, and designed/created a belt for the winners, while

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Neighborhood Volunteers Save Overgrown Garden at Tenney Park

By Pat Kelly, Parks Chair

Once upon a time, some good soul planted a stand of beautiful Redbud trees, a Hackberry tree, and a Serviceberry tree in a garden area at the entrance to the beach parking lot at Tenney Park. Underneath the trees they planted Virginia Bluebells and Jacob's Ladder. I'm sure that at the time this garden created a warm welcome to park users but over time the area has become overwhelmed with invasive plants and vines so that even when the Redbuds are in bloom it's hard to appreciate their beauty.

I decided that this was the year to try to restore this garden back to its original beauty. I put out a call on the TLNA listserv for volunteers and, as is always the case, several of our good neighbors stepped up. On May 17th, Sue Marcquenski, Claire Stevenson, Daniel Stulac, and Mary Lang Sollinger met on site to discuss a plan of action. They were joined shortly after that by David and Barb Flesch.

In the first photo that accompanies this article you can see hundreds of black cherry saplings that had to be removed; in addition, there was a significant stand of burdock, lots of Virginia Creeper, and a host of other invasive weeds. This intrepid team worked for over a month to rid the area of invasive weeds and saplings. Finally on July 3rd, the team, with the additional help of neighbors Ryan McCormick and Dave Benton, were able to lay cardboard and mulch the cleaned out area. Many neighbors brought big pieces of cardboard which made our job a lot easier. The cardboard with mulch covering it will not only keep the area free of weeds but prepare the garden area for a Fall planting.

What, a Fall planting? Yes, Madison Parks department staff, Spencer Werner, Jay Schotzko,



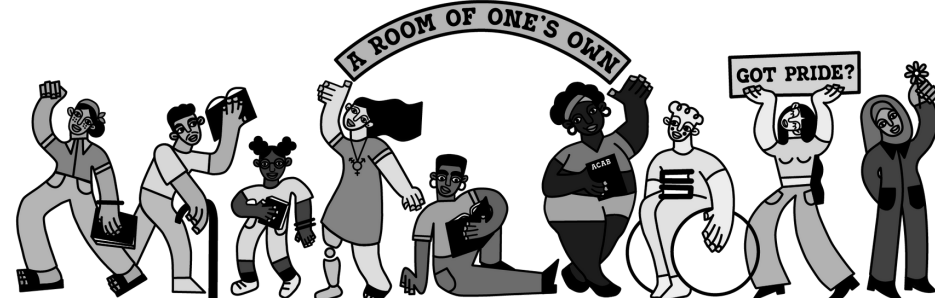
The Crew after Mulching

and Megan McCrumb have been so impressed with our efforts that they have agreed to provide us with native shrubs and perennials to fill in the cleared area under the Redbuds. In addition, Jay and his team are going to bring in equipment to remove all of the small Sumac shrubs that are growing on the lake

side of the garden area and we will be turning that sunny area into a meadow garden with native grasses and perennials.

So, to whomever planted those Redbuds years ago, please know that once again their beauty will not be lost but instead enhanced.

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Baker's Place & The Spark

By Sydney Kerstein

Climate change is increasingly impacting our ways of life; we need our communities to take action to prevent the worst effects of the climate crisis. One crucial climate solution in our community is green buildings.

With support from building owners, green building developers and architects begin and end the design and building process with the environment in mind. Many of the resulting innovative buildings reduce or even eliminate their carbon footprints by using renewable energy sources (e.g., solar panels, geothermal heat pumps), effective building siting, insulation, low carbon materials, and building material reuse.

Green buildings are popping up everywhere, even in your own neighborhood! Baker's Place and The Spark are two examples in the Marquette neighborhood that are particularly impressive. Baker's Place is a model of a carbon neutral building through its use of mass timber as a low carbon-alternative to steel. The Spark is designed to use 50% less energy than a typical midwest office building through its geothermal heating and cooling systems.

