



Bay Creek Bulletin

Q&A with Sgt. Jim Dexheimer, BCNA Police Liaison

By Sara Richards

Why did you decide to become a police officer? I wanted a career that contributed to the community and involved helping people. Living in Madison during the 70's and 80's and seeing former Police Chief David Couper lead MPD into a new type of policing inspired me to consider policing. During the 60's on the UW campus, I participated in protests against the war. I was tear gassed, sat on the pedestrian bridge over Park Street in the face of National Guard bayonets, and just missed getting hit in the head by a police baton when I nudged an officer off the curb on State Street. The image of David Couper walking at the head of an anti-war march down State Street in shirt sleeves is etched into my memory. And actually the TV show Barney Miller with its thoughtful, intelligent officers contributed to my changing attitude toward the police.

How long have you been with the Madison Police Department? I was hired in 1988 and was a Dane County Deputy for four years before that. In those days the Sheriff's Dept and MPD were quite different and at least at the administrative level there seemed to be some antagonism between the two departments. In my final interview with Chief Couper, I caught him off guard, and got a laugh, by asking if it were true that he would never hire a Dane County Deputy. I had been told that over and over during the year long application process by both Madison Officers and other Deputies. So I thought I'd clear the air and ask him directly. I was the first Deputy hired by MPD in anybody's memory.

How long have you been in Community Policing and why did you choose that career path? When I was hired I knew that I wanted to be a neighborhood officer. The program was started the same year I was hired. The opportunity to do that kind of policing was why I considered taking a pay cut to leave Dane County. I was inspired by Professor Herman Goldstein who wrote Problem-Oriented Policing and Policing a Free Society. I took two of his courses at the UW Law School and he became my undergraduate thesis advisor. He inspired me, as he has many other officers, to fully explore the possibilities of alternate strategies of policing. He was my mentor in policing as Jim Zimmerman was before him in botany and ecology. They are the two greatest influences in my adult life. In 1993 I became the neighborhood officer for the Broadway Simpson Neighborhood, then dubbed the worst neighborhood in Madison. I stayed there six years applying the lessons I learned from Herman. In 2009 I had returned to alternative policing as the supervisor of the South District Community Policing Team (CPT). In that role I encourage the six officers on the team to take a problem oriented approach to the diverse challenges we face.

Are you a Madison native? South side? I was born in Appleton and came to Madison for school. I raised my daughter Samantha from 1972 through 1986 on Ridgewood Way, a half block from South Park Street. (Continued on next page.)

Bay Creek Billboard

Sat Aug 14 9 am to 4 pm (Rain date Aug 15) Second Annual Wagon Drive Neighborhood kids will be collecting school supplies and food donations from 9 to 4 in front of Franklin School. Supplies will be distributed to families in need and food donations will be given to St. Marks food pantry. More info on page 4.

Sat Aug 25 9:30 am Free Senior Breakfast at Romnes Meal will be served by Day of Caring volunteers. To attend, please call 251-8405 at least 24 hrs in advance. More info on page 5

Sat Aug 28 (Rain date Aug 29) 1 to 3 pm BCNA Ice Cream Social Join us at Franklin School for Chocolate Shoppe Ice Cream (vegan options available). Please bring bowls, utensils and an ice cream topping to share. This is a free event but donations to the BCNA will be gratefully accepted

Sat Aug 14 & Sept 11 10:00 am to noon

Shoreline clean ups with Friends of Monona Bay. Meet at Brittingham Park Beach House (corner of Proudfit & W. Brittingham Place). Garbage bags and tools are provided, please bring your own gloves and dress accordingly. Contact Nina for more info.

Email: ninaj@wisc.edu Phone: 265-3411 or 258-1788.

Mon Sept 13 BCNA Bi-Monthly meeting 6:30 pm

Madison Baha'i Center, 324 W. Lakeside St. All Bay Creek residents are invited to attend. Voluntary annual dues of \$10 can be paid at any BCNA meeting or sent to Dan Kennelly 808 O'Sheridan St. 53715.

First Wednesday of each month Friends of Monona Bay

124 S. Brooks St., Rm 1, 6:30 pm

Go to www.mononabay.org for more info.

