

What's in a name?

“That which we call a rose, by any other name would smell as sweet.”

William Shakespeare - Romeo and Juliet

By Joey Hoey

The last issue of the bridge featured photographs of Daniel Kent Tenney and Increase A. Lapham on the front page. The namesakes of the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood. Tenney, who was born in New York in 1834, moved to Madison in 1849 to be one of the first students at the University of Wisconsin and was admitted to the bar at the age of 21. After the Civil War he moved to Chicago where he founded a pres-

tigious law firm. 25 years later he moved back to Madison. In 1899 he purchased fourteen acres of land near Lake Mendota for \$1,500 and donated it to the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association to be developed and maintained as an "in-city" park for working people. Tenney died in 1915. But his name lives on.

John Olin of Olin Park fame evoked Tenney's name in his successful effort to stop a plan to move the Old German Presbyterian Church from its location at 15 S. Webster St., on the corner with East Washington Ave. to Tenney Park, according to a Cap Times article from May 26, 1923. Olin was successful, the church was not moved,



it was demolished.

Did the mention of Tenney's name affect the outcome? Hard to tell. But it does point to the bigger question. What's in a name? It doesn't matter if we're talking local - McPike Park - or global - Denali - the debate over place names is not going away. Aside from any one outcome, the debate reflects a reckoning, and a recognition of the changing relationships between people and the places they call home.

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Ry's Ramblings

Hello, neighbors, and Happy New Year! Sister Winter finally joined us here in Madison, although I write that knowing that by the time this is published, we could very well be in the middle of a February heat wave. Anyway, since the last newslet-

ter we learned that District 6 Alder Marsha Rummel will not be running for reelection this year. We as a council thank Marsha for her hard work, dedication, accessibility, transparency and representation for not only this last year as our alder

Upcoming Elections, Spring 2025

By Shirley Haidinger, League Women Voters Dane County

Though it seems as if we just finished an election, there is a spring election coming up this year. The city of Madison is holding general elections for Common Council seats and municipal court judge on April 1, 2025. A primary is scheduled for February 18, 2025, for races with three or more candidates. The filing deadline for this election was January 7, 2025.

The general election on April 1 will include statewide elections for a State Supreme Court Justice and the state superintendent of the Department of Public Instruction. Another Constitutional Amendment will also be on the ballot. Once it gets closer to the election, you can see what local races and candidates are on your ballot and find your polling place by visiting myvote.wi.gov.

What you need to know about voting in these elections:

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- For more information about voting in Madison and for early voting (in-person absentee) dates go to the Madison clerks office at <https://www.cityofmadison.com/clerk/elections-voting>

but for her civil service in many previous years. Davy Mayer is running unopposed, and will be working hand in hand with Marsha over the next several months during a transition. We look forward to seeing Davy's involvement.

Finally, we are once again looking for volunteers to be involved with TLNA. If you would like to be involved but don't think you can commit to becoming a council member, that's fine!

We'd love to get you involved at your pace. Whether it's delivering the newsletter, organizing one of our events, helping with new member outreach, or anything else, please let me know if you are interested: president@tenneylapham.org And if you are not already a member, please consider joining

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My Vision for Dane County's Future

By County Executive Melissa Agard

As Dane County Executive, I am honored to lead our incredible community and committed to building a brighter, more inclusive future. My administration will focus on five key priorities: protecting the environment, addressing mental health and addiction, reforming our justice system, driving economic development, and preparing for growth.

Environmental stewardship has always been a Dane County value, and I will continue the legacy of leaders like Kathleen Falk and Joe Parisi. We'll invest in innovative water quality programs, reduce harmful runoff, fight climate change, and showcase our exceptional parks system.

Addressing mental health and addiction is deeply personal to me. My brother's death from fentanyl poisoning is a tragedy my family lives with every day. I am determined to reduce overdose deaths and improve mental health care by treating these issues with the urgency they demand.



County Executive Melissa Agard

Our justice system must be equitable and effective. Completing the jail consolidation project responsibly is just the start. I want a system that treats people with humanity, reduces recidivism, and addresses racial disparities to make Dane County a leader in justice reform.

Economic development is essential for our future. Revitalizing the Alliant Energy Center and elevating the Dane County Regional Airport to international status will drive growth, create jobs, and enhance our region's appeal.

