

# The Bridge

TENNEY-LAPHAM NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Winter 2024



## Bridges, Making Connections and Dealing with Change

**By Joey Hoey**  
Newsletter Coordinator, TLNA

With this edition of the Bridge, we hope to renew our commitment to engaging with the neighborhood. Building on the recent adoption of a new name for the Newsletter, the Council is looking to make new connections, between the past and the future, between the Council and the neighborhood, and between the neighborhood and the businesses that call Tenney Lapham home.

I've lived in the neighborhood for 30 years. That makes me a relic in some people's eyes, others see me as a relative newcomer. What is undeniable is that Tenney Lapham has changed dramatically in the last two decades. Looking at the Galaxie it's hard to remember the empty Don Miller buildings that preceded it. How many people walking or driving past the Valor remember the Messner building?

Don Miller and Messner were, in their day, integral parts of the neighborhood. In this issue we say goodbye to a business that many of you will miss as much as Don Miller's and Messner's customers did when they closed. Change can be hard, disruptive, and dis-

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## Hello neighbors!

**By Patty Prime**  
Membership Chair, TLNA

I am the new member chair for TLNA and I'd like to ask (and answer) a few questions about TLNA membership.

### Why join TLNA?

When you join TLNA, your support makes events and this newsletter possible. You also fund projects, such as the fruit garden at Reynolds Field. Events, newsletters, and our many projects are ways to experience being part of a community, meeting new people and visiting with those you know. One of TLNA's goals is to foster that feeling of community.

TLNA also is a link to the city, playing a liaison role on issues that have an impact on you, such as traffic, or new development. Your support keeps that line of communication open.

### How do I join TLNA?

There is a link at [tenneylapham.org](http://tenneylapham.org) where you can join or renew your membership. If you are old school, mail a check to: TLNA, PO Box 703, Madison, WI. 53701

### How many members are there?

TLNA has over 300 members who have joined or renewed their membership in the last three years. However, to be accurate, for the past year the number

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## Ry's Ramblings -- From the President

By Ryan McCormick  
President, TLNA

Happy Holidays and New Year, Tenney-Lapham! It may look more like Spring than winter out there, but I'm sure we will still be given our fair share of white stuff in the next couple months. A big part of me hopes that still happens.

In my first editorial as TLNA President, I request that you please take a moment to review our current TLNA Council on page 2. We've been blessed with a few awesome new people on our team this year, and some of the rest of us have merely played musical chairs. I'll go out on a limb and speak for all of us—we are eager to serve our neighbors as best we can in 2024!

We are also eager for continued healthy discussion amongst neighbors, whether strangers or old pals. This happens on the email listserv and social media, and in our driveways. I love that there are so many diverse sets of opinions out there, so of course let's keep this up, but I invite you to also bring it to our monthly TLNA meetings. We meet every second Thursday of each month, in-person at various public locations within the neighborhood. This year's schedule is published

online as well as on this page.

Now let's get back to talk about Spring because that's when stuff really starts to pick up around here. Look for what Lia Vellardita and Pat Kelly, Events and Parks chairs, respectfully, have to share about upcoming events, starting with Earth Day clean-up and the Spring fling, our semi-annual meeting. Before the seasons change we will have met once again to continue planning these and other events.

If you choose to show up, and I hope you do, why not show up in style? Go get your best fit from the TLNA swag shop.

Proceeds from swag sales help fund the events mentioned above. [tinyurl.com/TLNASwag24](http://tinyurl.com/TLNASwag24)

## 2024 TLNA Council Meetings

All meetings are scheduled for 7pm and open to the public! Alder Marsha Rummel, County Supervisor Heidi Wegleitner, and a Madison Police Department officer are invited to every meeting.

**January 11** – Forward Club @ Breese Stevens

**February 8** – The Lyric conference room

**March 14** – The Standard

**April 11** – Yahara House

**May 9** – location TBD

**June 13** – location TBD

**July 11** – location TBD

**August 8** – location TBD

**September 12** – location TBD

**October** – tentatively rescheduled as part of the annual meeting and Taste of Tenney in late September, date and location TBD

**November 14** – location TBD

**December 12** – location TBD

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### Entering the New Year with New Legislative Maps

By Senator Melissa Agard (D-Madison)

A proud mom of four sons, East High and UW Madison graduate, and lifelong Madison resident, Senator Melissa Agard is dedicated to moving Wisconsin forward.

Senator Agard was first elected to the Wisconsin State Assembly in November 2012 and the Wisconsin State Senate in November 2020, where she currently serves as the Senate Democratic Leader. She represents the 16th Senate District, encompassing much of the north, east, and south sides of Dane County.

