



# Bay Creek Bulletin

## Our Old Houses, 519 Pond Street

By Randy Primozic

Gayle and I purchased this home in 2006 and have done some major remodeling, all the while trying to keep the original work intact or at least the original design intent. The home had gone through some updating before we arrived so it's been interesting finding abandoned artifacts buried around the house, under the porch and in walls. Much of the original interior had been covered up with 3 quarter inch pine paneling and a lowered ceiling. The first floor was gutted during our renovation which revealed ornate wallpaper on every wall and ceiling! Opening the walls revealed some interesting finds: a buggy whip, a book, a walnut from our tree out back that a squirrel must have deposited way back when. I was surprised to find that one whole exterior wall had never been insulated.

Digging around and under the house porch, I found old clematis vines as seen in the picture. The existing clematis we have in the back area of the house matches these. So I wonder if it's the same hundred-year-old planting. We've found original parts of the porch posts, a shotgun barrel, toys and ceramic fragments as well. The image also shows a well pump in the back yard and I'm not sure if the bikes parked on the side have pedals or if they were the push style velocipedes of the time. We've maintained the shingle work under the eaves on the front of the house. I've been told it's kind of a picture of heaven and earth. Looking at it and the shapes used you can reference stylized clouds, rain, lightning, and land and sea icons.

When we excavated on the side of the house for our addition the chimney you see in the picture was exposed to reveal that it had been pushed into an "S" shape. The foundation had moved at least a foot to the outside of the house frame so was no longer underneath it. This all caused for a very exciting time for our contractor. He kind of expected the foundation to be under the house!

I've gone through some city maps from the time the home was built. The address then was 519 Pond St., now known as **(continued on Page 2)**



### Bay Creek Billboard

**Sat Aug 10 & Sat Sept 14, 10:00 am – Noon Shoreline clean up 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](mailto:ninaj@wisc.edu), phone: 258-1788 or 698-9708.

**Fri Aug 16 and Fri Sept 20 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! .

**Sat Aug 25 1:00–3:00 pm BCNA Ice Cream Social** Enjoy FREE Chocolate Shoppe ice cream (vegan options will also be available). Please bring a topping to share. Bowls & spoons will be provided or you can bring your own. **This year's social will be at the site of the neighborhood gateway project at the corner of Olin Ave and Lake Ct.** Hope to see you there! **\*\*Rain date is Sun Aug 26\*\***

#### **Mon Sept 9 6:30 pm BCNA Bi-Monthly meeting**

Madison Baha'i Center, 324 W. Lakeside St. Meeting begins at 6:30 pm and runs until 7:45. 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.

#### **Sat Sept 14, 11:00 a.m.- 7:00 p.m. Celebrate South Madison**

This year's festival will be on the grounds of the Labor Temple at Park St and Wingra Dr. Come celebrate everything we love about Madison's unique South Side. Milwaukee's Davis Family Band will be playing at 5:30. Please go to [facebook.com/southmadison.wi](http://facebook.com/southmadison.wi) for more info.

**Friends of Olin Turville (FOOT)** For info on future meetings and other events, please go to [olin-turville.org](http://olin-turville.org). Please see page 6 for article on bluebird trail at Olin-Turville.

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

**(Our Old Houses, continued)** Olin Ave. [Editor's Note: An earlier profile of Walt Ulrich by Pam Gates revealed the street was called Pond Street because it flooded after rains.] When our house was built, the owners could see to Lake Monona as there were no intervening houses.

Many people who have lived in the house over the years have stopped by to see us and share their memories. We received the photo from out of the blue – from Alaska! – from the descendent of a previous owner. The house is believed to have been built by her great-grandparents Charles VanEtten (1859-1930) and Katie Jameson (1859-1942) in 1893. The woman wrote, "My father's birth certificate says 519 Pond St. which is your house."

She added, "They all worked for the railroad. I think Charles was hit and killed by a train when he was 70 years old. He had gone out fishing that night, visibility was low and he was hard of hearing as well. The newspaper listed his occupation as a carpenter."

She also passed on that the rain barrel at the down spout in the picture collected water which the women used to wash their hair because it was so soft.

## **Rockabetty's Salon and Spa**

**By Sara Richards**

Angela Schulz is the dynamic owner of Rockabetty's at 1117 S. Park Street. A graduate of MATC's cosmetology program, she got her first taste of self-employment while in Arizona. Why Arizona? "While taking a motorcycle safety course, I met a guy that convinced me I should uproot my life and move to Arizona. At the tender age of 20, it seemed like a great idea, and I remained in the Scottsdale area for about 6 years."

