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The Tenny Scavenger Hunt

By Rocco Turner Sturm

You may have noticed a somewhat significantly higher number of people walking around with clipboards and pieces of paper this spring. Long-time Tenny-Lapham resident Tony Sturm is responsible for this. He made a scavenger hunt to help get people out of the house and to know their neighborhood better.

Recently I interviewed Tony Sturm, the creator of this scavenger hunt. After this I also interviewed a few of the people participating in this scavenger hunt.

I asked Tony why he chose to make this scavenger hunt. He said: "I had been taking long strolls through our neighborhood with our newborn strapped to my chest and, as it was too early to enjoy any flowers, I noticed a number of lawn ornaments, structures, and building details that were uncommon or interesting. I thought it could be fun to challenge neighborhood kids to hunt for specific things in our neighborhood." He explained that the

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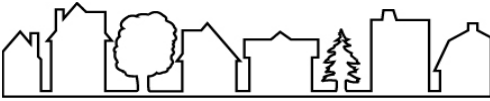
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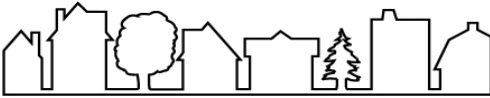
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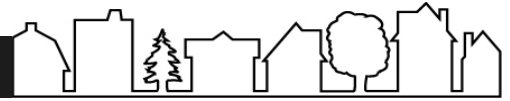
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Jonny Hunter

When the last newsletter was about to go out it was starting to become clear that our lives were about to change pretty dramatically. First, we cancelled the March TLNA meeting and then K-12 school was cut short and UW students were sent home and now, as I'm writing this, it's been two months since I've been in another friend's house, had anyone in my home, eaten at a restaurant, gone to the gym, or had my hair cut by anyone other than my 7-year-old, etc. It has no doubt been difficult and the struggles that this pandemic has brought upon us and our community can feel overwhelming and scary at times. Perhaps the best we all can do is spread kindness and express generosity. The Lapham-Marquette Parent Teacher Group (PTG) has been working with school social workers to provide resources to families through an Acute Needs Fund. (Shout out to the Cork and Bottle family for donating \$1,000 to the fund!!) Walking the streets and sidewalks of our neighborhood, it is evident that people are taking physical distancing seriously and being

considerate and safe on shared walkways and in shared spaces. The TLNA council has adapted as well. We have already held two meetings virtually on Zoom! The TLNA took the progressive move of working with the city to shut down streets to car traffic to create more space for pedestrians and bikes on both Mifflin and Sherman. This collaboration inspired additional street closures throughout the city.

The resiliency, kindness, creativity, and generosity in our neighborhood is a source of hope and comfort during these uncertain times. Our united strength will carry us through as we begin to move, slowly and safely, beyond the initial phases of the response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

There's still exciting things happening! For example, we have an Assembly seat opening up in our district. The assembly seat for the 76th district, which has been held by Chris Taylor since 2012, is opening up and will be decided upon in the November, 2020 elections. While this campaign season is going to be different than the usual, I hope you will spend time researching the candidates and make plans to vote during or before the August 11 primary.



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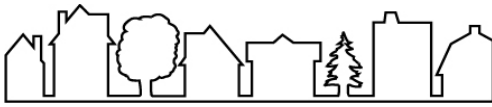


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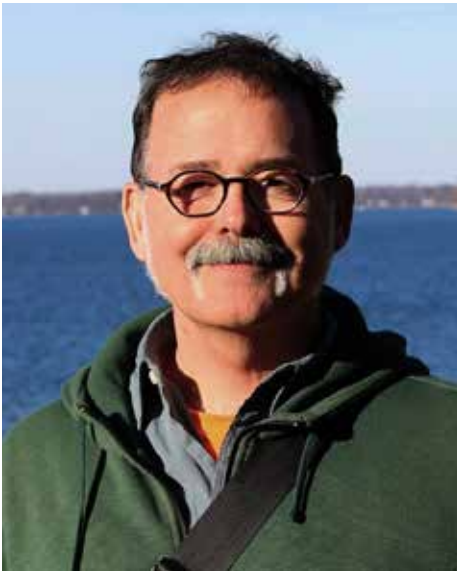
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News from Patrick Heck, District 2 Alder



Patrick Heck

Although the COVID-19 pandemic is keeping many neighbors, family, and friends apart, I hope that you are able to connect via video app, email, text, and even via good old-fashioned telephone calls. Checking in on those you haven't seen or heard from in a while is always a good idea since isolation can at times be rough on us all. Even as some restrictions are carefully eased by Madison Dane County Public Health, and other restrictions are recklessly abandoned by our gerrymandered State Legislature and partisan Wisconsin Supreme Court, please be safe and continue to practice physical distancing.