Not only are these buildings gems to the Marquette neighborhood, they are also Dane County Climate Champions! Since 2020, the Dane County Climate Champions Program, <https://daneclimateaction.org/initiatives/Climate-Champions>,

has been recognizing and celebrating buildings all over Dane County that are making huge progress on climate action. You can find the current list of all the climate champion buildings at <https://daneclimateaction.org/Initiatives/Climate-Champions/Past-Climate-Champions-List>.

As climate change continues to impact our daily lives, remember that these green buildings in our community help reduce the severity of this existential problem. So next time you pass by or have the opportunity to enter Baker's Place or The Spark, make sure to check them out and consider the positive impact that these green buildings have on your neighborhood and the world as a whole!

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TLNA Events

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the neighborhood associations spread the word, gathered their people, and created teams.

Tenney-Lapham neighbors, you showed up in a BIG way and won not only the belt, but the bragging rights as superior neighborhood. Alder Marsha Rummel was on hand to throw the first pitch. All in all, a great day of fun. The Marquette team was formidable, but in the end, Tenney-Lapham showed its



pro prowess. We look forward to a rematch next year!

Taste of Tenney 2023

TLNA's last event of the year was the ever-popular Taste of Tenney. Held again at Breese Stevens' Forward Club, TLNA convened its annual meeting Sunday October 1st to vote on a new council (saying



good-bye to long-time president, Tyler Lark), and brought neighbors together to feast on a wide range of scrumptious food and drink from local vendors.

Like years past, neighbors voted, met, talked, drank and ate, joined TLNA or renewed their TLNA membership, got some TLNA swag, and thanks to the beautiful weather, were able to sit both inside the Forward Club as well as outside in the stadium. Several children took

advantage of the access to the field and played as the sun set.

Unlike years past, because of many generous donations, we were able to hold a raffle with all kinds of gift certificates and food items from neighborhood vendors, with proceeds going to TLNA. We had a record turnout and were so successful we ran out of food before the end of the night (we apologize for anyone who came later to find the food all gone!).

We could not have done this without all of the neighbors coming out to support the event and we could not have done this without all the business donating their time, efforts, and goods. The owner of one business that is closed on Sundays came in on her day off to donate food for the event and she did so because she believes in giving back to the community. Taste of Tenney is a special event



for the neighborhood and a shining example of how fantastic this neighborhood is.

A huge THANK YOU to all the neighbors to who came out to the event!

And a huge THANK YOU to the following businesses for their donations at Taste of Tenney:

Festival Foods (sponsor), Breese Stevens Field/Big Top, Little Tibet, The Turn-Key, RP's Pasta, Salva-

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Taste of Tenney

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tore's Tomato Pies, Cargo Coffee, Jackknife, Robin Room, Cork N Bottle, The Shop, The Yoga Co-Op of Madison, Mendota Lake House B&B, LJ's Sports Tavern & Grill, The Livingston Inn, A New Day Boutique, Todd Gray, licensed massage therapist, Reanna's Salona, Grow Green LLC, Restoration Cider, Wisconsin Distributors.

We hope the winners of the raffle enjoy their goods and encourage neighbors to patronize these generous businesses that give so



much back to our neighborhood. And finally, a huge THANK YOU to all who volunteered (both council members and non-council members) to help make Taste of Tenney happen. We could not have



pulled this off this without them. Engagement was a theme for TLNA this past year, which it did with events and meetings all around the neighborhood, and the events team aims to continue that trend

into the new year. Look out for more happenings in the coming year and if you ever want to get involved, let us know.

Enjoy the fall season!

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Kohler Arts Center & Preserve

Join us for an artful escape to The John Michael Kohler Arts Center and Art Preserve in Sheboygan, WI. View contemporary American art with an emphasis on craft-related forms, folk traditions, new genres and the work of self-taught artists in a docent-led tour. After lunch, continue the guided tour exploring the newly added Art Preserve. It is the world's first museum dedicated to the presentation, care and study of over thirty-five artist-built environments, embodying the idea that works of art are created everywhere, by people from a broad spectrum of life experiences. Round out your time in this creative environment with a hands-on art workshop. No art experience necessary. Fee includes tours, workshop, lunch and motorcoach. Bus loads at 7:15am on Pflaum Rd in front of LaFollette High School. **Registration deadline: 9/15/23.**