Her mother's illness caused her to move back to Madison where she was working on the west side and living on the east side. "I was in love with the idea of being close to downtown, yet able to live right above my shop. I've always been drawn to interesting commercial spaces as well. Anybody can have their business in a strip mall." She had found her current location "but someone was living upstairs and I really wanted the whole building. When I noticed an ad that the upstairs was up for rent, I jumped on it."

Angie graciously agreed to answer questions about her shop.

*Where did the name Rockabetty's come from?* It came from my inventive creative brother who is also my graphics design person. I told him I had lots of cool vintage salon furniture, and was moving into an older building. I knew I wanted it to be vintage inspired with a pin up in the logo. He came up with the name and the concept of having famous Betty's hanging on the wall. Betty is a slang term meaning a pretty girl, while the rocka has to do with the genre of music Rockabilly. Every girl is a "Betty" with her own sense of style and confidence. Yes, we have male clients as well, in case you were wondering.

*Why the Mad Men theme?* We were pretty poor growing up. I never had new things, and my mother loved antiques so I've always been drawn to older unusual objects. The Mad Men Era was such a swanky time of martinis and bouffant hairdos. Who isn't inspired to glamorize when you think of that time? Anyone can have a sterile black and white salon with all new furniture. I just find that look incredibly stuffy; we try our best to be anything but stuffy. Life is short and times are tough. Better to laugh it off and relax when you are able to do so.

I have no background in design, just a vivid imagination, and I'm a kid at heart. The salon is constantly evolving as I change my mind about things.

*How is it working out in the Bay Creek neighborhood?* I love meeting my neighbors and feel it's important to network and build relationships with area businesses and groups. I'm always willing to cross promote when we can. We also love to support Roller Derby and are currently doing a pinup/pitbull calendar where proceeds will go to local rescues and shelters.

We are finally starting to have a strong neighborhood following, along with building a loyal following throughout Madison, and surrounding areas. We are the vintage inspired, snarky 60's/rockabilly hair, nails, skin salon and spa. Most people really love us, and are excited to have a different kind of laid back experience with us.

*Your hair was pink for a long time and now you've changed it. Do you remember what your real hair color is?* I tend to dye my hair a lot. Let's face it, I'm a hairdresser, and I don't have a boss telling me that's not ok. I'm currently blonde and aqua with plans of adding lavender soon, but truth be told, my hair is naturally an unflattering shade of light ash brown. I have no plans of ever wearing that shade.

Rockabetty's offers a full range of hair and salon services which are described at [rockabettyssalon.com](http://rockabettyssalon.com). For more information email [rockabettyssalon@gmail.com](mailto:rockabettyssalon@gmail.com) or call 608-721-1717. It's anything but stuffy.

# Bay Creek July 8, 2013 Meeting Minutes

By Carol Medaris

*Note: Corrections to the minutes in the printed Bulletin are in italics.*

Judy Robinson called the meeting to order around 6:30.

PONTOON PORCH BOAT. Tyler Wilkinson on behalf of owner Joe Shulla presented preliminary plans to put Mr. Shulla's boat into service on Lake Monona. The boat is a floating two-level deck with a screened in porch and room for a maximum of 30 people. It is permanently docked at a private residence off Lakeside Street and Mr. Shulla proposes to use the abandoned concrete pier slab in Olin Park to build a pier for one pick-up/drop-off point, along with another at Law Park and possibly a third. He is thinking of three trips around the lake a day, but this is all very preliminary and will have to go through a lengthy process yet. Several people raised issues: 1) the work required to make the site accessible; 2) parking congestion, particularly during the weekdays when the lots are generally full; 3) interference with people's enjoyment of the view during the estimated pick-up and drop-off periods several times a day; 4) environmental impact; 5) possibility of loud music; and 6) the general issue of using public parkland for private businesses.

VFW POST ON LAKESIDE/JOHN NOLEN DRIVE. Angel Alvarado, manager of the VFW Post with her husband, presented their plan to provide food and drinks on the post's small patio that faces John Nolen Drive on Tuesday through Friday 4-11, Saturday 3-11, and Sunday 11-6. *There would be no amplified sound and smoking would be allowed.* People expressed strong support for an additional eating/drinking space in the neighborhood and for the good management efforts of the Alvarados. But several close neighbors were concerned about noise from the outdoor area late into the night. Closing the outdoor area earlier in the evening was suggested and that the neighborhood be given a chance to review this in a few months.