As for many of us, my job has changed due to the pandemic. Even though I am fortunate that my UW "day job" is relatively unimpacted since I am a longtime telecommuter, taking care of alder business has changed in both good and bad ways. The abilities to meet with folks via video or audio chat and to virtually attend city and neighborhood meetings are potential game-changers in terms of increased access and participation opportunities. That said, for those who do not have internet access or prefer/need to attend meetings in per-

son, virtual meetings are a barrier. Fortunately, participation by phone is already an option on Zoom and many platforms. I imagine that once Public Health advises us that in-person meetings with safeguards are appropriate and city staff can safely accommodate these meetings, a hybrid system will develop. I hope folks will eventually have the opportunity to participate in city processes either remotely or in-person, whichever is more convenient.

Speaking of city staff, we all owe them a tremendous amount of gratitude. Many city departments have been shifting employees to fill gaps when needed. For instance, many departments pitched in to help the Clerk's Office during the spring election when they were swamped with absentee ballot requests, ballot counting, and the need to staff polling places. Many extra hours have been put in by those working either remotely or in-person. Those city employees who are interacting with the public in person deserve our special thanks. Garbage collectors, Metro bus drivers, janitors, and those looking after our parks and street projects, etc., are all helping us to keep the City functioning while risking their personal health.

Obviously, our first responders, including the police, firefighters, and EMTs, are taking tremendous personal risks when responding to calls for service. While PPE is more plentiful than at the start of the pandemic, these folks risk personal harm every day due to the unpredictable nature of their interactions. Like healthcare workers who have put their personal safety at risk for the benefit of everyone, we should never forget their selflessness and dedication to the community.

Common Council, Mayor Rhodes-Conway, and city staff all recognize that it is unlikely that our lives and city government will return to pre-COVID status any-

time soon, if ever. Federal, state, and local governments will be addressing COVID-19 challenges and repercussions for years to come. Addressing budget shortfalls, unemployment, small business assistance, food security, housing needs (homelessness, protection from eviction or foreclosure), and protections for immigrants, the disenfranchised, and the undocumented, will be efforts that may never stop. Perhaps a small, but tarnished, silver-lining to the pandemic is that bolstered efforts to ameliorate its impacts in these areas could become permanent. COVID-19 has exposed the cracks in our society and economy that have always been present, but not necessarily addressed or seen by everyone. Many of us are busy with our lives or willfully turn our heads. I hope that in the coming months and years we can all recognize inequality in all its manifestations and work together to overcome it.

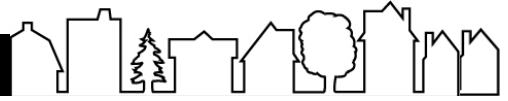
A few updates on other issues follow. You can find more information on my alder update page listed below. I send those updates to all who sign up for my email list at that page and to the TLNA listserv.

Complete the 2020 Census ASAP!

Census data determines how more than \$675 billion in federal funds are distributed to communities across the country for health-care, affordable housing, childcare, education, transportation, and more. That's over \$2,000 per person for Madison and Dane County every year and we will miss out on that if not counted. Visit my-2020census.gov or phone 844-330-2020.

Sherman Avenue and East. Mifflin Partially Closed to Vehicles

As you've likely noticed, Sherman Avenue and E. Mifflin St. are part of the city's initiative to assist community members in having



safe, healthy spaces for walking and biking during the COVID-19 Safer at Home order. These are temporarily "shared streets". Vehicle drivers with destinations in the partially closed zones will continue to have vehicle access, as will the #2 Metro bus on Sherman.

City Allows Delay of Property Tax Payments Without Penalty
Madison property tax installment payments will be due in full on May 31 and July 31, 2020, as usual, but Common Council recently approved a resolution that allows property owners to delay payment until as late as Sep. 30, 2020 with no penalties or interest. Dane County is expected to formally approve these provisions on May 21, which will allow Madison to formally enact these penalty waivers, an attempt to offer payment flexibility for those who may be struggling to keep up with expenses during this difficult time.

On-Leash Dogs Allowed in Most Parks

Common Council has approved the new ordinance and associated policies that allow on-leash dogs in most city parks. Under the new policies, dogs will not be allowed on or near playgrounds, athletic fields when activities are occurring, conservation parks, and in several other locations/circumstances. The city's eight off-leash dog parks, none of which are in District 2, will remain off-leash. Dogs are also not allowed in Breese Stevens Field nor on the beaches at both Tenney Park and James Madison Park.

