



# Neighborhood News

The Newsletter of The Old Third Ward Association, Inc.  
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## Riverfront Traffic Study Completed

When the City first unveiled the various proposals for Riverfront Development, many people asked the questions: How will people travel to and from the river? And where will they park once they get there? The city then commissioned a study of various transportation possibilities involved in the various developments suggested for the river. Of neighborhood concern are the increased traffic that the proposals seemed to suggest for Jackman, Water, and Prospect Streets.

The following is a section of the traffic study concerning the Jackman/State Street intersection: *The proposed developments do not pose any traffic capacity problems to this intersection. However, because of the residential nature of this area around this intersection, the estimated 104 vehicles per hour that would be added to this intersection may be seen as an area of concern for the neighborhood. Of these 104 vehicles, we have estimated that 61 would be northbound on the Jackman Hill (approximately 1 vehicle per minute) and approximately 43 vehicles would be southbound on the hill (approximately 1 vehicle every 1 minute 20 seconds).*

*In order to minimize additional traffic through this residential area, a concept for consideration is the closure of State Street between Jackman Street and Fourth Street. This would allow a direct connection from Jackman Street to State Street to Prospect Avenue.*

The OTW Board suggests that if you are as perplexed by the above as we are, you read it again. If you are still

scratching your head, you are in good company. An interpretation of the above could read as follows: The pavement will meet the demands of increased traffic but the people and the nature of the neighborhood will not. Their answer to this dilemma is to block a useful street (State). Our answer is to stop development which will create this kind of traffic.

For a copy of the full report, contact the City of Appleton Planning Department.

*Appleton Crescent, April 20, 1901*

## Improvements to City Park

The city park, which has been somewhat out at the elbows for some months, is about to be considerably improved and beautified. The asphalt walks, which are in very bad repair, and in some places so low that little lakes of water have gathered over them this spring, are to be replaced with new and better-graded walks. A good deal of shrubbery is to be set out, relieving some of the too-open spots, and the fountain is to be repaired. Repairs will also be made on the bandstand, and it is the intention to have one or two evening band concerts a week the coming season.

The menagerie feature of the park has been somewhat of a failure, and the zoological collection is now reduced to one deer. There were formerly three, but one died, and another killed himself by butting his head against a tree, it being either a clear case of suicide or a fit of rage at being thumped by his

male companion in captivity in a fair fight. The raccoons which were formerly on exhibition, were only loaned, and their owner, a Black Creek man, has reclaimed them. The appropriation for the park, which is only \$500.00 a year is largely responsible for the failure of the menagerie feature, not enough money being available for the proper care of the animals. Notwithstanding this fact, the squirrel colony of the park will be enlarged by about two dozen fox-squirrels to be turned loose in the spring. These squirrels being non-migratory in habit, can be depended upon to remain where they are released, and will supply a part of the deficiency of animal life in the park.

The park commissioners are doing all they can with the funds available to keep up the park in proper shape, but the time has come when the city must decide whether it is willing to pay more money for the support of a creditable park, or whether it is content to scrub along with a frowsy patch of grass and a bunch of ill-kept trees, intersected by drainage canals and marked by a squirry little gas-pipe fountain and a picturesquely dilapidated ruin of a bandstand."

## Jim Schuette

The OTW says goodbye to a friend of the neighborhood. Jim Schuette, former County Supervisor and County Executive died recently. Jim was both empathetic and instructive to the neighborhood while he was in office. He helped create the gentleman's agreement which contained County growth in the downtown.

## History in the OTW

March 8, 1877

### A Heavy Job of Masonry

When the M.L.S. & W.R.R. was extended westward a heavy excavation was made opposite the Genesee Flouring Mills, which left an embankment on the north side of the track upwards of 20 feet in height. To protect this and prevent it from carving in, a heavy stone wall is now being built by the railroad company. Work was commenced last week and it is intended to have it completed before any damage could result from the heaving of the earth in the Spring. The stone for this purpose is being hauled from the Kaukauna quarries.

*Appleton Post*

The Genesee Mill was approximately where the Atlas Mill is now.

