

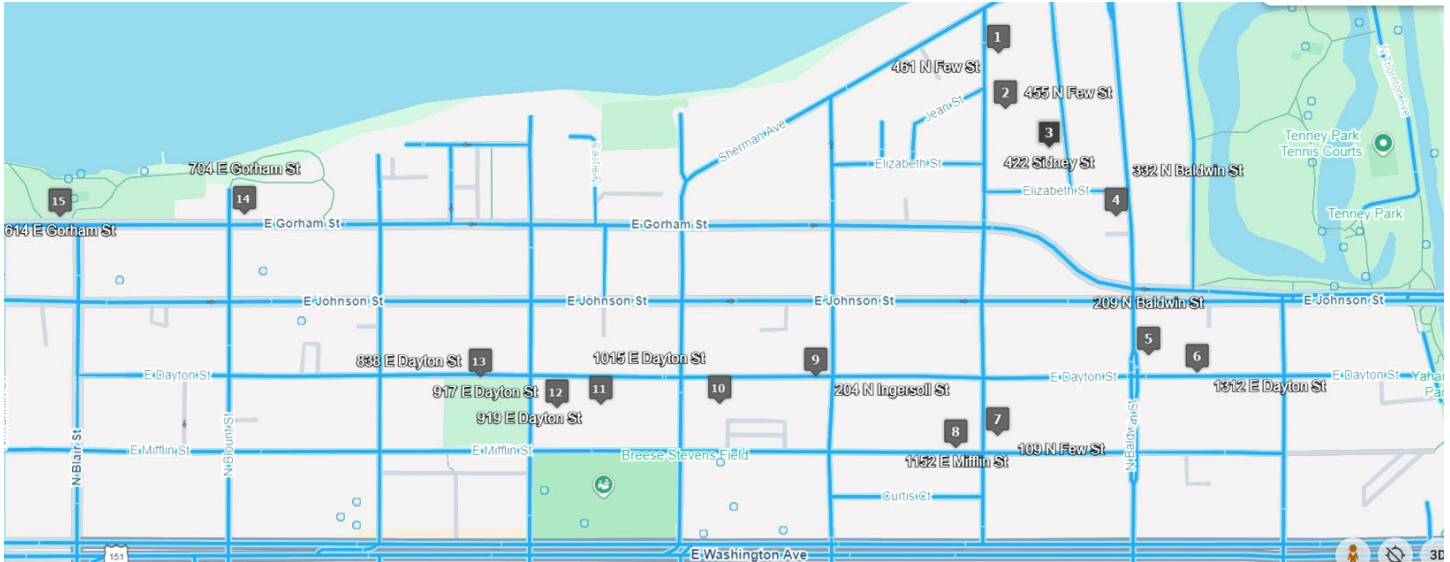
# TLNA Chicken Coop/Garden Tour

Saturday, June 21, 2025 from 1-5 p.m.

This is a free self-guided tour – tour in any order

Printed maps are available at stops 1 and 12

Chicken Coops are at stops 1, 3, 5, and 7



## 1) 461 N. Faw St. - Erica Turner and Tony Sturm

The chicken coop was built by prior owners over ten years ago. We bought a solar-powered light-activated door to keep the girls safe overnight, which has stopped their regular harassment from raccoons, foxes, and opossums.

We have numerous perennials, focusing recently on shade plants, peonies and dahlias. We keep a vegetable garden, installed a back patio and treehouse and have a half-dozen fruit trees as we try to make the yard both enjoyable for our three kids and a peaceful retreat. We added an addition on our house last year but haven't fully planted around it yet.

## 2) 455 N Faw St. - Mary Jo Schiavoni and Jim Sturm

Shortly after Tony Sturm moved back to the neighborhood in 2015, he convinced his mother to leave her beloved garden on N. Baldwin St and move next door to start anew in a much bigger yard. They combined their yards but garden independently. The front yard is a neighborhood gem with artfully composed shrubs, trees, and perennials. In the back is an extensive woodland garden along with a vegetable garden. Surrounding the conservatory in the back are a number of potted plants.