Reynolds Park Alcohol Ban Update

On May 2, a temporary 90-day ban on alcohol in Reynolds Park went into effect. Due to city committee schedules being impacted by COVID-19, the earlier request for a permanent ban won't be enacted until mid-summer. The permanent ban was requested by many nearby neighbors, TLNA Council, and by me after last year's surge in illegal

behaviors associated with alcohol consumption in the park. Like most other city parks, alcohol permits for special events in Reynolds Park can still be applied for through the Parks Division.

Salvation Army Redevelopment Update

The Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority (WHEDA) recently released the results of its annual competition for Low Income Housing Tax Credits. The Salvation Army's apartment building slated for the 600 block of E. Mifflin St. was not awarded the funds they were seeking. According to the Salvation Army, the planned redevelopment of their overnight shelter for women and families will continue as planned, while the apartment building will likely be delayed as they reapply for WHEDA's 2021 funding cycle. The shelter component of the redevelopment is tentatively expected to break ground in the spring of 2021.

East Gorham St. Sanitary Sewer Project

Later this summer E. Gorham Street between N. Livingston and N. Blair is expected to be under construction for a sanitary sewer replacement project. Gorham will remain open during the project, but there will be temporary lane closures during the anticipated

construction period of mid-July to late October. Visit the project's webpage at <https://bit.ly/2YWuj0R> to get updates and to sign up to receive project emails.

East Dayton Reconstruction
Two blocks of E. Dayton Street between N. Blair and N. Livingston are expected to see extensive reconstruction beginning in August. Visit the project's webpage <https://bit.ly/3cpLf3y> for information.

Yahara Watershed Study Approved
On May 5, Common Council authorized funding for the East Isthmus and Yahara River Watershed Study. This study is the first of a two-phase watershed study that will attempt to address the flooding that has plagued the near eastside in recent years. Phase I is primarily a data-taking and modeling effort with Phase II focusing on developing/evaluating flood mitigation options. Phase II could start in mid-2021, depending on funding availability.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with questions about our neighborhood, the district, or the city.

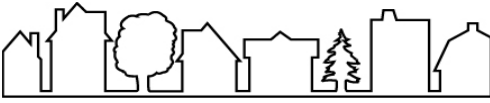
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TLNA Summer Events Update

By Marta Staple, TLNA Events Chair

Summer on the Isthmus is a pretty good time.

Every weekend from May to September, parties, concerts, sports, festivals, picnics, fundraisers, and every event type you can imagine crowd the weekend calendars. As many of my friends start to plan their summer vacations and get-aways, I find myself planning my summer based on this buffet of options right in my own backyard. It's an embarrassment of riches, and one I will miss dearly this summer. The 2020 summer time on the Isthmus will look different in the age of Safer-At-Home orders. Gatherings are likely to continue to be limited, and physical distancing may be with us for some time yet. The Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood will continue to follow the advice of our Public Health officials, and events that are usually scheduled for May and June are cancelled or postponed. The usual events in later summer and into fall remain in the hazy limbo of the unknown.

Schedule changes for your neighborhood events are as follows:

- Ten Lap Lagoon Canoe Race, originally planned for May 16, is cancelled
- Bike to Work Week bagels and coffee stand on the Bike Boulevard, originally planned for the week of May 18, will be delayed to September
- Party in the Park, the annual neighborhood block party in Reynolds Park, originally planned for June 6, is cancelled.
- Art Walk, the tour of art in local households, originally planned in later June, is delay until September 20, 2020
- Yard Sale day is planned for Saturday, August 8. Stay tuned for changes, updates, and sign ups
- Taste of Tenney dinner and annual membership meeting will continue as usual, on a weeknight



Room for Social Distancing on East Mifflin Street

in October. Stay tuned for changes, updates, and volunteer options!

- Optimism remains for a new winter music event.

Until we can gather again, remember that the East Mifflin Street bike boulevard has been closed to car traffic by the city, to allow pedestrians wider space to physically distance themselves while getting outside in the spring air.

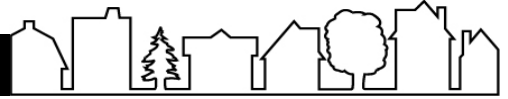
Updates to the schedule, event information, and membership information can be found at the TLNA website, the TLNA facebook page, and the TLNA instagram account. Your dues support great events,

improvement projects, and neighborhood grant requests, and while we're talking about money, Party in the Park is our biggest fundraiser, and the loss of this event means the loss of funds to support projects in the neighborhood, so maybe more now than ever consider a neighborhood association membership.