Finally, as our county grows, strategic planning is critical. We need more housing, protected rural communities, and expanded services for vulnerable residents. Supporting our county workers and maintaining fiscal responsibility will be at the heart of this effort.

I believe in "The Dane County Way"—progress and pragmatism, urban and rural, environmental protection and economic opportunity. Together, we can achieve a brighter future where everyone in Dane County has the chance to thrive.

Update from the TLNA Council Treasurer

By Davie Froeschner, Treasurer

I hope 2025 is treating you all well; 2024 was a pretty good year for TLNA. I would like to take a minute and give you all an update on TLNA finances. In case you didn't know, TLNA is a 501(c)(3) organization, and all funds collected, donated, and utilized by TLNA are dedicated to enhancing the neighborhood, making it a better place to live and visit. Our main sources of income last year came in the form of membership dues, donations, clothing sales, newsletter ad revenue and corporate event sponsorships. With that money we

have hosted some great parties, donated money to local organizations that serve our community, printed The Bridge newsletter quarterly, and spruced up some of our public spaces. The organizations that we have donated to recently are Tenney/Marquette PTG, Operation Fresh Start, Yaharah House, and The Beacon.

As your Treasurer, I aim to keep the financial wheels on the proverbial track in an effort to keep this organization financially solvent for years to come. If you have any questions, please join us at a monthly meeting and we would be delighted to hear from you.

Whose Lake is it Anyway?

By Caroline Alexander

There's a new building on the block – it arrived without any permits, and with zero oversight. Surely not, how could that happen? It is a permanent pier, the first for our neighborhood, for the City shoreline, and for our district. It was drilled into the Lake bottom using 20 steel pier posts, 20 feet deep, and is now a permanent construct built on our public domain, Lake Mendota.

Enquiries about the oversight for this building has revealed that various agencies are bobbling responsibility – from City to Marine Sheriff to DNR – where ultimately the DNR appears to have jurisdiction. This makes sense, as they regulate most matters that affect our shoreline and water resources.

Amazingly, considering how many rules there are on the books at the DNR, there appears to be nothing that relates to building construction on -and in -our Lake. All those regulations that keep our water clean, preserve the Lake ecosystems, and make the Lake as available to all kinds of community recreational use as possible, do not include any that oversee permanent pier constructs.

Here is the problem: We therefore have no idea how year-long installations affects riparian issues, we don't know whether environmental impact has been considered, we don't know whether this pier will destabilize the ice and make it unsafe for the large number of recreational users who use this stretch of shoreline as their winter playground. We don't know how the pier will age, whether the steel will degrade, whether it will change the water flow and erosion patterns, whether the ice will tear up the construction and make it into a dangerous object.



The TLNA neighborhood appears to be a test case for this type of installation. This is likely to be only the first of many installations to lay claim to our public property. There could be dozens, every 50 yards, on every lakeshore in our 5-Lakes region. Out of towners are moving in with plenty of ideas and cash to spend. This first installation appears to follow the DNR regulations for seasonal piers with respect

to size and number of berths, however, since there is no governance, that may not be true in future.

The DNR is under-resourced and over-busy: How do we make waves (pun intended) to make sure we do not lose the "public" in public property? If you have ideas, opinions, you would like to share, do please let us know (The Lyrical Euchre Group) at cmahome@icloud.com.



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Get to Know Your TLNA Council Members

Monica Kane Special Projects

Where were you born?

I was born and raised in New Jersey. After high school I moved to Ohio for college, and then moved to Chicago for graduate school. In 2022 my partner and I moved to Madison and it was the best decision we ever made.

What was your first job?

My first job was as a lifeguard at a neighborhood pool club in New Jersey. I worked there during the summer throughout high school and college. During the day it was full of families and in the evenings all the lifeguards hung out together. It was pretty idyllic.

Seen any good movies or read any good books lately?

Demon Copperhead just became available in my Libby app (thank you Madison Public Library) and I'm only a few pages in. I was hesi-



tant to read it because I wasn't sure it would live up the hype but so far so good!

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

My husband and I have visited Copenhagen twice and it's definite-

ly one of our favorite places. The museums there are incredible and the neighborhoods are so charming. Another favorite is Kerala (southern Indian). We spent two weeks traveling throughout India and I still dream about all the delicious food we ate.