- **Saturday, September 30, 7:30am-5:30pm**
- **Ages: 18+ Fee: \$117*, Course #37162**

The Holocaust Museum: History & Memory

Take history to heart with a tour of the Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center's core Holocaust exhibition. Travel through history as you explore life before, during, and after the Holocaust through over 500 artifacts donated by Chicagoland Holocaust Survivors, including an authentic German rail car of the type used in Nazi deportations, and leave inspired to make a difference and take a stand for humanity. Fee includes tours, lunch and motorcoach. Bus loads at 7:15am on Pflaum Rd in front of LaFollette High School. **Registration deadline: 10/12/23.**

- **Sunday, October 22, 7:30am-5:30pm**
- **Ages 18+: Fee: \$88*, Course #37160**

Michigan Avenue Shopping Trip

Do you want to shop on Michigan Avenue, see the sights in Chicago or explore the big city? A comfortable double decker motorcoach bus takes the worry of driving, traffic and parking out of the equation. Enjoy a day in the big city during the holidays. Approximate travel time is 3 hours depending on traffic and weather. We drop off as close as possible to Michigan and E. Chicago Avenues. Bus loads at 7:15 am on Pflaum Rd in front of LaFollette High School. Youth ages 6+ may register with a participating adult.

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What's Happening On The 300 Block Of East Washington?

By Peter Beeson

St. John's Lutheran Church is tearing down its building to build 110 units of affordable housing, plus worship and community space.

While not in our neighborhood, the congregation has long-ties to the isthmus, being on its existing block since the 1860s. Members of the congregation, who are now in their 90s, remember going to school at Lincoln School and sledding down the hill behind the school building, walking from the 1000 block of East Dayton up to the 300 block of East Wash for worship and social activities, and shopping at the black-owned grocery store on the 600 block of E. Mifflin. Charlene C., one of St. John's long term members remembers growing up in

the 600 block of E. Johnson, in sub-standard housing, to a working class family that struggled financially. At one point she remembers them being so poor they "ate potatoes for breakfast, lunch, and dinner".

These and many other experiences have shaped the congregation's emphasis on humble, loving-service to its neighbors. As a queer and transgender man, homelessness and housing stability is near to my heart as I experienced the fear of homelessness as a young adult, coming out to a conservative family with the daunting reality that a significant percentage of homeless youth are LGBT.

While a drop in the bucket, St. John's, due to the luck of our location, is in a position to make a difference. The congregation is

tearing down their entire building – including the sanctuary – to build a 10 story high-rise with 110 units of affordable housing, plus 20 market rate units. This will create affordable housing for people working in restaurants, retail, and service sector jobs, as well as folks working for non-profits, entry-level government jobs, and living off social security. Having economic diversity within the building will allow people to stay in their same home even if they get a promotion, get married, or their income declines.

In addition to the 130 apartments (110 of which will be affordable for households earning between 30 to 60% AMI) the majority of the first floor will be available for nonprofit, neighborhood and community groups who want to hold 12 step meetings, pay-what-you-can yoga and other wellness classes, book clubs, cooking groups, meetings,



and a staging space for rallies and groups organizing on Capitol Square. All bathrooms on the first floor will be ADA accessible, single-stall, all gender restrooms. All groups using the space must align with St. John's values and be focused on doing social good within the community.

This project, while exciting, is not without its tears, as tearing down a building people have loved and been married, baptized, and buried in brings out all sorts of emotions. Charlene C, quoted earlier in this article, remembers pulling her doll buggy up the stairs to the sanctuary, when she was five years old, and being awed by the beauty of the stained glass windows. Now at 95, it's hard to see the building with so many good memories going away. However, it's the congregation's way of putting its money where its mouth is and living in to its values.