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Until meet again, stay strong and stay well,

Neighbors



Pandemic haikus

“Get Off Your Phone”
-by James Staple, age 8

Get off your phone, mom
Stop texting when you can Zoom
Please come play with me

“Magnolia Trees”
-by Ramona Staple, age 10

Oh Magnolia
You’re so pretty when snow falls
You should be famous

Dante Turner Sturm, age 7

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Uncommon red, black spots

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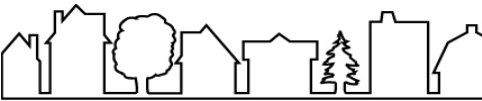
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Corona Shiitake by Jeff Spitzer-Resnick

My wife and I have been sheltering from the pandemic at our vacation place on Goose Lake, in Adams County, Wisconsin, for over a month, where our nearest neighbors are 1/2 a mile away. We feel safer here as there have been only 4 reported COVID-19 cases, though sadly 1 death.

Twenty-eight years ago, we were fortunate enough to find this idyllic spot of virgin oak forest, wetlands and farmland. For the first decade, we camped while we saved our money to build our vacation home. We have contemplated retiring here, and sheltering here is giving us a preview of what that might look like.

Since much of our land is forested, early in our tenure here, I started growing shiitake mushrooms in oak logs that I cut. I have always purchased my spore plugs from Fungi Perfecti and in rainy years, as mushrooms thrive in moist environments, we have gotten some good crops.

But since we are usually only here about twice/month on the weekends, we are not able to water the shiitake inoculated logs regularly, and our harvests are sporadic. Accordingly, I have never inoculated more than 100 spore plugs at a time, and I usually do that about every 2-3 years, since the mushrooms take 6-18 months to emerge and the logs will usually last 3-5

years.

Now that we are living here full time, it made sense to start another shiitake crop. When I went to order them from Fungi Perfecti, they were out of their 100 spore plug size and the only option was to purchase 1,000 spore plugs. While it was nice that 10x the amount was only about 2.5x the price, I had some concern about the amount of work it would take to inoculate so many spore plugs, which requires drilling holes into logs as well as cutting the logs. But since the pandemic has given most of us more time, I went ahead and placed the order.

Normally, I inoculate oak logs with the shiitake spores. But my wife, Sheryl, mentioned that she has a patient who inoculated pine, and probably because the wood is soft, the mushrooms emerged much quicker, although the logs did not last as long.

Almost 20 years ago, I planted 2,500 spruce and pine on a very scrubby old piece of farmland on our property that was probably never very good farmland. It is along the road that leads to our house. Before I planted these 2-3 year old saplings, we had problems with snow drifts over our road. Rather than put in an ugly snow fence, I thought it made more sense to plant a forest as a wind break. Of course, it added tremendous environmental



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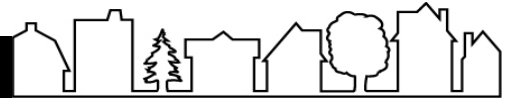
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benefit as well.

The trees I planted have grown incredibly fast, and I have a hard time keeping up with thinning them every year to make room for better growth. I usually cut 15-20 trees every November and give a few away to friends who want them for x-mas trees.

Normally, I let the trees I cut dry for a year, and then I haul them back to our house to cut up and use for firewood. However, with 1,000 spore plugs to inoculate, I decided to use the spruce and pine logs I cut last November. So, I loaded them up on my trailer and hauled them back to our house.

Of course, these logs needed trimming. My son Josh helped me with some of the larger logs and he used a hatchet to trim many of the branches off the logs. I used a tree loppers and chain saw to trim off the rest.

While I have owned my tree loppers for many years and they have come in handy many times, I never paid much attention to the brand name on them until I started this project on Thursday. Who could



Pine logs



Shiitake

have guessed that my tree loppers' name would be so perfect for a pandemic?

I started inoculating logs on Thursday afternoon, and I think I finished about 1/3 of the 1,000 spore plugs before dark. My arm was sore and although I knew it would be challenging to finish the rest on Friday, I got back to work that morning hoping to finish before dark that night. Of course, I hoped that I had enough cut logs, but since I have never inoculated so many shiitake spores, I would not be sure until I finished.

The last step of inoculating the

logs involves sealing the spore plugs with wax. I had leftover wax from previous inoculations, so I did not buy more. Unfortunately, with about 100 spore plugs left, I ran out of wax, so I finished the rest by melting Sabbath candles, which seems to work well enough.