(Jim Dexheimer, continued) She attended Lincoln, Leopold, Cherokee and West while we lived there. She is currently a detective for MPD working out of the Central District. She lives with her husband Clark and my five-year-old granddaughter, Royx, in the Westmoreland Neighborhood. And while we're on the subject of family, I should warn you that my brother David is also an officer on our department and currently works with me in the CPT. Last year he was responsible for the closing of Azalino's. He is currently working on the Madison Bazaar at 1901 S Park St and is organizing the Community Bike Rides. I currently live with my wife Lara in the Town of Dunn, two miles south of the Beltline and five minutes from the South District station.

What are the challenges of this position? The greatest challenges of this type of work are all the competing needs of the district that are constant distractions from the long term problem solving projects with which we are involved. The slow pace of change, especially when working with the city bureaucracy, is also a challenge. The greatest rewards are seeing young officers adopt Problem Oriented Policing techniques and be successful at making long term substantive changes to long standing district problems.

BCNA Minutes of July 12, 2010 Meeting

By Dan Kennelly

Three representatives from the Urban League of Greater Madison attended the meeting to let the neighborhood know that they will be doing a door-to-door canvass over the next few months to gather input from residents on what is happening in the neighborhood. This input will be used to help shape the Urban League's programs.

The newsletter editor reported that the next edition will be coming out in the first week of August. The Treasurer reported that the newsletter account has a negative balance of \$157, but the general account will cover that balance for now and it is a temporary imbalance.

Sergeant Jim Dexheimer from the Police Department provided data and information about break-ins in the neighborhood. Several neighbors mentioned recent experiences with break-ins and thefts. One resident was the victim of a planned and highly-organized robbery that took place mid-day; the robbers used a U-Haul to steal electronic equipment and other items. Sgt. Dexheimer shared maps and data highlighting where crimes have occurred in the neighborhood. He stated that residents need to be aggressive in reporting suspicious behavior and should not hesitate to call 911 if they believe a crime is being committed.

Sgt. Dexheimer also reported on the ongoing efforts to control inappropriate behavior at Olin Park. By using a strategy of engagement and encouraging positive use of the Park, the Department is making progress in addressing this complex problem. As part of the effort, Jim reiterated a previous suggestion that the neighborhood organize a "Friends of Olin Park" group. An initial meeting of that group was tentatively scheduled for Monday, August 9 at 6:30 at the Washington Hotel Coffee Room.

County Board Supervisor Kyle Richmond gave a report on the County Budget and noted some of the budget challenges facing the County and Kyle's concerns about budget issues. Kyle also mentioned that he is introducing legislation to create a "med-drop" program to properly dispose of pharmaceuticals and keep them out of waterways.

Lakeside Visioning Session Summary

By Dan Kennelly

On July 10 neighbors met at the Baha'i Center to discuss ideas and create a vision for the future of Lakeside Street. The Visioning Session was led by Bert Stitt, who was engaged by BCNA to facilitate this initiative.

In a series of interactive exercises participants responded to past plans, answered questions about the strengths of Lakeside Street, and offered ideas for the future. By the end of the event, hundreds of ideas had been offered, discussed, and organized into clusters of post-it notes covering the walls of the room.

Ideas included traffic calming, green roofs, public art, storytelling in the park, neighborhood events, sidewalk improvements, pedestrian lighting, gardens, and building on Lakeside's health and healing identity. The session culminated in a draft vision statement encapsulating the ideas and aspirations of the participants. The next steps are to synthesize the ideas into a summary report, and identify specific strategies to enhance Lakeside Street and build on this unique and vital part of the community. The Visioning Session was just the first step.

Neighbors Take a Stake in Monona Bay

By Lisie Kitchel, Friends Of Monona Bay

Once again neighbors participated in the annual Monona Bay Take a Stake in the Lakes clean-up. Work was coordinated from three sites throughout the Bay; Bernie's Beach, Brittingham Shelter and Brittingham Beach House. Volunteers were rewarded with a delicious lunch donated by local merchants. Many thanks to Taj Indian Restaurant, Edo Japanese Restaurant, Cargo Coffee, Subway, and Pizza Hut for all the incredible food. The diversity was amazing, with plenty for all, and even picky eaters found something good after a morning of gathering trash from the Bay and trying to knock back the invasive species.

This special event, in conjunction with the Dane County Take a Stake in the Lakes program, occurs but once a year in June but you can help more often if you like as part of the Monona Bay Monthly Clean-ups. Nina Emerson organized the first monthly clean-up in 2005 as a result of the enthusiastic response to the Take a Stake in the Lakes event. The clean-ups have continued every single month since; winter, summer, spring or fall on the second Saturday of each month from 10am until noon. We meet at the Brittingham Boat House (corner of Proudfit and Brittingham). Everyone is welcome; any and all help is appreciated. If you can't make a monthly clean-up, remember to come to next year's Take a Stake in the Lakes with its wonderful picnic. Enjoy the company of great neighbors making Monona Bay a special place!