You as our neighbors and stake-



holders in the success of our beloved Isthmus are invited to:

St. John's Sending Service on Sunday, October 29 at 9:30am. It will be a time to celebrate, fellowship, reminisce, and enjoy making music as a community. It will be in our existing building on the corner of

East Washington Ave. & Hancock St. Give to the capital campaign to allow us to finish the building. While we've received most of the funding from WHEDA's LIHTC, the Dane County Affordable Housing Fund, the City of Madison

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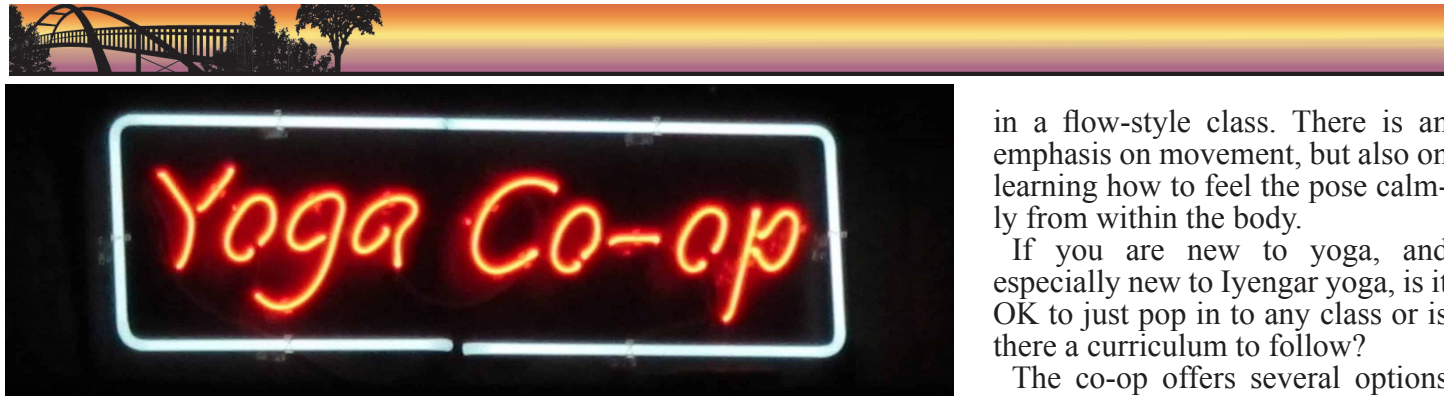
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Yoga Co-op Celebrates 20 Years On The Near East Side

You may have noticed the sign on the brick wall of the building that straddles the 800 block between East Johnson and East Dayton. Or the Yoga Co-op neon marquee over the entrance at 812 East Dayton. Intrigued? Come on up the stairs and take a look at the gorgeous space that has been home to the yoga co-op studio for the last twenty years.

With light pouring in from three sides, and a gleaming maple floor, the space feels airy and bright. Attracting attention is a ropes wall and neatly stacked blankets, bolsters and blocks, essential for the practice of Iyengar yoga. The Yoga Co-op (YCOM) is the only studio in Madison solely dedicated to the study and practice of Iyengar yoga.

To learn more, we spoke to Kate, a resident of Tenney-Lapham who has taken classes at YCOM for a few years.

What is Iyengar Yoga?

Iyengar yoga is a method of hatha yoga developed from the lifelong practice of its creator, BKS Iyengar. Classes consist of poses (asanas) arranged to help each student develop strength, stamina, and balance, all to enhance well-being. Aligning the body correctly is fundamental to this practice. Another distinguishing feature is the use of props to increase awareness and to make the poses accessible to people of all abilities.

Alignment & use of props

When muscles are aligned properly, this creates a symmetry in the

body leading directly to experience balance, and greater clarity. Props are helpful to experience the benefits of each pose. With props, you can stay longer in poses, and get a better sense of areas of your body that are dull or just tired.

Is Iyengar yoga suitable for anyone?

Yes! The studio caters to students of all ages and all conditions. The teachers at YCOM are trained to observe the body and adapt poses to the need of individual students. I would say teachers at YCOM offer personalized and precise instructions. You feel that the teacher “sees” you in class.

What is an Iyengar Yoga class like?