It turns out that I was one log short of enough for all those spore plugs, so I used a recently cut oak log, that I was drying for fire wood to finish off the rest. As I got to the very last spore plug, both of the batteries on my portable drill were dead after numerous recharg-

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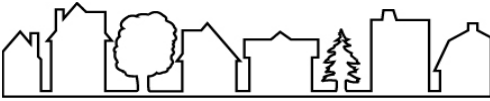
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Corona loppers

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ings over the previous 2 days. Fortunately, I keep the old plug-in drill that my father bought for me just before I got married nearly 40 years ago, for back up, and I grabbed it to drill the last hole.

Here is the finished product with

my shadow looming over the logs. If all goes well, we will have so many shiitake mushrooms this fall that we will have to dry many of them. If I have enough, maybe I will start a side business and sell some!

We all have our own ways of coping with this pandemic. None of

us have ever experienced anything like this and some days are harder than others. For me, I have to find ways of staying productive and despite the muscle aches, the last two days have fulfilled that need for me.

There are many reasons why I like Fungi Perfecti. One quirky reason is that when they send you spore plugs, they include these stickers.

Most of us do not feel very beautiful during a pandemic. Even if we are healthy, many of us are letting our wardrobe and grooming slide into pajama casual. But deep down inside, every one of us is still beautiful. Keep reminding yourself of that when you are coping with the many challenges this pandemic brings with it. With the support of our friends, families and neighbors, and of course, health care providers and grocery store employees, we will get through this.

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Helping our School Communities in the Time of Coronavirus
By David Staple

As you may recall, last Fall the Lapham/Marquette Parent Teacher Group (LMPTG) set up an Acute Needs Fund (ANF) to help provide support for Lapham/Marquette students and families that are experiencing crises or particularly difficult circumstances. Thanks to the generous outpouring of support from our school and neighborhood communities, we have been able to use the to help multiple families with different needs and situations. For example, we were able to provide mattresses, bedding, and other essentials to several families that had recently found housing. We have also been able to provide emergency support for families experiencing food insecurity. The ANF is a vital resource that the school social workers can access to help students and families in situations that might otherwise go unaddressed. The PTG wishes to thank all of the members of the Tenney-Lapham community that were able to contribute to the fund during our initial fundraising last Fall.

We now find ourselves in unprecedented circumstances as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Many of the traditional things that the LMPTG supports are simply not happening during the current virtual/distance learning that the schools and kids are engaging in. We don't have field trips or after-school events to provide funding for. However, some members of our communities are being hit harder than others by the COVID-19 pandemic. With some out of work, we expect that a greater number of families will be experiencing food shortages. As the restrictions on evictions and utility shutoffs are lifted, we expect that some families may experience

housing insecurity. It is with all this in mind that that we have been working with the school social workers to find new ways to help the more vulnerable members of our school communities and to get funds dispersed to those who need them. Recently, we were able to purchase grocery cards that can be distributed to those that need them, and established a pre-paid taxi account to provide transportation to food banks or other essential locations. We hope these efforts will make this difficult time a little easier for the families we are able to help.

We know that some folks have been less financially impacted by the current situation than others, and that they might be looking for a way that they can help. If you are interested in making a financial contribution to the LMPTG's Acute Needs Fund, we will make certain that your contribution goes to help students and families in the Lapham/Marquette community that are experiencing food/housing insecurity or other critical needs arising from the COVID-19 pandemic. Contributions can be made using the 'Donate' button on the LMPTG website: <https://laphammarquette.wixsite.com/lmptg>. Just indicate 'ANF' in the notes when you make the contribution. If you'd rather donate by check, please reach out to me (dwstaple@gmail.com) and I can provide alternative instructions for making a donation.

We certainly understand that now isn't the right time for many to contribute. As always, we want to thank you for all that you do to make our communities and schools great places for kids to learn and grow.

Pandemic haikus

Zadie Becker, age 10

THINGS TO DO
(A couplet)

What should I do?
Art, read, school, TV, oh look!
The day is through.

ROUTINE

Wake up, brush teeth
Breakfast, school and reading time
It's always the same

PANDEMIC

Quarantined, at home
Only family around
We'll make it through this.

QUARANTINE

Just us, stuck at home.
Puzzles, books, and
computers.
This is the new norm.

