



Bay Creek Bulletin

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Bay Creek Neighbors Continue Support of New Sign

Donations towards the new sign continue to arrive. A previous list of donors should have specified Prairie Pals Company rather than Prairie Pal. We regret the error but appreciate the support.

A big thank you to those listed below who sent donations and also to the several donors who preferred to remain anonymous.

- Dick Cullen
- Morel Stackhouse
- Rebecca Tunnicliff-Coady and Bill Coady
- Rob and Laura Summerville
- Carol Wilson and Bob Philbin
- Linda Baumann
- Jesse Craig

If your name has been omitted inadvertently or if the attribution is not to your liking or if there's a misspelled name or if you contributed via Kickstarter and would like to be listed in the Bulletin, please let Sara Richards know (contact info on back page). Again, thank you.

Approval for the sign has made its way through the city processes. The Plan Commission approved it on Monday, November 5. The Board of Public Works approved it on Wednesday, November 7. The Common Council approved it on Tuesday, November 27 which was the final step.

BCNA sign moved to Labor Temple

At the Sept 10 BCNA meeting, neighbors voted to re-install the remaining wooden sign at the Labor Temple.

Randy Primozic, Andria Blattner and Rick Richards take a break to pose for posterity while installing the old neighborhood sign on the Labor Temple grounds. The sign was removed from Fish Hatchery and Park Street at the request of the developer. It was cleaned, parts were repainted, and new posts attached. Thank you to all who helped in this project! A special thanks to the management of the Labor Temple for being such a pleasure to work with and approving our request so quickly.



Bay Creek Billboard

Sat Dec 8 and Sat Jan 12, 10:00 am – 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 provided, please bring your own gloves & dress accordingly. Contact Nina for more info. Email: ninaj@wisc.edu, phone: 258-1788 or 698-9708.

Fri Dec 14 and Fri Jan 18 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm Monthly neighborhood gathering at Lakeside Coffee 402 W. Lakeside St. Please join us for the monthly neighborhood social hour, children are welcome! The Dec 14 get together will be a cookie exchange, please see page 4 for details.

Friends of Olin Turville (FOOT) For info on future meetings and other events, please go to olin-turville.org.

Mon Jan 14 5:30 pm BCNA Potluck & Bi-Monthly meeting

Madison Baha'i Center, 324 W. Lakeside St. Annual potluck begins at 5:30. Please bring a dish to pass, your beverage and your own utensils. Meeting begins at 6:30 pm and runs until 7:45. Children are welcome at the potluck or the meeting. Voluntary annual dues of \$10 per household can be paid at any neighborhood meeting or sent to Sara Richards 710 Spruce St. 53715. Please make checks payable to BCNA.

First Wednesday of each month, Friends of Monona Bay 124 S. Brooks St., Rm 1, 6:30 pm.

Martha Stewart's Bay Creek Connection

By Sara Richards

Alisa Toninato is a welder in the Bay Creek neighborhood. Her iron skillets in the shape of various states attracted the attention of Martha Stewart and were showcased as part of Martha Stewart's American Made project. She and other artists were set up in Grand Central Station for a week where they conducted workshops and displayed their products. In addition there were appearances on "Cooking with Martha", "The Today Show", mention on the Piers Morgan show as well as an article in the Wall Street Journal.

While she had heard Martha could be ruthless and critical, Alisa found her to be welcoming, frank and possessed of a wicked sense of humor. She was nervous about preparing a clambake with the hostess on live television but said Martha put her at ease saying, "This is nothing." At the end of the show Alisa presented Martha with a skillet in the shape of New York state.

Asked if she had been a Martha fan prior to meeting her, Alisa confessed, "I don't even have a television!" But she is a fan now. She observed that Martha has an aura of confidence around her and can express her views "frankly without candycoating them."

And what prompted Alisa to start making her special skillets? "I wanted to use cookware to develop my iron-working skills. I didn't want to make decorate objects to place on a pedestal. I wanted functionality."

Since the television appearances Alisa has noticed a definite uptick in orders. "I'm just loving it. It's what I've been working my whole life for."

More information about her products can be found on her website, <http://felionstudios.com/alisa-toninat>

Message from St. Mark's

St. Mark's Food Pantry at 605 Spruce Street is available to our neighbors and community twice weekly (Tuesday mornings and Thursday evenings). We need some more warm, welcoming, and compassionate volunteers – is that you?!