In other types of yoga there might be a consistent sequence repeated day to day. Even though we do repeat some of the same poses, there is a lot of diversity in the sequencing. In my experience, that really helps prevent injury and overuse. Sometimes, we hold the poses longer than students might be used to



in a flow-style class. There is an emphasis on movement, but also on learning how to feel the pose calmly from within the body.

If you are new to yoga, and especially new to Iyengar yoga, is it OK to just pop in to any class or is there a curriculum to follow?

The co-op offers several options to fit different experience levels. Brand new students often start with a “Beginner Series,” a set of classes offered every month that can be repeated. There is also a “Returning to Yoga Series,” for folks who have done yoga before but need a refresher to boost their confidence before returning to the studio. You should check the website [yogacoop.com] to see all the other levels.

Since YCOM is a co-op, do you have to be a co-op member to take classes?

Membership is encouraged but not necessary to attend classes. Many students do become members after attending a few classes and realizing that the discount on class pricing makes it worthwhile. As a member, you are invited (if you want) to participate in making the organization hum along: become a member of the Board for example. Anyone, member or not, can sign-up at yogacoop.com/contact-us to receive a monthly email with information on upcoming classes and events. See you in class!

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Affordable Housing Fund, and other smaller funders and angel investors, there is still a 3,000,000 million dollar gap we are solving for. Thus far the congregation, in addition to donating their land to this project, has raised \$650,000 of the remaining gap and we need your help to raise the rest and make this project a reality. All funds received for the redevelopment will go toward this project and not any religious services. St. John’s is a 501c3 and all donations are tax deductible

We are grateful for the support of our neighborhoods in the city review processes and in making this project possible. Together with all of us working together we can make a difference in the heart of downtown Madison.

For more information on St. John’s redevelopment project, you may

go to the website at <https://www.stjohnsmadison.org/redevelopment> and/or email me at peterb@stjohnsmadison.org (emails normally

checked Monday – Thursday) or call 608-256-2337, ext. 3 (office phone number).near power lines.

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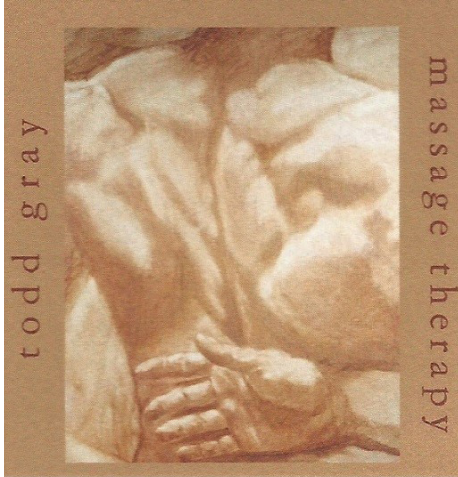
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Reynold’s Free Garden
By Pat Kelly
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Chasing Pie in the Sky

By Geordi Haerr-Hartmann

In 1920, two sticky-fingered Yale undergrads tossed a ‘Frisbie Pie’ tin across a campus lawn, unwittingly inventing the ‘frisbee’.



Over time, the frisbee evolved from a pastry receptacle into 175 grams of aerodynamic plastic. Today, a skilled player can launch a high-velocity

frisbee the length of a football field. As frisbees got faster, so did the athletes chasing them. College campuses birthed Ultimate. The adrenaline-fueled seven vs. seven sport features leaping blocks and diving catches, ideally suited for 20-year-old bodies. However, some alumni never stop playing. These players carry Ultimate to new heights.

In 2012, a growing ecosystem of players formed the first professional Ultimate league, the American Ultimate Disc League (AUDL). The Madison Radicals joined the AUDL for the second season, playing at Breese Stevens Field in the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood. Madison was a logical expansion site for the nascent pro league. The city has strong ties to Ultimate. The University of Wisconsin Men’s program had recently won consecutive College Championships in 2007 and 2008. Meanwhile, the Madison Ultimate Frisbee Association (MUFA) boasted over 170 recreational Ultimate teams.