Lucia's Haiku, age 5

Touch fuzzy lamb's ear
I can hear my backyard birds
I like red pepper

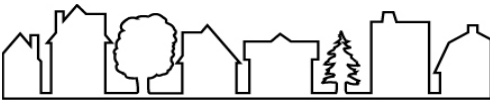
Brooklyn Kazda, age 9:

Six feet away play
Chalk, bike, skate, hike, read,
dance, rest
Rainbows on front doors

Zooms with family
Extra snuggles everyday
Cozy in my home

Priska Eagleman, age 9
Repeat

Everything is on repeat,
All I want to do is eat and sleep,
There isn't anyone new to meet,
I cannot even get new shoes for my
own feet,
Oh no! Repeat, Repeat, Repeat!



Reading in the Pandemic Edited by Ann Rulseh



Our neighborhood is filled with people who like to read. Here are some of their thoughts about reading in the time of COVID-19.

Lois Braun Oddo.

I started this quarantine reading more cookbooks than novels. Sweet by Ottolenghi & Goh was my go to for all the delicious carbs we craved the first couple of weeks. I even had time for the more involved recipes. Not much novel reading since, but I have been enjoying books on Audible. My book club recently read the first two books of the Maisie Dobbs detective series by Jacqueline Winspear. The stories backdrop, for the most part, is just after WWI when everyone is coming to terms with, and recovering from the shock of war. I'll probably intersperse more Maisie Dobbs with the printed

novels waiting so patiently on my bedside table. First in the queue is There There by Tommy Orange.

Dave Wallner

Since I'm missing the start of baseball season during these dreary days, I'm getting my baseball fix by reading SACHEL: THE LIFE AND TIMES OF AN AMERICAN LEGEND by Larry Tye. It's a wonderful read about Satchel's phenomenal career as a pitcher and a real baseball character. It also shines a light on the evils of the Jim Crow era and how segregation affected so many great black athletes.

I also highly recommend THE LAST BUS TO WISDOM, the last novel by Montana novelist Ivan Doig. It's the tale of a young orphaned boy forced to leave Montana on a 1950s Greyhound bus to live with unknown relatives in Wisconsin. It's a touching, heartfelt

and funny story about growing up during hard times.

If there's an upside to these crazy virus days it's finding more time to read those good books stacked up on our shelves and bed tables. r

John Bell

Due to pandemic restrictions my reading time has increased quite a bit. I've been able to read several books I'd set aside hoping to read them at some distant point. I have a couple of long novels I'm saving for a reading group among near neighbors. It may be the closest I'll ever get to "Eat Sleep Read".

Debby Meyer

We are trying a few new things and some old standbys to make this time go by more bearably. Since my gym is closed, I have used these spring mornings for long walks in the neighborhood. I've noticed places like city park benches tucked away spots and houses I've never noticed before. The Sandhill cranes have been at Tenney lagoon almost every day. Marvelous! We have sent Madison care packages to our kids who live out of town. The care packages contain items from local small businesses.

Of course, reading is high on my list of activities. I am rereading THE WHISTLING SEASON by Ivan Doig (one of my favorite authors). And of course we are doing puzzles, lots of puzzles. We just finished our 11th thousand-piece puzzle! We will make it through this.

Ann Halbach

I'm always interested in history and finding solace in looking at the past these days, and leaning towards stories of strong woman. I'm currently reading REBEL CINDERELLA: FROM RAGS TO RICHES TO RADICAL, THE EPIC JOURNEY OF ROSE PASTOR STOKES by Adam Hoch-

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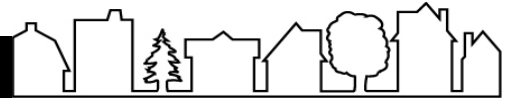
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An Update on Dane County’s COVID-19 Response Efforts By Dane County Executive Joe Parisi

Between March 1 and April 28, the volume of calls to United Way’s 211 line relating to food and meals jumped 300% compared to pre-coronavirus time frames. During that same period, approximately 30,000 Dane County residents had applied for unemployment. These numbers make it all too clear how much our community is being affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. While many unknowns still exist, I want to lay out what Dane County is doing to serve our residents and provide relief to those struggling during this difficult time.

To help those facing food insecurity, Dane County is giving \$3 million to Second Harvest Foodbank of Southern Wisconsin. This funding will be used to acquire food for Dane County food pantries over the next 90 days. Dane County is also acquiring four cold storage semi-trailers to bolster the ability for Second Harvest to store more meat, dairy, and fresh produce grown and produced locally. This effort will bring producers and consumers together to improve sales for farmers while resupplying dwindling cupboards of area food banks during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Another group that has taken a significant hit over the past few months is local businesses, leaving many owners to question what they can do to stay afloat. To help make ends meet during this difficult time, Dane County is putting \$10.8 million towards its Small Business Pandemic Support Grant Program. This funding will be used by local businesses to help with employee retention and mitigate losses related to COVID-19. Dane County has partnered with Dane Buy Local to administer these grants, and awards have already started to go out.