## 3) 422 Sidney St. - Courtney and Dan Bolonson

The Coop D'etat has eight new residents this summer! In partnership with the Statons over on Sherman Ave, we will be expanding the coop and raising our expanded flock with high hopes of excess eggs to gift our friends and neighbors. We have two Barred Rock, two Rhode Island Reds, and two Buff Orpingtons. No names as of yet!

## 4) 332 N. Baldwin - Terri Wilson-Carman and Jim Carman

Jim and I live in Jim's grandparent's home...there has been a Carman family living in our house for about a hundred years! Jim's grandfather grew roses and had lilac trees, all of which were still here and blooming when we moved into the house almost 43 years ago. The lines of Charley Carman's garden are still visible, but we've blurred them, replaced the roses and added new trees, bushes, perennials and annuals to the garden every year. I love to be out in the yard and we've worked to make it an outdoor living room in the summer. I believe we all need peace and beauty in our lives and that drives my inspiration for my garden. I've tried to create a space that makes me smile, not taking anything too seriously! I love bringing antiques and unique "junk" into the space and love experimenting with new plants in different places. We've lately had a "bunny explosion", thus our fences around the yard. We check for incursions daily! Thank you for including us on the garden walk and we hope our garden makes you smile!

## 5) 209 N. Baldwin - Ryan Henke

Made out of scrap wood and bargain finds from the Habitat Restore, the coop has survived two flocks, the flood of 2018 and more sub-zero days than I care to remember. The current occupants – Wendy, Lisa, Sheila E and Nia – root down there when not given access to the rest of the yard...and the front porch...and the sidewalk. Please keep your head up when walking down Baldwin toward Tenney: you might have to share space with a chicken. They eat pelleted feed, but more enthusiastically dine on hostas, graham crackers and salted snacks. The boulevard garden is my take on the crevice garden at Allen Centennial on UW campus. Once established, the plants do not require additional watering. Most of the succulents are uncommon varieties purchased at the much-missed Flower Factory. The cacti are transplants from NE Wisconsin and briefly produce showy yellow flowers around the Fourth of July.

**6) 1312 E. Dayton - Deborah Daley-Boehm and Oscar Daley-Spencer**

We have a very informal garden that we have been playing with since 1995. It has been disrupted this year for a new roof but persists despite the commotion. It's all about flowers to encourage butterflies, bees and birds. We like color and motion. Our backyard does have three 25-year-old Pawpaw trees for those who are interested in this great fruit tree and you'll notice quite a number of Banana trees.

**7) 109 N. Few – Kathy Nissley and Matthew Eberly**

We built this chicken coop in 2012. A notable feature is a short tunnel to the neighbor's yard. If she wants to let them forage briefly in her yard, she can open the door to let them out. Our current residents are 3 and 5 years old.

**8) 1152 E. Mifflin – Christine Knorr and Logu Ramasamy**

I'm excited to participate in the upcoming neighborhood garden tour! I'm looking forward to sharing my garden with fellow garden enthusiasts and learning from others. My garden features a treehouse, a small fish pond with a waterfall, surrounded by an abundance of perennial flowers.

**9) 204 N. Ingersoll - Sue Marcquenski**

Please enjoy a sidewalk view of my garden! 35+ years ago, I bought my house and the main plants in the yard were Kentucky bluegrass and junipers; lily of the valley was the only perennial flower. My goal has been to minimize Kentucky bluegrass, and plant trees and shrubs that bear fruit (for myself and wildlife). Since the 2018/19 flooding years, I have taken out more grass to make space for a "real" vegetable garden, with the goal of increasing the moisture holding capacity of the soil, and having plants with roots that grow deeper than bluegrass, to take up more water from the soil. This has become a recurring experiment- tweak something, try something new each year. My primary concern for my garden is the presence of jumping worms in the soil and how to mitigate their consumption of organic matter.