The Radicals filled their roster with local talent, many with ties to the UW-Madison Ultimate program. They found success in their first season, finishing

runners-up in the 12-team league. Local fans embraced the team, with Breese Stevens Field chosen to host AUDL Championship Weekend three separate years. The Radicals’ success culminated in 2018 when they claimed the AUDL championship in front of their home fans, fielding 12 players from the inaugural 2013 squad.

To explain the team’s success, I caught up with fellow Tenney-Lapham resident, Alex Gravatt, who just played his first season with the Radicals (our conversation is edited for clarity). I met Alex playing Ultimate at UW-Madison. He stands 6’5” with shoulder-length blond hair and a big smile. An AUDL TV announcer recently dubbed him one of ‘Madison’s big beefs’ after his size exasperated an opponent. I ask Alex what separates the Radicals from other teams.

“The energy the fans bring to Breese is unmatched in my experience,” says Alex. “There’s 1,200 plus smiling faces who are excited for us and pulling for us to win. Having that sort of energy behind us is unlike anything I’ve been a part of.”

As the AUDL matures, the competitive landscape has evolved. Today, there are 24 teams spanning North America. The New York Empire has collected the last two championships, going undefeated since 2021. By stockpiling national talent, the Empire has assembled an embarrassment of skill, following in the footsteps of other New York sports franchises. By contrast, the Madison Radicals rely on home-grown talent.



“I never really saw myself playing for the Radicals when I started playing,” Alex laughs, “but as I continued to compete and play in the community, it sounded like more and more fun! I think getting the opportunity to play for the Radicals was awesome, and it boils down to how excited the community is about the team!”

In 2022, the Radicals were the first franchise to eclipse 100 wins. Their ongoing success is testament to a community which consistently creates great players. The success of a professional sports franchise in a small city like Madison is unique. Of the 24 AUDL metro areas, Madison’s population ranks second to last. Excluding Durham (which is just outside Raleigh, population 1.4 million), Madison is the smallest AUDL city by nearly half. In 2021, Wisconsin’s first women’s pro Ultimate team, the Milwaukee Monarchs, chose the larger city of Milwaukee.

Alex says, “Playing in front of the Madison community is electric. The biggest thing that differentiates the Radicals from the rest of the AUDL is the depth of frisbee players we have in the community who care about, support, and love the team!”

The wild-west days of the AUDL are over. Whether the Radicals can keep winning in an increasingly competitive league will hinge on developing future generations of Madison players.

“The team’s Rad Academy is an excellent way to get younger fans more involved in the Ultimate community, and it’s a super fun way for the players to be involved in developing the Radicals and Monarchs of the future!” says Alex, mentioning the team’s summer camp.

Despite an uphill battle, the current Radicals believe they can win. On my walks home, I frequently spot players running workouts at Reynolds Park and Tenney Park.

These players know the importance of every extra effort.

“We lost four of our first five games this season by five combined points,” says Alex, putting his hand in a fist. “A lot of that was because our team was so young, and we were making mistakes that are common amongst younger players. As the season went along, we clearly improved, winning our last three games!”

Can Tenney-Lapham expect to see the Radicals back in the playoffs next year?

“Our younger players like Joe Leibforth, Gumby (Anthony Gutowsky), Dan Garlock, and Ted Schewe, who are sticking around in Madison, can absolutely bring the Rads back to the playoffs and maybe even Championship Weekend in the near future,” Alex promises. Then he smiles, “and getting a year under the belts of the newer guys, like me, will be helpful too.”

How Cats and Dogs React to a House Fire

Christopher Michaels, E Mifflin

Dog:

Master! Master! Wake up!
jumps on bed, frantically barks and paws at sleeping person
I smell smoke- I think the house is on fire!
You've got to get out!
more barking, scratching, pawing
Right now! Wake up!
still more barking, scratching, pawing

Cat:

Do I smell smoke? Yeah I think I do.
leisurely stretches, sniffs the air
Mmmhmm . Definitely smoke. That can't be good ... aaaand I see fire. I better get out of here.
breaks into trot toward the kitty door - pauses
Umm -- I wonder if I should wake the human? I mean, he probably knows what's up. I'm sure he'll be fine --
pushes head through door - pauses again
-- although I guess he DOES feed me (SIGH)
goes back inside, jumps on bed, halfheartedly paws at sleeping person
Cmon wake up. There's a fire or something.
Have to get out or whatever. Don't make me use my claws.