During her time in the legislature, she has championed policies that support and strengthen our communities, ensure government works for the ordinary people of Wisconsin, and build an economy that works for all of us. We entered 2024 with a ruling from the Wisconsin Supreme Court that the current legislative district maps are unconstitutional, something folks all over Wisconsin have been pointing out for many years. Having been an advocate for fair maps during my tenure as a state legislator, this is a very exciting time and a promising develop-

ment for the people of Wisconsin to have a real say in who their elected officials are.

It is imperative to our democracy that elected officials uphold the will of the people and that voters choose their elected officials, not the other way around. It is refreshing to start a new year with renewed hope for a more fair and balanced government. I am glad to see the Wisconsin Supreme Court ruling in favor of the people – that the current gerrymandered maps are unconstitutional and should be overturned. As it stands, the Legislature does not reflect the values and voices of Wisconsinites. I applaud the state Supreme Court’s decision and look forward to an election cycle where all Wisconsinites can rightly choose their representatives in the State Capitol.

For far too long, Republicans in power gerrymandered Wisconsin’s legislative maps to retain control, rather than represent the will of the majority. It is shameful that for more than a decade, politicians in Wisconsin have chosen their voters,

rather than voters choosing their representatives.

The filing by Law Forward back in August was just the first step in restoring democracy and fairness in Wisconsin. When we put people first, we can create opportunity, security and prosperity for our friends and neighbors. Fair maps are how we get back to that ideal.

The next step in this landmark State Supreme Court case is the remedy for Wisconsinites which is anticipated to wrap up this spring. Here are a few dates of interest:

January 12, 2024 - Each party must file a proposed map

January 22, 2024 - Each party may file a response brief

February 1, 2024 - Court consultants will send out remedial analyses

February 8, 2024 - Each party can submit a response brief to the court consultant’s brief

In Service,  
Melissa Agard  
16th Senate District

### Bridges, Making Connections and Dealing with Change



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orienting. It can also be exciting, opportunity filled and inspiring. In the coming issues, we hope to highlight both the past and the future. So please consider writing an article, share some memories or tell your neighbors about your hopes for what TLNA can become. Send them to [tenneylapham.comm@gmail.com](mailto:tenneylapham.comm@gmail.com). We look forward to adding your voices to ours.



### Dane County is Building Bridges to Address Youth Mental Health



By Joe Parisi  
Dane County Executive

A decade ago this past fall, I announced the creation of Building Bridges – a Dane County funded school-based mental health support program that has since served hundreds of young people and their families in 11 local school districts.

Anxiety, depression, and other behavioral health needs remain great among an increasing number of young people. We launched Building Bridges to intervene and focus on prevention, reducing the downstream impacts of mental illness that can impact academic performance and be a barrier to personal

and professional success.

The program receives an annual county budget allocation of over \$1.9 million, and local school districts partner to financially support the program. With new dollars in the 2023 county budget, the Madison Metropolitan School District will add another Building Bridges staff team to their networks, expanding the program’s reach to even more students.

New data from Building Bridges indicates the program is seeing successful outcomes go beyond the time students and families participate in the program. For example, 76% of Building Bridges participants in the 2021-22 school year were considered to have significant impairment at the start of their treatment. Assessments taken six months after program completion showed that number was down in the 40-45% range. More than one in three students and families reported sustaining overall improvement even six months after departing Building Bridges.

We know the need is great when it comes to helping our young people navigate today’s realities. We also know programs like Building Bridges help meet the challenge of the moment, and I’m grateful for the continued support and participation of our partner Dane County schools who share our commitment to this next generation and their families.

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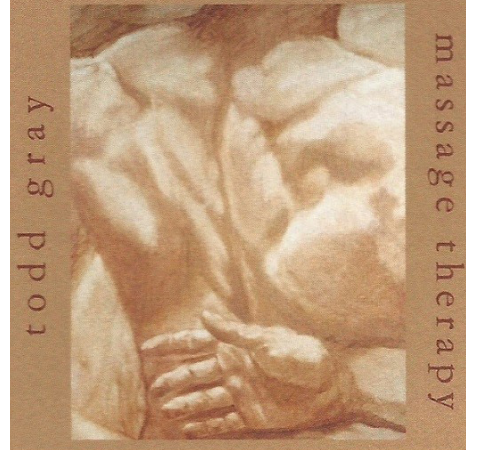
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## Meet the TLNA Council

### Lia Vellardita, Events Chair, TLNA

**Where were you born?**  
Madison WI

**What was your first job?**  
Cake decorator in high school

**Seen any good movies or read any good books lately?**

Just watched The Boy and the Heron and am currently reading Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver

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

So many amazing places I love... I'd say the Burren in Ireland or Olympic National Park

**Why do you choose to live in Madison?**

Family, friends, jobs, education, location...we love this little city.