St. Mark's pantry opened in 1992, making it the first pantry on Madison's south side! Our long range goals include continuing to supplement food security needs, as well as beginning to better help guests access community resources.

Happy Winter!

Sarah Gillmore, Pantry Coordinator (foodpantrystm@gmail.com)

Pantry Wish List: Turkey breast, ham, gravy, stuffing mix, dry beans, flour, sugar, ground coffee, hot tea, canned goods, toilet paper, adult winter gloves, children's winter gloves/mittens.

When doing your holiday shopping, please remember that Madison is home to hundreds of locally owned businesses that offer a huge variety of unique products and services. Go to www.danebuylocal.com to learn more.

27th Annual Holiday Blood Drive

Monday, December 24 - 7 AM – 2 PM

Exhibition Hall at the Alliant Energy Center

For an appointment, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org

All presenting donors will receive a holiday t-shirt. Free parking, childcare, entertainment, refreshments & drawings!

The American Red Cross will be hosting a food & fund drive for Second Harvest Foodbank in conjunction with the Holiday Blood Drive. Please bring non-perishable food items or cash donations to the drive to help those facing hunger.

The need is constant.
The gratification is instant.
Give blood.™



BCNA Meeting Summary of Nov. 12, 2012

By Dan Kennelly

Proposed Paddle Sports Rental Business at Brittingham: Tyler Leeper, owner of Wingra Boats, discussed his idea to start a boat rental business at the Brittingham Beach Boathouse. The business would likely include boat rentals (canoe, kayak, paddle board, and small sailboats), as well as food service and outdoor education programming. Tyler is starting discussions with the City about leasing the vacant boathouse for the business. This concept is recommended in the City's recently-adopted Downtown Plan. A motion to formally support Tyler's business passed unanimously. BCNA will send a letter of support.

Update on Bernie's Beach Water Quality: A representative from Friends of Monona Bay reported that the beach enclosure at Bernie's Beach would remain in place next year. The enclosure had mixed results this summer with water quality still a challenging issue at the beach. With improvements, better success will hopefully be achieved next year.

Bay Creek Supports Improved Leaf Management to Help Clean Lakes: Neighbors reported on a recently announced plan by the Clean Lakes Alliance to achieve a 50% reduction in phosphorous in the Yahara Lakes. The plan includes 14 goals for urban and rural areas intended to control phosphorous runoff. As a neighborhood adjacent to the Lakes, neighbors expressed strong support for the plan. Leaves getting into the stormwater system is part of the problem and the city could address this by implementing a vacuum-based leaf pickup system. A motion was introduced to encourage the city to improve leaf management practices and start using a vacuum system. The motion passed unanimously.

Make Music Madison Event Planned for June 21, 2013: Bay Creek is home to a plethora of musicians. One neighbor and local musician suggested that the neighborhood get involved with the Make Music Madison festival planned for June 21. Make Music Madison is a one-day, citywide, free, outdoor music festival. The goal is to generate a continuous wall of music as people walk around participating spaces. With our neighborhood's rich musical talent, it was suggested that Bay Creek could fully embrace the festival. Several neighbors mentioned possible venues and ideas. It was agreed to discuss this further at future meetings.

Bay Creek Neighbors Attend Citywide Neighborhood Conference: Several Bay Creek residents attended the City's Neighborhood Conference in October. At the conference, participants were asked to identify parts of the city that are rich in opportunities for improvement. Lakeside Street and Park Street were among the areas most often identified as opportunity areas. The keynote speaker at the conference discussed the concept of the "Power of Ten," – the notion that any great place needs to offer at least 10 things to do or 10 reasons to be there. Neighbors agreed that this idea should be taken into account as we move forward with the Gateway project on Olin Avenue.

Friends of Olin Turville (FOOT) Report: Representatives from Friends of Olin Turville (FOOT) reported on a recent "Walk with a Doc" event and a series of dances in the Olin Pavilion. FOOT is continuing to plan events and activities in the park, including the annual "candlelight ski" scheduled for Saturday, February 23, 2013. Check out FOOT's website (www.olin-turville.org) to stay updated on activities.

Gateway Project Reaches Fundraising Goal: The neighborhood gateway project planned for the Olin Avenue site across from the Goodman Pool has almost achieved its fundraising goal of \$13,000. Now, the project is making its way through various city approval processes. Neighbors hope to begin construction of the project in spring of 2013.

Potluck on January 14: The annual Bay Creek Potluck will be on Monday, January 14 at 5:30 p.m. at the Baha'i Center. All neighbors are encouraged to attend. The next BCNA meeting will be immediately after the potluck.