**10. 1015 E. Dayton - Lapham Outdoor Classroom and Community Garden**

The Lapham Outdoor Classroom and Community Garden was founded in 1998 by Lapham teacher Ken Swift, making it one of the first school gardens in the city of Madison. Thanks to Ken's ongoing efforts and the commitment of many others, the garden doubled in size and thrives today. It features cedar raised garden beds, a trellis tunnel, a huge (unruly) raspberry patch, a fruit grove (sour cherry, apple and pear trees, elderberry and aronia bushes), a storage shed, drip irrigation, sound structures, tile art, as well as a number of perennial flowers and herbs.

One major goal of the garden is to provide a space for students to connect to the natural world and learn about how food is grown. The Lapham Parent Teacher Group (PTG) collaborates with school staff to get classes out in the garden for weekly sessions in the spring and fall. This is done by partnering with Rooted, a local nonprofit who provides garden related programming and through parent volunteers who help with garden classes. Community workdays are held at the start and end of each growing season. Families sign up to help with summer maintenance in exchange for produce. Volunteers harvest weekly and extra produce is donated to the WilMar Food Pantry.

**11. 919 E. Dayton - Richard Freihoefer and Kiki Rabiebna**

The pond in front attracts kids of all ages with goldfish and frogs and water falling from a hollowed-out log. The terrace is filled with colorful annuals, dahlias, elephant ears, and Tiger Eyes sumac. In the

backyard there is an extensive vegetable/flower garden and a larger pond with more goldfish.

**12. 917 E. Dayton - Bob Shaw**

There is no need for a lawnmower here because every inch of the front and back is covered with plants. The garden has seen many changes in the 45 years I have lived here. The dawn redwood tree I planted over 30 years ago as a 2-foot bare root plant has turned into an 80-foot behemoth. Woody plants include katsura, ginkgo, weeping larch, chinkapin oak, Korean fir, concolor fir, along with a number of dwarf conifers. Interspersed between the woody plants are dozens of perennials and annuals.

**13) 838 E. Dayton - Bill McGrath**

My home is a 2 1/2 story brick arts-and-craft design. I have a combination of red and white large potted geraniums on the front porch and a mix of wildflowers and cultivated flowers in the front yard. I also have a number of bird feeders hanging from the Japanese lilac planted in the terrace.

I have three shaded gardens, one along the south side of the house and another located in the back by the west side of the house. In addition, I have a shade garden on the north side of my garage. The shade garden is made up mostly of ferns, jack-in-the-pulpit, trillium, Virginia bluebells and may apples. The rest of the backyard gardens are partial sunlight gardens, and have mostly a mix of cultivated flowers.

**14. 704 E. Gorham St. - Mendota Lake House - Bob Klebba & David Waugh**

We have been gardening for 12 years on this 1/3-acre, Fourth Lake Ridge site. Because of our sandy loam, we can't grow an astilbe to save our lives, but fritillaries, species tulips and many other plants requiring excellent drainage perennialize very well. We have been growing a lot of lesser-known natives and exotics from seed and integrating them into the garden. Some are great surprises and others prove why they're lesser known.

In spite of gardening downtown, our northwest exposure on Lake Mendota puts most of the garden in crazy windiness. The front garden has a south-facing, hot and sunny perennial border and an east-facing border with some shade and poor soil. The front walks are sheltered from the wind and arranged with an exuberance of annuals and potted tropicals that change every year.

We have just finished a massive 9-month-long renovation project involving a complete redo of the landscaping with a paved walkway and retaining walls between the house and Lincoln School. Thus, many plants have been moved out of this area for safekeeping elsewhere. In the back later this year, we will be creating a back garden facing the lake.

**15. 614 E. Gorham - James Madison Park Shelter Garden - David Waugh**

At the very western edge of the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood is this "pocket garden" with a fantastic view of James Madison Park and sunsets over Lake Mendota. In the past five years, David has worked on eliminating the aggressive perennials that used to fill the space and has replaced them with a diversity of bulbs, hardy perennials and exuberant annuals. The Parks Division supplies some plants every spring. These are supplemented by annuals and perennials grown by David and his spouse. As always, volunteers make these public spaces happen and help with planting, weeding and clean-up is appreciated.