Literacy Network Recruiting

By Lynn Pawlewski

"I love being a personal tutor, but I also love that I am a learner in many respects, as well." – Literacy Network personal tutor.

As temperatures grow, so does the number of adult learners waiting for a Literacy Network tutor. We have 50 adult English Language Learners waiting for the opportunity to work one-on-one with a trained volunteer tutor. Literacy Network is seeing a steady stream of adult learners who would like to improve their reading, writing, and speaking skills in English. Their goals range from everyday activities (writing a check, talking with a doctor, reading a note from a child's teacher) to significant life achievements (passing the GED, becoming a United States citizen, obtaining better employment).

Do you have 3 spare hours a week? Literacy Network will host volunteer information sessions Thursday, August 19 at 10 a.m. and Monday, August 23 at 5:30 p.m. (check website for location). The sessions last 1½ hours and help you decide whether tutoring is for you or whether there is another way that you can support adult literacy behind the scenes in the office to update databases, answer phones, assemble training materials, organize the resource library, etc. For more information please go to our website [www.litnetwork.org/volunteers] or e-mail Lynn Pawlewski, Volunteer Manager, at volunteer@litnetwork.org.

Friends of Olin-Turville

Friends of Olin-Turville is a new group that hopes to augment recent Police and Parks Departments efforts at Olin-Turville. Their first meeting was on Aug 9, please watch upcoming issues of the Bulletin for more info and future meeting dates

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES

BCNA Ice Cream Social

The Bay Creek Neighborhood Association's Annual Ice Cream Social will be held on Saturday, August 28 from 1 - 3 with a rain date of Sunday, August 29. Join us at Franklin School for Chocolate Shoppe ice cream (including vegan); please bring bowls, utensils and an ice cream topping to share. Ice cream is free but donations to BCNA are welcome.

Clean Lakes Festival at Olin Park

The Clean Lakes Festival will be at Olin Park on Aug 28. The festival starts with a run/walk challenge at 8:00 a.m. and runs throughout the day with live music ending at 9:30 p.m. So you can head over before or after the ice cream social. There are lots of activities including canoe and kayak rides and a lake education center. For more info, please go to cleanlakesfestival.com

School Supplies Drive

The Second Annual Wagon Drive is set for Saturday, August 14th with a rain date of Sunday, August 15th. Neighborhood kids (and non) will be collecting school supplies and food donations from 9 to 4 in front of Franklin School although this is not a school sponsored event.

Supplies will be distributed to families in need at Thoreau, Lincoln, Franklin, and Randall Schools and to a family moving to Badger Road from Bhutan. Supplies will also be given to families that use the St. Mark's Lutheran Church Food Pantry. All food donations will be provided to the food pantry. This is a picture of some young volunteers helping with last year's drive.



Urban League Community Outreach Campaign

Volunteers in red T-shirts will be asking residents what they think could be improved both in this neighborhood and citywide. Bay Creek is one of several neighborhoods being canvassed. Information will be used to prioritize Urban League projects.

South Madison Coalition of the Elderly Senior Notes 128 E. Olin Ave

Free Senior Breakfast at Romnes. Neighborhood older adults are cordially invited to a free community breakfast at **9:30 a.m. on August 25 at Romnes Apartments, 540 W. Olin Ave.** The meal will be served by Day of Caring volunteers. Each year during United Way's Days of Caring, volunteers from various Dane County companies spend a work-day helping with special community projects. This year, volunteers will also wash windows for residents of the Romnes Apartments from **8:30 to 10:30 a.m. on August 24.** Older adults who would like to attend the breakfast and Romnes residents who need windows washed, are requested to call the South Madison Coalition office at 251-8405, at least 24 hours in advance.

Volunteer to Enrich Life for Local Older Adults. The South Madison Coalition of the Elderly invites you to enhance your life and the lives of other seniors by participating in our volunteer programs. Get to know an older adult living right in your neighborhood by helping him or her do chores like lawn mowing, raking, cleaning or laundry. Or draw on your life experiences to volunteer as a guardian or representative payee—training and support provided. Like group activities? Volunteer as a bingo caller or help serve lunch at one of our Senior dining centers. To get involved or for more information, call the South Madison Coalition 251-8405.

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