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES

January Potluck

A potluck will precede the January 14, 2013, BCNA meeting. The potluck starts at 5:30 and the meeting at 6:30. Please bring your own beverage, plates, silverware, and a dish to pass.

Are you interested in becoming more involved in BCNA? At this meeting candidates are nominated for March elections.

Last year's potluck featured Ron Shutvet's collection of historical maps, pictures, and data about the history of Olin Turville Park and the John Nolen Drive corridor. This year it would be fun to have someone else share a collection.

The potluck and meeting are held at the Bahai Center, 324 W. Lakeside Street. Children are welcome. Hope to see you for the potluck, meeting, or both!

Cookie Exchange at December's Lakeside Meet-Up

The opportunity to exchange cookies will be part of the monthly Friday night gathering at the Lakeside Street Coffee Shop. In light of the holiday schedule, the Friday has switched to the 2nd week of the month and will be held on December 14. Please plan to join neighbors for coffee, tea, beer, wine, or all of them any time between 5:30 and 8. Feel free to bring food to share if you like. Food can also be purchased at the coffee shop located at 402 W. Lakeside Street.

South Madison Coalition of the Elderly

Holiday Party December 25

Join in this annual celebration at the **Madison Senior Center on Tuesday, December 25. Doors open at 11 am** for a social hour with hors d'oeuvres. At noon, sit down to a dinner of roast turkey and all the trimmings. Then sit back and chuckle as John Dugglesby performs his special blend of songs and humor. Bingo will complete the afternoon which will conclude around 2:30.

There is no admission, but donations at the door would be much appreciated. If you would like to attend but are unable to drive, free rides are available. Reservations and ride requests are needed no later than 12:00 noon on Monday, December 17. Call 251-8405.

This event is jointly sponsored by the Senior Center and South Madison Coalition.

By Request--More Yoga!

Every Wednesday 3:00-4:30 p.m. Romnes Apartments Lower Level Library

Free, but call ahead to say you are coming: 509-1897 or 509-1765

This month, our popular yoga class will begin meeting every week, instead of every other week.

Newcomers are always welcome! The class is open to all ages and abilities and is taught by experienced instructor Ash, who also teaches at Jewel in the Lotus Yoga. He leads you in movements tailored to your ability, whether you are confined to a wheelchair or are able to work on a floor mat. Yoga is a great way to reduce aches and pains.

Questions? Call the Coalition at 251-8405.

More Diabetic Footcare?

The diabetic foot care clinic we began in 2012 has been consistently filled! Should we offer these clinics *every month*? We would like to hear from you. If you are diabetic or take blood-thinners and are considering trying this service but have not yet done so, please give us a call at 251-8405.

As of now **2013** diabetic foot care clinics are scheduled for **February, April, June, August, October and December**. Appointments run from **9:30am-12:00 noon, on the second Wednesday of the month**. Care is provided by a Registered Nurse for a **\$20 fee**.

Four Generations in Bay Creek

By Pam Gates

“We’ve been in this neighborhood 70 years,” says Pat Powers. “It’s the best side of town. I can’t think of any other place I’d want to grow up.”

Pat grew up on Potter Street. Her parents owned Ray & Ollie’s Restaurant on West Washington. Her dad had grown up in an orphanage and always took in stragglers; he’d go out to the railroad station, find hoboes, invite them in for a meal, and have them wash dishes in return. She also remembers hungry people at their house, people her mom might have met at the Y, where she worked for a while: “We’d come downstairs and find 15 people we didn’t know eating breakfast! ... It planted the seed: My daughter and I are both very active in the homeless situation in Madison.”

When she was growing up, Pat says, “Everybody worked and shopped in the neighborhood. We [kids] didn’t even realize what a large city we lived in because we were just in this area.”

Pat remembers diving off the railroad trestle over Monona Bay, till their dad caught them. She also remembers her brother sleep-walking in his pajamas down those tracks at least once!

“The local stores were a huge part of the community,” Pat recalls. “We were loyal to them.” Once her older brother, who was working at Madison Beauty Supply on Lakeside Street, purchased a sandwich at Bernie’s Grocery next door. He was amazed at his bill — \$4! — and questioned it. “That’s for the sandwich, plus all the Twinkies your sister’s been taking,” he was told. Roger made her fold papers for his paper route for quite a long time to pay off that debt!