**Why did you join TLNA?**

I was previously on the Council as Secretary 2011-12 and Vice Presi-



dent 2012-13, then came back in 2023 for events (and because my

sister joined the council and I love working with her).

### Hilary Stohs-Krause Area Rep, TLNA

**Where were you born?**  
Milwaukee

**What was your first job?**  
Concessions at a movie theater in my local mall.

**Seen any good movies or read any good books lately?**

The film "Past Lives" is one of my top favorites from 2023; I can't recommend it enough.

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

I travel a lot, so this is a tough question, but I went to Oslo in the spring to visit some Norwegian friends, and it's one of my new favorite cities.

**Why do you choose to live in Madison?**

While Madison has its share of problems, I love that it's a city filled with smart people working on inclusive solutions, and also has the public and private resources to fund those ideas. All cities have their issues, but at least here, it really feels like people are working together to



continually try to make things better. (Also the food scene is superb.)

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Anna Gault Reynolds (in black dress behind trailer) founded Reynolds Transfer & Storage at 615 E. Mifflin St. (circa 1888).

## Who was Reynolds and why is it named Reynolds Park?

By Joey Hoey  
Newsletter Coordinator, TLNA

They say curiosity killed the cat, but my curiosity doesn't often rise to anything near that level of danger. I'm more likely to wonder, often unknowingly and somewhat annoyingly out loud, who or what a name on a passing sign is or was. Google and Wikipedia are not always capable of providing a quick answer and my mind moves onto something else. Until the next time we pass the object that sparked the question.

So, who was Reynolds and why is it named Reynolds Park? It's possible it's named after Anna Gault

Reynolds, who founded a livery stable and hauling firm with four rigs and 10 horses in 1888 and operated it out of a barn next to her house on the 600 block of East Mifflin Street. Her company eventually grew into a specialty hauling firm. Henry and William Reynolds. Anna's grandsons took over management of the firm in 1929 and built Reynolds Transfer & Storage into one of the largest hauling companies in Wisconsin.

I did the customary google search and couldn't find anything close to a confirmation that the Park is indeed named after Anna, or in honor of her company's contribution to Madison

(Their website lists an impressive array of local causes they support - The Road Home, RISE, United Way of Dane County, Crazylegs Classic, Carbone Comprehensive Cancer Center, and the Madison Children's Museum among others). Moving forward, the Council would like the Bridge to feature informative articles about the places and people who made TLNA what it is today. If you have an interest in history of the Tenney Lapham Neighborhood and want to contribute something, we'd be thrilled to share it with our readers. Send articles or questions to [tenneylapham.comm@gmail.com](mailto:tenneylapham.comm@gmail.com).



## Parched Eagle Comes in For Its Final Landing

By Will Stedden  
Area Rep., TLNA

The Parched Eagle, a beloved brewery that has been a fixture in the neighborhood, is closing its doors on March 1st. The journey to this location began in 2016 when Jack Chandler, the former landlord and proprietor of the Art In at 1444 E. Wash, offered owner and brewmaster, Jim Goronson, a vacant suite. The taproom officially opened its doors on May 12, 2017. Then their original Westport location closed in October 2019, consolidating everything, including the brewery, at the new site a few months before the pandemic.

Running the Parched Eagle in the neighborhood brought many positives, such as reasonable overhead, a charming taproom ambiance, and the support of the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association. The only drawback to the location was the limited access to the parking lot from the westbound on E. Wash, but even that wasn't enough to slow them down for their nearly 9 year

run that weathered even a pandemic.

"We've had a good run but it's time to move on," Jim said, "I'm having health issues that dictate a change in occupation, and our ownership group feels the best thing to do is pass along the business to someone who will infuse significant new energy into it, taking over the space for their own brand."

As they prepare to close, the owners express gratitude for the community and encourage neighbors to support the business that will take over. They have several interested parties and hope the new venture will thrive. In the spirit of community, they urge everyone to come in, enjoy the beer, spread the word, and contribute to the ongoing success of the space. You haven't missed your last chance to enjoy the ambiance of this brewery on E Washington. There will still be another beer release of a Bourbon Barrel Aged Geronimo Stout on Saturday Feb 3rd and a going-away party on March 1st. Be sure to come bid farewell to Tenney-Lapham's only

brewery as it awaits the friendly touch of its next owners.

While the Parched Eagle comes in for its final landing, it leaves behind memories of good times and a legacy that future businesses can build upon.