SUPERVISOR KYLE RICHMOND'S REPORT. The Bay Creek neighborhood is a major part of District 4, represented by Kyle Richmond on the County Board. Kyle reported the following:

- 1) Task Force on Poverty, led by supervisor Heidi Wegleiter, in 2009 recommended that the County establish a Commission on Poverty. That Commission will begin its work this month.
- 2) The Parks Commission is authorized to issue grants to municipalities often to help them complete projects of regional significance begun with other funds. \$2.5 million has been granted so far this year for such things as improving bike trails, the skate park in Central Park on Madison's east side, a new public dock area in the City of Monona, and to Shorewood Hills to connect up with a bike trail from Middleton.
- 3) In addition to preferences currently given to contracts with local businesses and developers, the County has passed an ordinance to give some preferences to projects that use local materials.
- 4) The County is developing a methane digester to transform manure from local farms to produce energy and then return liquid fertilizer back to farms.
- 5) Kyle is on the Clear Lakes Task Force that is working to inform itself on lake issues and then educate the public.
- 6) County Administrator Joe Parisi is organizing Climate Change Preparedness Forums. Information on scheduling is available on the county website: [www.countyofdane.com](http://www.countyofdane.com).

SOUTH MADISON PLANNING COUNCIL. Bob Stoffs reported that the Celebrate South Madison festival will be held this year on the Labor Temple grounds on September 14th. Meet and Eat carts are at the Villager Mall on Tuesday nights through July.

TREASURER'S REPORT. Judy Robinson reported that *advertising revenue for the Newsletter* is generally coming in from \$75 to \$250 *under the goal each month*, depending upon advertising receipts, and necessitating borrowing from the general fund. It was suggested that running the ads on our website might make the advertising more attractive and perhaps justify charging more.

NEXT MEETING: Kirk Elliot volunteered to facilitate the next meeting on September 9th. Discussion of the Gateway Project, including an update on the sign and next steps, will be put early on the agenda. Meeting adjourned at about 7:45.



## NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES

### **BCNA Ice Cream Social**

The annual Ice Cream Social will be held on Saturday, August 24, between 1 and 3 p.m. with a rain date of Sunday, August 25. Join us at the site of the new sign across from the Goodman Pool between Olin and Van Deusen. There will be vanilla, chocolate and vegan ice creams. Bring a topping to share.

### **From St. Mark's Food Pantry**

Hello from your friends at St. Mark's Food Pantry! We have learned about the wonderful backyard chickens in this neighborhood... we'll take all your extra eggs! It's so easy to drop off your extra eggs and/or garden produce: There is a small blue door off St. Mark's parking lot which leads directly into the pantry. All you have to do is knock on that door when the pantry is open (Tuesdays 10am-Noon or Thursdays 5:45pm-7:45pm) and a pantry volunteer will open the door and gladly accept the donation. Don't forget, we always need friendly faces who want to help - stop in when we're open and check us out! Sarah Gillmore ([foodpantrystm@gmail.com](mailto:foodpantrystm@gmail.com))

### **Become a Tutor with Schools of Hope**

The Schools of Hope Program is looking for tutors for the Fall 2013 semester for Middle and High School programs at 17 sites throughout Greater Madison. Tutors meet one-on-one or with small groups of students for a minimum of one hour per week. Tutoring happens at the school, Monday through Friday, either during the student's study hall, learning lab, classroom periods, or after school.

You do not need to have prior training or tutoring experience, but basic algebra and geometry skills are key. For more information, please contact Kristin Sorensen of the Urban League at [ksorensen@ulgm.org](mailto:ksorensen@ulgm.org) or 608-729-1226.

## **South Madison Coalition of the Elderly**

### **News for Neighborhood Seniors**

The South Madison Coalition of the Elderly invites you to come to Romnes Apartments, 540 W. Olin Avenue for lunch at 11:30 am. Mondays-Fridays. Cost is regularly \$3.50, but on a donation basis for anyone 60 or over. Lunch reservations are needed at least 24 hours in advance; call the South Madison Coalition of the Elderly at 251-8405. Combine lunch with a special activity listed below.