Staff for Dane County and the City of Madison have been working tirelessly to protect our most vulnerable residents. To date, Dane County has invested more



Joe Parisi


than \$1.8 million in COVID-19 homelessness efforts. We’ve helped over 350 individuals experiencing homelessness get relocated to more than 180 hotel rooms with 6 hotel partners to help carry out proper social distancing. Limiting the spread of the novel coronavirus is Dane County’s top priority, and these efforts have helped us flatten the curve in our community.

With an eye towards the future, Dane County and the City of Madison are amending our 2020 budgets to boost funding for Public Health Madison & Dane County by nearly \$700,000 for COVID-19 response efforts. These funds will help increase contact tracing, infectious control, disease prevention, and community education efforts needed to transition parts of the local economy into reopening and put us on a path to recovery.

I want to thank Dane County residents for their support and cooperation as we work to combat the spread of COVID-19. We’re in this together, and we’ll come through this together.



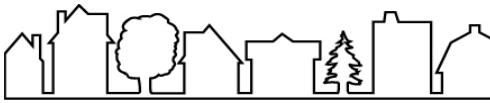
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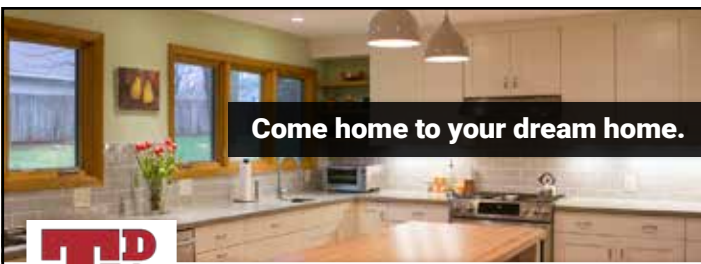
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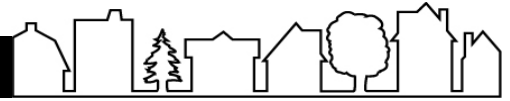
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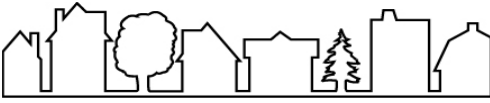
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New edible plantings at Reynolds Park

by Scott Favour



Pat Kelly planting at Reynolds Field

On Saturday, April 25th, TLNA Parks Chair Pat Kelly led a group of neighbors in planting six edible currant bushes and two replacement Paw Paw trees on the Mifflin Street side of the Water Utility building at Reynolds Park.

Neighbors from the Starliner Lofts directly across the street helped by digging holes, laying down collected cardboard, mulching and watering. Starliner neighbors will continue to water

the new plants.

The day was very nice for planting and with Pat's expertise the project went very nicely. Two photos are attached, one with Pat in action and the other of the finished project.

These bushes, the new trees, and the maturing Cherry trees should provide some edible fruit for neighbors well into the future. Thanks to the TLNA council for providing the plants and mulch.

schild. It's narrative nonfiction of an immigrant at the turn of the 20th century who worked in the cigar factories, married into New York high society, championed organized labor and socialism, and was one of the earliest feminists to publicly defy laws against distributing information about birth control.

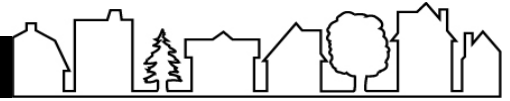
Virtual book groups have kept me reading from the light fare of the MAISIE DOBBS MYSTERIES by Jacqueline Winspear to the remarkable WWII epic *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah. The pandemic has also turned me into a daily blog follower of Heather Cox Richardson, a political historian at Boston College, who uses facts and history to make observations about contemporary issues. Other members of my family are taking advantage of Harvard's free online courses - one is taking a U.S. Public Policy course and the other, a music appreciation course on Handel and Mozart. A lot to keep us busy!

Sandi Torkildson

One of the best books I read in the past year is *WINTER SOLDIER* by Daniel Mason. This is the story of a 22-year old medical student in Vienna at the beginning of WWI. He joins the army hoping for the real experience of being a doctor but ends up in a makeshift field hospital located in a remote valley in the Carpathian Mountains.