Why do you choose to live in Madison?

Most of my late twenties was spent in Chicago, but being stuck in a tiny apartment during the covid-19 lockdown was tough. That experience reminded me, and my husband, just how much we craved easy access to the great outdoors. My husband previously lived in Madison and we found ourselves traveling up here a lot in 2020 to go camping, biking, swimming, and cross-country skiing. When my husband had an opportunity to move back to Madison it was a no-brainer. We love that we can walk to bars, restaurants, and concerts AND we're a short drive from amazing state parks.

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Where were you born?

I was born in Pennsylvania near Philadelphia, and lived there a long four months. My family was on the move! It was Des Plaines, then Los Altos and Fremont in California, and back to the Philadelphia area in Moorestown, New Jersey. As I neared the end of high school, we moved to Wisconsin. My sibs and parents have all moved away, but here I am, a life-long Wisconsinite and very lucky to be here!

What was my first job?

Does anyone remember Spudnuts on State Street? I was a grill cook and waitress there and learned to flip fried eggs with one hand and eat enough donuts to decide which are the best (plain frycakes). We unionized the staff in local 4 of Restaurant Workers Union, quite a learning experience. We offered unionization help to a nearby sub shop, where I met my future husband. Many Tenney-Lapham neighbors remember him, Richard Linster, bicyclist and TLNA Council member.

Seen any good movies or read any good books lately?

real food by Nina Planck cemented the way I like to think about food and eating. She considers how we ate around a hundred years ago, before the industrialization of the food system and the impact on our health. It's an exploration of the



chemistry behind the scenes and why that makes a difference.

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

What an impossible question! I love a walking/hiking vacation and one of the very best was in northern Italy near Lake Como. The scenery was spectacular, every corner revealing another view of mountains or lake or tiny village, just postcard perfect.

Why do you choose to live in Madison?

Since coming to college here, I have lived on the isthmus. My children were born and grew up here and now most of my grandchild-

dren are here. While I have lived in many places growing up, there is nothing to compare with Madison. It's physically beautiful. I can walk and bike everywhere. I can take classes at a nearby university. The neighborhood has unique events. Tenney-Lapham once did a beehive and chicken coop walk! And there was a drink and pick up trash group. There is the brilliant Fire and Ice at Tenney Park. And everywhere I go, I run into people I know. I like to think that there is just one degree of separation in Madison. I feel included. I feel seen. When I meet new people, I want them to feel that too, connected to this place.

Thank you, Marsha!

By TLNA Council

As mentioned in the TLNA Council President's update - Ry's Ramblings – Marsha Rummel is stepping away from the City Council. Marsha was not one to tout her own horn, so the Council wanted to take this opportunity to sing her praises. Marsha brought a deep commitment to improving the lives of the people in her community. She was committed to bringing an anti-rac-

ist, social justice and environmental lens to her work and really enjoyed engaging residents in local government. She is the embodiment of the axiom that people have the power to shape and make policy through the democratic process. A big thank you to Marsha for serving as our Alder. Her commitment to the arts, being intentional to cross the "Great Divide" of E. Wash. and focus on traffic calming will not be forgotten.





Tenney Lapham Parks Update

By Chris Hovel, TLNA Parks Chair

Hello Neighbors! Winter in Tenney Lapham is well underway. Although there are so many great ways you can get outdoors and enjoy our park spaces in the wintertime, for many people winter + Tenney Park = ice skating! We have been fortunate to already have had many more skateable days than last season. Fingers crossed we still have a good chunk of the season yet to go.

As a reminder, the official maintained skating area stretches from the Marston Avenue bridge all the way to the Thornton Avenue bridge. During this past period of cold weather, city crews were able to clear and smooth most of this area. Winter is such a special time to explore Tenney Park, and ice skating is the perfect way to view the beautiful lagoon bridges from a new perspective. When conditions allow, the warming shelter and rentals are open Wednesday – Friday from 4-8pm; Saturday from 12-8pm; and Sunday from 12-6pm.

Tenney Park Fun-Fact: The maintained ice-skating area of the Tenney Park lagoon is a whopping 260,000



square feet, or about 6 acres! The current maintained area of the Vilas lagoon, the city's second largest rink, is about 60% of Tenney's area.