Remembering Gay

By Bob Shaw

The Tenney-Lapham neighborhood recently lost a neighborhood icon, Gay Davidson-Zielske (aka Norma Gay Prewett), at the age of 73 after an extended illness.

Gay was a true child of the 60s – creative, funny, eccentric, and artistic. She had a style all her own; you never knew what color her hair would be, what colorful clothing combination she would be wearing, and, of course, what kind of hat she would have on.

Gay was on the T/L council for many years, serving as the housing chair, social chair, treasurer, area representative and (ace!) reporter. She had strong opinions about development in the neighborhood, traffic along E. Gorham, trees and the environment, and MG&E's power lines (she wanted them buried). She wrote about these topics in the neighborhood newsletter.

She was a fine artist who took part in T/L's annual art walk. She loved chickens and had a funky chicken coop (called the Taj de Coop) in the backyard where she let the neighbor kids feed the chickens, who were called Freida Lay, Pullet Surprise, and Michelle Obama's Arms.

Gay was a graduate of Northern Illinois University and an English instructor at UW-Whitewater for thirty years. An accomplished poet, Gay was one of the organizers of Madison's seminal Cheap at Any Price readings and open mics, which were held at venues like Café Montmartre in the late 1990s and early 2000s. She was a co-producer and writer for Mind's Eye Radio on WORT-FM in Madison.

She is survived by her husband, Ken Zielske; son, Alex; five sisters; and countless friends.

In the mid-2010s, Gay moved to Chicago for a couple of years to be with her husband, who got a job there. In the Winter 2014 issue of the T/L newsletter, Gay wrote



an article titled "Chicago Gains Another Yokel". Here is an excerpt:

"And you also Google everything you want to do, as well as Yelping it. The neighborhood businesses live and die on reviews, as opposed to the kind of "word of mouth" assurances one gets in Madison, where people actually have words coming out of their mouths with each other.

Witness one example I experienced of the power of reviews. The apartment is on the third floor, so we have to pay to have every heavy thing delivered. A couch and bed from Macy's were the very first items to appear. I was impressed with the two heavily illustrated, pierced and perforated bodybuilders who made these behemoth pieces seem like balloons, but at the end a little taken aback when told to fill out the evaluation for their employers using only "Magnificent!" as an adjective. "Well, you were very good," I said humbly. "NO!!!" roared the bigger of the two, "you must only say 'magNEEFicent' for Carlos!" He pointed at his chest. I looked quizzically at the smaller of the huge pair. He smiled a little at least and said, "For Igor too!" I signed the evaluation and sent them on their way.

In Madison, I think we would have all dissolved in laughter at the silliness of all this."



Gay presenting at Centrry Celebration



Elizabeth St. Block Party

By Davie Froeschner, Treasurer

After owning our house for a little over 8 years now, I am still taken aback by the fact that I can spend more time with a new car than I can a house when deciding if we want to buy it. I've been offered a car for the weekend to see if we like it; we had about 17 minutes in our house to decide if this was where we wanted to live out our days—and how we would spend our life savings. In a perfect world, I would want to spend an afternoon in a prospective house to have lunch, see where the sun shines, poke all the corners, and most importantly meet the neighbors. In that perfect world, I am confident that the only thing that would have changed would have been a lack of apprehension and fear of regret while the

ink dried on the mortgage.