April 10, 1902

### Eight Canines Laid Out Dog Poisoner in Third Ward Gets in His Work

The Third Ward has a dog poisoner who did a big day's work Wednesday, killing no less than eight. Some of the dogs were valuable ones and their death is greatly mourned by their owners. The course which he pursued is of course not definitely known but it is supposed that he distributed pieces of poisoned meat where the dogs had access to it. Some time ago he turned his attention to cats and cleaned out his neighborhood of these animals within a few days. His operations are confined almost exclusively to this vicinity in which the court house is located. Among those who lost their dogs Wednesday were Mrs. G. Kamps and Messrs. Weiland, Furnette, Hoffman, and Tennie. The people suspect a certain resident and will make it warm for him if they ever get any evidence against him.

*Appleton Weekly Post*

September 30, 1875

### Another Fire in the Chute Incendiaries Again Abroad

On Saturday evening last, an old house in the Third Ward, known as the "flat iron house", was discovered to be on fire. The alarm was sounded and a large crowd of

people was soon attracted to the scene of the conflagration. The engines were also on hand, but the flames had got under too much headway to subdue them, and the building was entirely destroyed. The fire was undoubtedly the work of an incendiary, as the building was unoccupied at the time and there is no other way it could have caught. We submit that some means should be adopted of putting a check upon this outlawry which seems to be prevailing in the Third Ward. Although the destruction thus far has been confined to old buildings of little worth, if no effort is made to stop it, a better class of structures may finally be destroyed. This is a proper subject for the Reform Council to legislate upon. The building that was burned last Saturday evening belonged to Mrs. Chas Pfennig.

*Appleton Post*

### New Board Member

Todd West is the newest member of the OTW Board. After working fifteen years in the computer field, Todd recently decided to leave that career to concentrate on his business, Rascals Bar & Grill, and to devote more time to his restoration projects which include his bar and his OTW home located at 419 S. State St.

Since purchasing the home in May of



*John Schweitzer as a lad stands in front of homes on the north side of Sixth between State and Memorial. Columbia Hall on State St. can be seen in the background.*

2001, Todd is about half done with his planned projects which include a new roof, new driveway and sidewalks, painting, and a complete restoration of every room inside. Todd moved to the OTW from Riverview Condominiums where he served on the board of directors and held the position of secretary for the association.

### OTW Awards Scholarship

The OTW awarded its first scholarship in January. The winner is Bethany Johannes. Bethany is a graduate of Appleton East High School, June 2000, and is currently in her sophomore year at UW-Stevens Point. Her Major is political science with an emphasis on pre-law. She hopes to attend law school after completing her undergraduate degree.

Politics and law attracted her attention when enrolled in a United States Government class at East High. Bethany became active in East High School's student government and served four years on the Student Council. In her freshman year at UW-SP, she was elected Senator representing the College of Letters and Science in Student Government. She was re-elected for the 2001-2002 school year.

Bethany is the daughter of Mike and Linda Johannes of Appleton.

For information on the 2002 scholarships, call 739-5762.

### Apple Salad

Those of you who attended the Annual Dinner in January not only got a chance to meet several new neighbors but also got to graze through an amazing assortment of delicious dishes. Among those treats brought by neighbors was an outstanding Apple Salad. Jeanne Beckley graciously shares her recipe with us.

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# From the President March, 2002

This past year has been a busy and successful one. We should be proud of the many things we accomplished through the hard work of the Board members and neighbors.

In early spring when a resolution introduced by Alderman James Clemons and Alderman Richard Thompson calling for the City to set aside the 3.2 acre site of the water filtration plant as parkland passed the Council on a 10-7 vote. This decision could deter developers interested in pursuing a high-density use along that portion of the river known as the "Grand Chute". No final decision has been made regarding the fate of the Water Plant building although a study has been recommended to evaluate the building itself.

Also, early last year, the Sager family received a local historic designation for their Prospect St. home, the John Hart Whorton house. The Appleton City Council approved their request to make the Italian villa a local landmark, thus becoming the first such home in the city.

In April 2001 eight homes on Prospect Avenue were declared a State Historic District. The State Historic Preservation Review Board approved placing the homes built in the 1800's and early 1900's on the Register of Historic Places. The Prospect Avenue Historic District is the first residential district in the city to be so recognized.

Also in 2001 we established a scholarship committee which worked hard to set the criteria for the scholarship. My thanks go to Rebecca Baron, Sally Johnson, and Linda Muldoon for their support and hard work. The first scholarship was awarded at the January Annual Meeting in 2002 to Bethany Johannes of Appleton.