Once the ice melts and skating season comes to a close, we have much to look forward to this spring! Although construction was a bit behind schedule, the new shelter at Tenney Beach is getting its finishing touches and is looking absolutely beautiful! I am currently working with the Parks Department to ensure that when the shelter and main swimming area open up this summer a fresh layer of sand will be added to the beach area.

Do YOU want to help keep Tenney Beach beautiful? This summer we will have a fresh start with a beau-

tifully revamped beach area, and I have some ideas on ways we can help keep this neighborhood jewel the nicest beach in town! I would like to assemble a small group of neighborhood volunteers to help keep the newly opened beach area clean, safe, and enjoyable and accessible for everyone. If you have an interest in volunteering at the beach this summer (or have done this in the past) please send me an email at: chris.parks.tlna@gmail.com

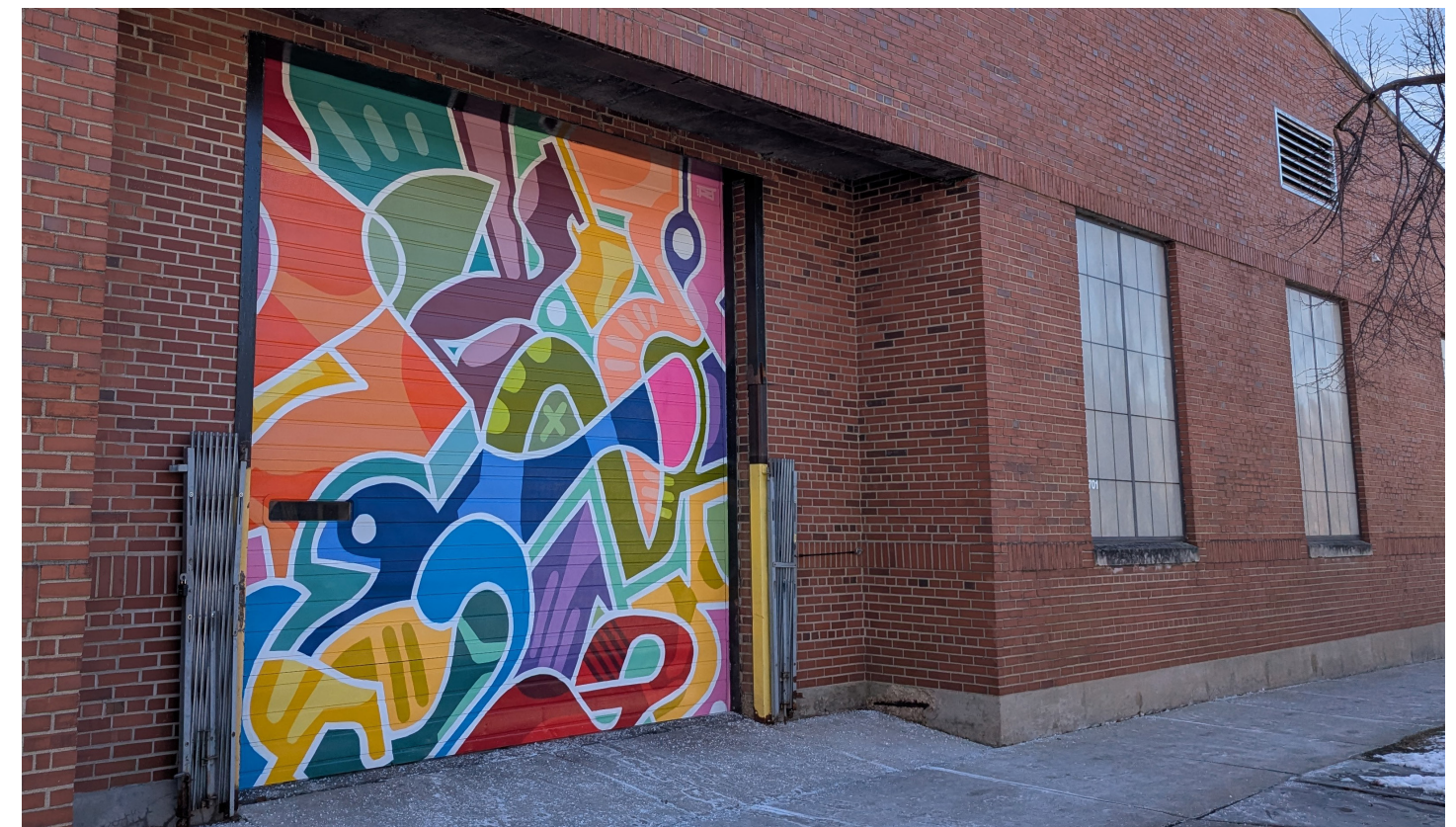
I will be sending out an email in the near future to reconnect with existing park volunteers and also recruit some new faces. For the time being, enjoy the rest of the winter season in our parks!