I recently reread *THE HANDMAID'S TALE* by Margaret Atwood. It has been over 30 years since I first read it. I found the second read even more chilling than the first. I was also rereading *Sense and Sensibility* by Jane Austin. I had hoped to see the American Players Theater production this summer. Well that's not happening!!

Since one of the best things to do now is go for a walk, I have been doing lots of bird watching. My go to bird guide is *THE SIBLEY FIELD GUIDE TO BIRDS OF EASTERN NORTH AMERICA*. Also check out *Best Hikes Near Madison - Falcon.Guides*.



If we were all sloths By Alma Lusson, age 9

Most sloths stay in their tree for about one week, and then they slowly come down to poop. Sloths are way different than us humans, but what if they weren't? Let's say that we were all sloths right now, and we are not allowed to come out of our tree! That's a problem.

So, I'm Alma sloth, and I live in a big tree with my whole family(it probably would be very smooshed up there!). We are not allowed to get out of our tree, only really for groceries or to go to pharmacies (sloths don't need that stuff, but this story is not exactly a nonfiction text so it doesn't matter!). Some sloths in our town still have to go to work at the hospital, and we always go on our secret shortcut, to avoid other sloths.

We are hanging upside down, trying to do online learning, but we keep drop-

ping the computer. It hasn't been a week yet, so we have not come down illegally to poop. The only sloths that can go out are the sloth police, to give sloths who come out of their tree, a ticket.

It's getting close to one week, and every-sloth in town is dreading this moment. We carry on slowly with our week. Suddenly it's sunday. One day until almost the whole town will break the state law. That night we make a plan. I suggest going to space, where there are no sloths, because no one has invented a rocket ship for sloths, but we agree on a more simple plan.

I am so worried and excited,that I only sleep for about three hours. When we all wake up, we activate our plan. All sloths don't wear clothes, except for the sloth police, so we can recognize

them. We sneak out of our tree, and crawl down the road to the police department(tree). Then we get to work, swinging slowly to the closet in the tree(What?!). We quietly and slowly grab all of the police uniforms so we look like police and no one questions why we are outside. We swing back to our tree as fast as we can.

We got extras, for all the sloths in town. My police uniform is really big for me and drags on the ground. My sister's is so short, we can almost see her belly button! We sleep another two hours, and then find a phone somewhere and text every-sloth in town, and drop off their uniforms at the bottom of the trees. The sloth police come out and inspect the city. When they go in for a lunch break, the whole town comes out to poop!

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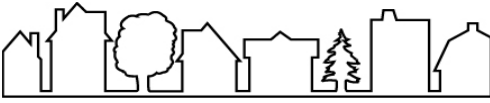
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The Tenny Scavenger Hunt

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idea for the scavenger hunt came from the Sheppleman-Holz family. They had previously made a scavenger hunt based on clues placed in Tenny Park.

I also asked Tony if it went as well as he was expecting and if he might do another one. Tony replied: "I was thrilled with the enthusiasm behind it! I have already been thinking about doing another one, though I don't think it can be exactly the same."

Some of the objects on the hunt included carved wooden masks, Mardi Gras beads, an octagon window, a sump pump spilling out onto the street and two dead end signs. I asked Tony how he chose the objects. He explained that he narrowed his walks to an area bordered by Brearly, Gorham, Marston, and Sherman. "I was able to cover every block and look for interesting objects that children and adults could hunt for. Some were obvious. Most neighbors could tell you the block that the Poet-Tree is on or the Giant Spider. But, some were not. Where is there a bear holding a lantern? I made a list of over 50 items to search for and initially shared it with some of our neighbor families who I thought would find it inspiring. The next few days I was delighted to see a number of kids wandering down the streets with clipboards diligently scanning front yards and facades" Tony said.

Families had a lot of fun participating. I interviewed two of the four families who completed the scavenger hunt. The three people I interviewed were Benjamin Hillebrand (10) and Na-

sirah (10) and Ruben (7) of the McKinney Royston family.

I asked Ben what his overall opinion of the scavenger hunt was. He said It was hard, fun and he would do it again.

Ben and his mother, Angie, said that their family's strategy had been to look at the list of items and break that up among each of them. Then they went around the neighborhood three times.

Nasirah and Ruben also said overall they liked it. They said that the hardest item to find was

the bear holding a lantern.

It took them up to the last day. Their strategy was to take pictures of things that seemed suspicious or were interesting/unusual. They also said they saw things that they thought should be on the scavenger hunt.

To all the people who participated in the scavenger hunt and everybody else too, we wish you good health, and stay safe.

Disclaimers: The interviews were edited for clarity and the author is the 10-year-old child of scavenger hunt organizer Tony Sturm.



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