### **Summer's Best Picnic!**

On **Friday, August 23 at Romnes**, enjoy an extra special picnic meal catered by Gaylord. We will have grilled hot dog, hamburgers and brats with all the fixings, baked beans, potato salad, coleslaw, fresh melon mix and ice cream cake! After lunch, join in some fun picnic games like Noodle Ball! All participants will go home with prizes!

### ***Bahama Bob Will Help Keep Summer Going!***

On **Thursday, August 29, Bahama Bob Milan brings his steel drum to Romnes** to help you keep the summer mood going. He will perform right after lunch, from 11:50-12:50. Dress for the occasion if you like—with a Hawaiian shirt, bright colors, flowers in your hair, and sandals on your feet. We will provide the tropical atmosphere!

### **Save the Date for Flu Shots**

Be sure to get your vaccinations for seasonal flu and pneumonia. Medicare *Part B* or Medicaid covers the \$30.00 cost. Remember to bring along your Medicare or Medicaid card. Home Health United will hold a clinic for older adults at:

**Romnes Apartments, 540 W. Olin Avenue Monday, September 16 9:30—11:30 am**

### **Free Yoga Classes for all abilities**

This free class will help you feel better! It 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 have the ability to work on a floor mat. Yoga is a great way to loosen stiffness and reduce aches and pains. Give it a try!

Classes are held in the **Romnes Apartments Library from 3:00—4:30 p.m. every Wednesday**. Attend when you can, but please ***call ahead*** so Ash knows you are coming; **509-1897 or 509-1765**.

Questions? Call the Coalition at 251-8405.

## News from Olin-Turville By Andria Blattner

So now it's the height of summer with massive thunderstorms to prove it. We've had a cold spring, lots of rain then a very dry time--and now thunderstorms. Hard to believe baby birds can hatch out and grow up in all that. But they did--at least 15 tree swallows and 13 bluebirds in our bluebird trail made it. The idea behind a bluebird trail is to provide suitable houses for bluebirds. They usually nest in cavities in trees or branches, but these habitats get "cleaned up" as the environment gets more urban and tidy. The Bluebird Restoration Association of Wisconsin ([www.braw.org](http://www.braw.org)) and Audubon have been very active in encouraging these "bluebird trails." Eastern bluebird populations hit a low in the late 60's and thanks to many bluebird trails the populations have increased to over that level. Paul Noeldner of Audubon was especially helpful in finding sites for the houses, calling MG&E (digger's hot line), scrounging up houses, and installing them. A monitor checks the boxes each week to see the progress. And thanks, Jeanette, for the cedar.

Our bluebird trail consists of 6 bluebird houses in Olin and 4 in Turville Point around the prairie. We got the boxes up mid May (actually a little late) and by the next week there were 7 nests, two with eggs in them. I checked on them every week. We ended up with 3 bluebird nests, 6 tree swallow nests and 2 wren nests. One wren nest was on a bluebird nest after the babies were gone. Now all are cleaned out except one with 3 wren eggs. (Wrens use twigs to make nests – they look very big compared to the tiny wrens.)

The Prairie is really a beautiful sight now – it was fun watching different plants take over the color each week. You can also see many colorful native plants along Wingra Creek – especially between Park and Fish Hatchery. Today I saw bergamot, compass plant, black-eyed Susans as I drove by.

On September 29 there will be a celebration congratulating Madison for becoming a "Bird City". Bird Cities are committed to making their neighborhoods better places for people, birds and other wildlife. This celebration will take place in Warner Park Community Center and will emphasize the Madison Conservation Parks. It will include many family friendly activities and bird walks. We will have a table representing FOOT – Friends of Olin-Turville. To find out more check the FOOT or Audubon website or <http://www.birdcitywisconsin.org/>.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

### Gateway Sign Update

The construction of the new neighborhood sign began in early July and is moving right along. The concrete and steel rebar base is almost completed. The form that will be used for pouring the concrete is close to completion as well.

We'll have more details in upcoming issues of the Bulletin.

Thanks to everyone who has worked on this project!



Construction begins on Bay Creek Gateway Sign

## Bay Creek Bulletin information

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*Please join us*

*Monthly Bay Creek Neighborhood Gathering*

*When: Friday, August 16*

*And Friday Sept 13*

*5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.*

*Where: Lakeside St Coffee House*

*Why: To see old friends and make new friends*

*This is a family friendly event;  
children of all ages are welcome.  
Feel free but NOT obligated to bring  
an appetizer or dessert to share.  
Hope to see you there!*

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