A little pop of color on the Mifflin Street Bike Boulevard.



Murals by local artist Triangulador.



You can check out Triangulador's other art by visiting his website <https://www.triangulador.com>. Thanks to the artist and Reynolds for brightening our neighborhood.



Meet Your Neighbor: Jonas, the music maker

By Hilary Stohs-Krause, Area Rep

It seems like there are two types of people who own musical instruments: those with dust-covered cases, sitting benevolently neglected in corners, and those whose instruments rarely make it back into the case at all.

Thirteen-year-old Tenney-Lapham resident Jonas Feith is in the latter camp. The multi-instrumentalist said he's been playing music "since I can remember." He currently plays the piano, cello, saxophone and guitar, to name a few.

"I also kinda play violin," he said modestly, and he's interested in

learning to play clarinet, too.

Turns out, musical ability runs in the family; his mom, Kelly, plays keyboard, and sings in multiple bands. His dad, John, plays guitar and piano. His younger sister, Paloma, plays piano and loves to sing.

As for Jonas, he's a member of the Wisconsin Youth Symphony Orchestra (WYSO) Philharmonia and the Madison Cello Ensemble, both of which are headquartered in Tenney-Lapham. He and his sister Paloma also both take private lessons from teachers in the Tenney Lapham neighborhood.

"The philharmonic orchestra does an in-state tour every year,"

he said. "The highest orchestra (at WYSO) plays a world tour; I think they played in Japan. I want to do that next year, because I'll finally be old enough."

He also plays in band and jazz band at O'Keeffe Middle School.

Not only does Jonas create music, but he also curates songs for his radio show on 89.9FM WORT, Madison's community radio station. The second Sunday of every month, he takes his turn as host of "Pachyderm Parade", a show hosted by kids, for kids.

"One time, we did Halloween music," he said. "When Lapham Elementary had Opera for the Young come, we played some of the songs [from The Magic Flute] and talked about it. One time we did all Beatles songs."

His favorite genre is classical (Chopin for the piano, and Bach for the cello), and he's also tried his hand at composing.

"I've written a few compositions before," he said, including an arrangement last Christmas of "Jingle Bell Rock" for his cello ensemble. This year, he wrote an arrangement of the Peanuts theme, "Christmas Time is Here."

His tastes are pretty varied, because it all comes down to self-expression, said Jonas: "That's what music is for."

He encouraged anyone thinking about picking up that neglected, dust-covered instrument to go for it.

"It's cool to see how you get better with practice," he said. "If you know an instrument that you like how it sounds, just, like, try it out. You can take lessons, or watch videos, you can see how you like it."

"But just play a lot, to get experience, because practice is how you learn."

You can catch Jonas live at two different coming performances: the WYSO Philharmonia spring concert on March 2nd (<https://wysomusic.org/>) and "Bach Around the Clock" with Madison Cello Ensemble on March 8 (<https://ba>



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A Conversation with Gabby Pogantsch, Founder and Operator of Sevven Cycle

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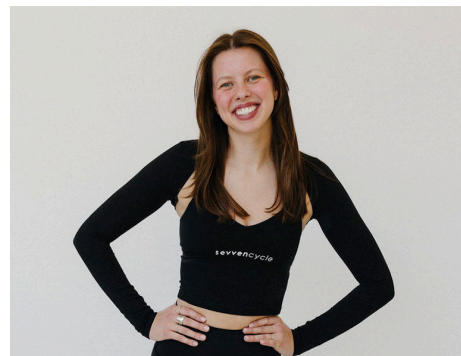
I began developing the concept for Sevven in October 2023 after leaving corporate America and the United States Air Force, determined to create something meaningful and bring a new kind of cycling studio to Madison (that I believe we all needed). My fitness journey started back in 2018 as a USAF PTL while working front desk part-time at a cycling studio—that's where it all began! After receiving my Indoor Cycling Instructor Certification in 2019, I've been teaching ever since.