Jim Goronson, Parched Eagle's Owner and Brewmaster.



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#### Carbon Monoxide Safety

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a clear, odorless gas produced by burning fuels like natural gas, propane, oil, wood, kerosene or charcoal. At high levels, CO can kill a person in minutes. Fetuses, infants, older adults and people with anemia or a history of heart or respiratory disease can be especially susceptible.

#### Common CO causes:

- Fuel-burning appliances that are not vented properly or that are used incorrectly including gas ranges/ovens, water heaters, furnaces, clothes dryers, etc.
- Gasoline-powered snow blowers, emergency generators, lawn mowers, etc.
- Idling cars.
- Charcoal or gas grills.

#### Symptoms of CO poisoning:

- Low levels of CO poisoning may cause shortness of breath, nausea or headaches.
- Moderate levels can cause severe headaches, dizziness, confusion, nausea or fainting.
- Moderate levels of exposure over a long period of time can cause death.

Many of these symptoms are similar to those caused by the flu, food poisoning or other illnesses. If you

think you have symptoms caused by CO poisoning, leave the house to get fresh air immediately and be sure to call 911 and seek medical attention.

#### Steps to prevent CO poisoning:

- Have appliances and equipment that burn fuels such as natural gas, propane, oil or wood inspected by a trained professional at the beginning of every heating season. This includes your furnace, water heater, range, oven, dryer, space heater and fireplace.
- Purchase and install CO alarms that are Underwriters Laboratories (UL) approved. Do not use an alarm as a substitute for proper use and maintenance of your appliances and equipment.
- Make sure the exhaust vents, flues and chimneys in your home are working properly.
- Don't use a gas oven to heat your home, even for a short time.
- Don't use a charcoal grill indoors, even in a fireplace.
- Don't ignore symptoms, especially if more than one person has them. If you do nothing, you could lose consciousness and die.

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## Announcing the 2024 Tenney Lapham neighborhood yard sale!

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yard sale, happening Saturday, August 3, 8 am - 3 pm, with great stuff to buy all over the neighborhood.

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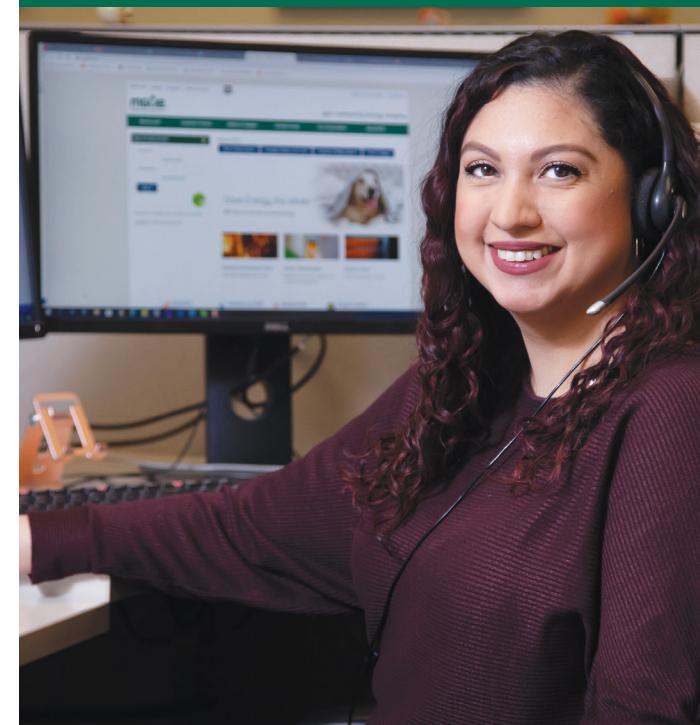
Thanks to neighbor Bob Shaw for overseeing the Google map of

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## Fire & Ice Pauses in 2024

By Jeannette Deloya

For the past few years, TLNA has hosted a wonderful luminary path in Tenney Park during the coldest days of winter. Due to the mild temps this year along with several other reasons, we will not be organizing a large formal path in 2024.

Instead, we'd like to encourage you to try your hand at making luminaries of your own. Monitor the forecast, and when there is a string of days that are cold enough (20 degrees or less), put your balloons, buckets and other containers to work. Fill them up with water and set them out to freeze. Wait 24 hours and take them in to spill out the water. They are ready for a candle.

Make as many as you wish and put them out in your front yards and along your street. And, when it gets dark, light the candle(s) and enjoy a little dose of winter magic.