Pat’s dad was an amateur boxer and participated in competitions. He had a presence about him, Pat said, that scared the neighborhood kids. “But he was just a big teddy bear inside,” she says. “He was our hero.” Her dad took the attitude “It is what it is; make the best of it,” and at least Pat and her daughter — and it seems other family members as well — inherited Ray’s fierce independence.

Pat’s grandparents raised nine kids on South Mills Street. Later her grandma lived on Van Deusen Street. “She was the first earth mother I ever met,” Pat says. “She was so poor but so happy.”

These days, Pat sells Tupperware, which three generations of her family have done in the neighborhood; she’s about to start her 35th year. She also volunteers at the VFW on Lakeside Street, which does a lot for challenged kids and other good works: She remembers a homeless veteran stopping at the Saturday night steak dinner fundraiser with \$5. When they’d ascertained that he truly was a veteran, they gave him his dinner for free.

“I know I’ll be back [to Bay Creek],” Pat says. “I’m really attached to the area. [But] I get so emotional when I see buildings being torn down on Park Street,” because she treasures the history they represent.

Thank you, Pat, for sharing some of your treasured history with us all in Bay Creek!

Free Winter Fun

Madison offers many ways to have fun for free during the winter months. Keep these in mind when cabin fever sets in or when you just need a break from your usual activities:

State Capitol Tours: Even native Madisonians will learn something on their tour of the Capitol building. Tours run 7 days a week and take approximately one hour. No reservations are needed for groups of less than 10 people. This is a great way to entertain out of town guests and infuse members of your own family with civic pride. For more info go to wisconsin.gov or call 266-0382.

The Chazen Museum of Art: The Chazen Museum of Art is on the UW campus just east of the intersection of Park St and University Ave. In addition to their permanent exhibits, they usually have at least one special exhibition. They are closed Mondays and are open at varying times the rest of the week. The museum is wheelchair accessible and has guided tours for visitors who are blind or have low vision. With adequate notice, they are also able to provide sign language interpretation of guided tours. Go to chazen.wisc.edu or call 263-2246 for more info.

Neighborhood House Movie and Meal Night: The Neighborhood House Community Center on Mills St offers a free meal and movie once a month. Food is donated by local restaurants including Ian's Pizza and Hong Kong Café. Call 255-5337 or go to www.neighborhoodhousemadison.org for more info.

UW Arboretum Walks: For those willing to brave the low temperatures and snow, the Arboretum offers walks on Sundays throughout the year as well as an evening walk once a month. The walks on the 2nd Sunday of each month are family friendly and the walks on the 4th Sunday of most months are also geared to kids. Call 263-7888 or go to uwarboretum.org for more info.

UW Space Place: UW Space Place in the Villager Mall offers free science workshops for kids each Saturday at 10:00 a.m. No registration is needed but space is limited to the first 50 people. They also offer presentations for adults on the second Tuesday of each month. For more info call 262-4779 or go to spaceplace.wisc.edu.

Madison Public Library: Our libraries offer a variety of programs that include everything from dance parties for toddlers and preschoolers to a humanitarian knitting group. Go to madisonpubliclibrary.org or call 266-6300 for schedule info.

The Chakra House moving to City Station

Most Bay Creek residents may already know that a staple of the Lakeside St. business community is leaving our neighborhood; The Chakra House will be moving to City Station at the beginning of December.

The new site which is in the same location as FedEx and Panera will offer many advantages including two private rooms for massage and energy work, space for more weekly classes, a storefront for more retail business and additional parking. Another advantage is that the new space will still be convenient for all of her Bay Creek customers.

Tina Bensman, owner of The Chakra House, has supported the Bay Creek Bulletin throughout her time in the neighborhood. Although we are sad to see her go, we are thrilled that her business has expanded so much in just 4 short years.

There will be a grand opening party at the new space on Sat., Dec. 8 and Sun., Dec. 9. Be sure to stop by and see the new space. There will be complimentary classes and discounted facials, peels and massages. Go to www.thechakrahouse.com to register for a class or sign up for an appointment.

Tina had the idea for her business when she was in high school. Shortly after attending a reunion where she watched a tape of herself describing a business very much like the Chakra House, she found out that the space at 330 W. Lakeside St. was available. She signed the lease, made some changes to the space and opened her business just six weeks after returning from her reunion. With that much determination, it is no surprise that her business has grown so quickly.

Goodbye, Tina. Thank you for all of your support. You will be missed but we wish you all the best; Namaste.

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