With my degree in Biology and Environmental Science from UW-Whitewater and experience



in Environmental Advocacy, I saw an opportunity to bridge two worlds that had always felt so far apart for me: creating an incredible fitness experience while discovering & maintaining environmentally ethical business practices (we'll certainly never be perfect, but we're giving it our best shot). What drew me to indoor cycling specifically was the magic of beat-based workouts, where each instructor brings their unique energy through carefully curated playlists. Music truly

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and cultures—creating this amazing environment where all you have to do is show up and move together. In launching Sevven this past August, I found this beautiful intersection where I could work to fill a gap I'd experienced in the industry, bringing together fitness excellence with environmental consciousness in a way that feels authentic and needed.

Today, Sevven Cycle is brought to life by an exceptional team of 13 dedicated individuals. We have 6 total instructors, including myself, who lead over 20 Indoor Cycling classes a week, while our 7 Front Desk Reps help ensure our studio runs smoothly! Additionally, I have an Operations Manager, Jennie, who's worked alongside me from the start, along with my contracted graphic design and interior architect partners, Marcelle and Ali. While my team is currently all part-time, we're excited to grow into more full-time operations in the future.

What would you like people to know about your business?

At Sevven Cycle, we create an inclusive space where rhythm-driven cycling transcends traditional fitness, uniting riders through the universal language of music and mindful movement. Our commitment to excellence and integrity shapes every detail of our studio, from our thoughtfully curated playlists to our sustainable practices and intentionally designed space. Guided by the balance of mind, body, and soul—symbolized by our distinctive double 'V' in our name and logo—we foster a community where every rider feels truly welcomed and empowered to challenge their own definition of possible. Through the transformative power of rhythm and reflection, we're revolutionizing group fitness by creating an experience that celebrates both personal growth and collective energy.

Why did you choose the Tenney Lapham Neighborhood?

This is a great question! My Madison journey started downtown near the Capitol, where I worked for the University and spent a few years

exploring different neighborhoods of our city. My partner and I initially settled into Monona Bay—what we thought was the most perfect and magical neighborhood in Madison... until we discovered Tenney-Lapham (though honestly, it's impossible to choose between these two incredible areas). The blend of city energy and natural beauty here feels almost too good to be true. When the studio space became available near our new home (thank you, universe!), everything just clicked. East Wash continues to grow more vibrant each day, filling with local businesses and folks who share Sevven's values of accessible movement and connection. You'll find us right next to Breese Stevens, below The Lyric, where we're proud to be part of this flourishing community. If we haven't met yet, we can't wait for you to stop in and take a class!



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Housing Listings

Active Address	Square Ft	List Price	
625 E Mifflin (A/O)	1321	\$500,000	
317 N Brearly	1234	\$590,000	
454 Marston (A/O)	2694	\$775,000	
752 E Gorham	5374	\$2,290,000	
Sold	Days on Market		Sale Price
16 Sherman Ter #2	16	\$219,800	\$190,000
4 Sherman Ter #4	12	\$235,000	\$215,000
34 Sherman Ter #2	3	\$215,000	\$230,000
33 Sherman Ter #1 (C/O)	13	\$269,900	\$255,000
622 E Mifflin (C/O)	77	\$299,900	\$300,000
625 E Mifflin	31	\$349,000	\$335,000
617 E Dayton #A	18	\$379,000	\$379,000
311 N Hancock #320 (C/O)	8	\$399,900	\$399,900
123 N Blount #404	34	\$445,900	\$425,000
123 N Blount #406	104	\$455,000	\$440,000
309 N Blount #A	61	\$449,900	\$450,000
1235 E Johnson	54	\$340,000	\$290,000
1052 E Gorham (C/O)	6	\$500,000	\$495,000
1238 E Dayton (C/O)	3	\$525,000	\$595,000

A/O = Accepted Offer C/O = Competing Offers



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