Here are few resources for making lanterns

You can make lanterns using a variety of materials (must be earth and animal friendly). You will find su-



per easy directions for creating ice luminarias on Youtube (there are hundreds!) One of my favorites is a

Swedish method - Is Lytka. Or you can use balloons or a 5-gallon bucket. Choose your own style, color, shape, and method. Make as many as you wish. Make sure the cavity is large enough to hold the votive you will using. Oui Yogurt Containers make great votives. They are sturdy, and the smaller mouth helps protect the flame from a winter wind.

Feel free to contact Jeannette Deloya [jdeloya4@gmail.com](mailto:jdeloya4@gmail.com) with your questions



## George Ferry Building

By Pat Kelly  
Parks chair, TLNA

Have you ever noticed that curious building in Tenney Park at the corner of Marston and Sherman? What is it, what is/was it used for, why is it still standing and standing seemingly empty?

A little history on Tenney Park first. Tenney Park was purchased by the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association in 1899 at a whopping price of \$4000.00. Madison attorney, Daniel Tenney granted the association the \$4000.00. Hence the name. Tenney Park was designated a City of Madison Landmark on July 10th, 1995 and is on the National Register of Historic Places (info from City of Madison Parks Division). So next time your hanging out at Tenney, fishing or playing at one of the two playgrounds or swatting balls at the tennis court or ice skating give a moments thought to this wonderful, historic resource that is in our neighborhood and free for all to enjoy.

Now back to that curious little building. In 1913 Milwaukee architect, George Ferry (1851-1918) was hired to design the original bath house which has since been demolished. At the same time, he designed a bathroom for the bath house, and yes the bathroom was across the street from the bath house, that building still stands and is the very same building you see at Marston and Sherman. Mr. Ferry is best known for designing the State Historical Society in Madison, The Milwaukee Public Library, The Woman's Club of Wisconsin (known as The Athenaeum building), St. John's Cathedral Tower and the Unitarian Church all located in Milwaukee. In other words, he was no slouch in the annals of beautiful building design.

While our little Tenney Park build-



The bath house at Tenney Park as it looked in 1918 was on the south shore of Lake Mendota, designed by George B. Ferry and built in 1913. This historic photo is from the Richard & Georgia Lloyd Jones Sr. family photo album, which was donated to the Wisconsin Historical Society by their granddaughter Georgia Lloyd Jones Snoke. Richard Lloyd Jones Sr. was editor and publisher of the Wisconsin State Journal from 1911 to 1919. Photo used with permission of the WHS.



George Ferry Building

ing is certainly not one of George Ferry's noteworthy designs, it's still ours and wouldn't it be lovely to restore and repurpose the building that now stands empty and lifeless. For several years I've pondered this question and informally polled other friends and neighbors from Tenney/Lapham to figure out how we might

put the building to use. Now I'm asking you, readers of The Bridge, does this building interest you and what repurposing would best serve our neighborhood? Have an idea, want to help? You can contact me at the email listed on page 2 of The Bridge.



## Upcoming Tenney Lapham Neighborhood Events

**Art Walk - Sunday, June 23, 1-5 pm.**

**Chicken Coop and Garden Tour - usually in July**

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## TLNA Membership

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is closer to 240. One goal for me is to improve our reminder process.

### Who are the members?

If I were to make an educated guess, I'd say we are heavily weighted toward homeowners. The last ten years have brought explosive growth in apartments in our neighborhood. We need to ask ourselves, how can we be relevant to our new neighbors?

Let me know if you have ideas or comments. You're a valued part of the community!

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## Housing Listings

### Active

Address	Square Ft	List Price
2 Sherman Ter #2	1704	\$279,900
311 N Hancock #234(A/O)	1000	\$360,000
825 E Mifflin #210(A/O)	1126	\$485,000
850 E Gorham(A/O)	2541	\$589,900

### Sold

	Days on Market	List Price	Sale Price
4 Sherman Ter #3	6	\$185,000	\$205,000
625 E Mifflin	8	\$290,000	\$275,000
1326 E Mifflin	9	\$315,000	\$320,000
637 E Dayton	11	\$375,000	\$350,000
311 N Hancock #333	72	\$395,000	\$367,000
311 N Hancock #232	14	\$379,900	\$370,000
825 E Mifflin #206	32	\$384,900	\$373,500
123 Blount #306	48	\$460,000	\$420,000
827 E Mifflin	1	\$450,000	\$450,000
208 N Paterson	5	\$425,000	\$450,275
625 E Mifflin#201	6	\$449,900	\$480,000
1317 E Dayton	6	\$469,900	\$490,000
432 N Few	7	\$489,900	\$505,000
1158 Sherman	10	\$1,500,00	\$1,300,000
1206 Sherman	1	\$3,300,000	\$3,800,000

A/O = Accepted Offer



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