In late summer, a resolution introduced by Supervisor and neighbor Michael Meyer which defined the boundaries of County growth for the near future was approved by the County Board. The entire neighborhood should thank Supervisor Meyer and County Executive Toby Paltzer for the time and energy they put forth on our behalf.

I also wish to thank all the members of the Home Tour Committee for their efforts in making our 2001 home tour a success. Despite the numbing disaster of September, we had approximately 500 people visit the homes. We thank Mary and John Ensley, Jerry and Paula Sosalla, and Steve and Pam Kehn, who

graciously opened their homes for the tour.

This coming year brings many new challenges. We have decided not to have a home tour this year. We will be spending our energies on having the entire Old Third Ward declared a local historic district. This will require a great amount of time and energy from all members of the Board and other involved neighbors.

Alderman Walter Kalata and Alderman Robert Bellin introduced a resolution asking the city to initiate a feasibility study on the potential of converting the water plant building into a fish rearing research facility. In addition to functioning as a fish hatchery, such a facility could also serve as an educational tool with the inclusion of an aquarium to focus on Wisconsin water life. This would take place in a park-like setting and be in keeping with the riverfront development vision.

Because of health concerns, two members of the board of directors, Candice Bradley and Brian Bessett, resigned. We wish them both a speedy recovery.

*William Anderson,*  
President

## Become a Supporting Member of the Old Third Ward Neighborhood Association, Incorporated

Voting memberships are open to residents, both homeowner and tenant, and non-resident property owners. "Friends" are non-resident, non-voting members who wish to support the purpose of the association financially.

### Membership Categories

Friend	\$10 or more	Sponsor	\$100 or more
Resident/Property Owner	\$15 "	Sustain	\$250 "
Family	\$25 "	Benefactor	\$500 "
Patron	\$50 "		

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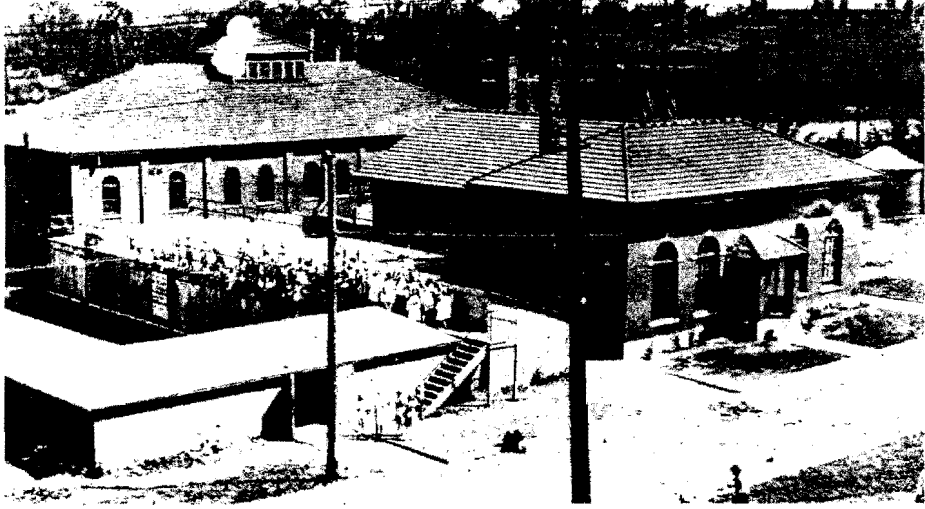
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I would like to volunteer \_\_\_\_\_ (state your interest)

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**Remember when...**

*Appleton's swimming pool was down at the water works on Water Street? Here, youngsters are waiting for the pool to fill with water after a periodic cleaning. Hundreds of Appleton youngsters learned to swim in this pool during the summer Red Cross program of classes.*

**Apple Salad**

- 4 cups apples (Granny Smith), diced
- 1 cup golden raisins
- 1 cup sliced almonds

**Dressing:**

- 1 cup small curd cottage cheese
- ¼ cup sour cream
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 1 Tablespoon honey

Mix dressing together in a small bowl; then mix the dressing with the first three ingredients.

Thank you, Jeanne

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