Granted, my wife and I did our research and picked certain neighborhoods to buy into, but I feel eternally lucky to have happened into not only the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood, but our hyper specific corner of it. As a parent, my major aspirations for my daughter are stability and a sense of community; both of which we have in spades here in Tenney. Once I was in charge of my own living situation, I continued to bounce around Kansas City, chasing cheap rent and fun roommates. I made friends and built what I thought was a community but would have never gotten close to my Leave-it-to-Beaver fantasy of a community had we stayed there; When we first discovered the magic of Elizabeth

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Tenney-Lapham Walks

By Will Stedden,

Monday evenings at 6pm, an intrepid band of neighbors lace up our sneakers and embark on a journey of health, community, and exploratâion, discovering the hidden gems of our delightful neighborhood. With each step, the charms of Tenney-Lapham unfold: we stroll past historic homes nestled

beside tree-lined avenues, saunter along the bridges and paths of our parks, and occasionally scamper down the thunderous urban canyon of East Wash.

But Tenney-Lapham Walks isn't just about putting one foot in front of the other; it's a celebration of neighborliness and a chance to soak in the rich tapestry of history, architecture, and nature that surrounds us. The secret ingredient that makes our walks so gratifying is the amiable and active "walking chat." Something about putting our feet to walking seems to distract our ever-

preoccupied brains just the perfect amount to free up our conversation muscles. The camaraderie of the group transforms these walks into dynamic discussions, where neighbors get to know one another and community anecdotes are traded with enthusiasm.

Whether you're a seasoned walker or just taking your first steps towards an active lifestyle, our group offers a welcoming and inclusive space for all. So, if you're ready to breathe in the fresh air, forge new friendships, and unlock the treasures of Tenney-Lapham, we can't wait to have you stride alongside us on our upcoming adventures!

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St. 4th of July parties, Wyalusing trips, borrowed cars from neighbors, friendly get-to-know-yas on the sidewalk, and all the wonders of TLN, it was easy to think about the



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neighborhood as a thing. It was an entity that has always existed and always will; it just happened into existence. Eventually, however, I realized that this community wasn't an accident; we didn't just bump into it at the mall. This community was built and shaped and fought for; this community was forged. All these traditions that largely run themselves (or at least only have to be managed by a few dedicated individuals) were once a half thought in some neighbor's front yard. As far as I can gather there was a pinnacle of movement in the late 80's and early 90's where my parents' generation bought up old student rentals, rehabbed them, got to know their neighbors, and really laid down roots. For that I am thankful. My hat is off to you, old guard, for really putting in the work that makes TLN a great place to live and for starting traditions that are worth passing on for generations and generations.

Now, all of us young pups have some work ahead of us to keep this going, but walking a road that is already paved is so much easier when you have a wise old hand pulling you along. To everyone that has made this neighborhood a fantastic place to live, thank you.

Housing Listings

	Address	Square Ft	List Price
Active	4 Sherman Ter #3	852	\$185,000
	625 E Mifflin #313	756	\$290,000
	311 N Hancock #333	1060	\$395,000
	208 N Paterson	1474	\$425,000
	625 E Mifflin #201	1321	\$449,900
Pending	208 N Paterson	1474	\$425,000
	827 E Mifflin	931	\$450,000
	931 E Johnson	1361	\$450,000
	1317 E Dayton	1495	\$469,900
	1206 Sherman	7496	\$3,300,000

	Address	Days on Market	List Price	Sale Price
Sold!	33 Sherman Ter #1	3	\$159,900	\$155,000
	13 Sherman Ter #1	11	\$185,000	\$185,000
	13 Sherman Ter #6	38	\$199,900	\$199,900
	311 N Hancock #131	11	\$284,900	\$285,000
	1347 E Dayton	10	\$289,900	\$289,900
	201 N Blair #105	5	\$275,000	\$325,000
	111 N Blair	87	\$335,000	\$335,000
	311 N Hancock #324	4	\$385,000	\$387,000
	201 N Blair #102	3	\$399,000	\$431,000
	312 N Blount	3	\$442,000	\$442,000
	123 N Blount #407	82	\$475,000	\$475,000
	124 N Baldwin	27	\$550,000	\$600,000
	418 N Baldwin	56	\$599,890	\$600,000
	461 N Baldwin	5	\$589,000	\$605,000
	1121 Elizabeth	9	\$550,000	\$665,000
	469 Baldwin	6	\$665,000	\$710,000

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