

# Bay Creek Bulletin

# Meet your neighbors: Clarence Cameron and Bob Lockhart By Pam Gates

Bay Creek residents Clarence Cameron and Bob Lockhart have been together for 52 years. They met when both were living on University Avenue and moved to this neighborhood in 1971, when Bob bought the house they still live in. "We've had our ups and downs like everyone else," Clarence says. "But we got through them."

"Gays were closeted way back, so we were very reticent," Bob said. "We were both self-employed, which helped." Bob was an architect and Clarence ran a ceramics shop. By 1974 they had their offices in their home; Clarence sold his shop and devoted himself to developing his artistic talents. "Our commute was now up and down one flight of stairs," Clarence joked.

"We were very careful in the early days because we were self-employed," Bob says. "Now we're at the age where we don't care. And Madison has changed tremendously since then; it's a whole different city.

"You were never sure [how people would react]. We never said anything, but now we do. We never had any bad experiences, though you take chances sometimes."

In 1989, Clarence was invited to show a piece at the Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum's annual "Birds in Art" event in Wausau. Spouses were also invited, and their expenses were also paid. Clarence, however, had to pay all of Bob's expenses. When he complained, the director said, "We'll work on this." The next time Clarence exhibited there, in 1993, the invitation came to the exhibitor and his/her "spouse, significant other, or friend."

Clarence was invited to this year's "Birds in Art" as well. His exhibit is an owl carved from Montana dendritic soapstone, which you can see at the museum until Nov. 10. You can also visit owlman.com for more on his art.

Bob as an architect is an artist in his own right. He apprenticed under Herbert Fritz, whose father worked with Frank Lloyd Wright. Bob lived in Spring Green on the Fritzes' property, in an old schoolhouse in winter and a chicken coop in summer. When he wanted a bath, he used the coin-operated showers at Governor Dodge State Park. At least he was able to share meals with the Fritzes!

"We're happy with our house, but we need it 10 times as large," Clarence jokes; the place is well filled with plants, bird cages (occupied), artwork, and memorabilia, as well as the usual trappings of daily living. "But," says Bob, "if it was 10 times as large, we'd just fill it up with 10 times as much stuff!"

A recent highlight was their trip to Washington, D.C., for Obama's first inauguration. They had worked on the campaign; headquarters were right here in Bay Creek. In a series of small twists of good fortune, first the headquarters director got them tickets, their inauguration tickets were upgraded, they were able to stay with a relative, and they attended an inaugural ball, complete with tuxedoes. The burst water pipes that flooded their relative's house didn't dampen their experience, even though they spent a good share of the night before the **(continued on next page)** 

#### **Bay Creek Billboard**

Sat Oct 12 & Sat Nov 9,10:00 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, phone: 258-1788 or 698-9708.

Fri Oct 19 and Fri Nov 16 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm Monthly neighborhood gathering at Lakeside Coffee 402 W.

Lakeside Street Coffeehouse will resume their later hours in October. Please join us for the monthly neighborhood social hour, children are welcome! See page 4 for info on other types of get togethers that have been suggested.

#### Mon Nov 11 6:30 pm BCNA Bi-Monthly meeting

November meeting will be held at Barriques 961 S. Park St. Please note that this change is only for the November meeting. See page 4 for more details on why meeting was moved. 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.

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

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

(**Bob and Clarence, continued**) inauguration helping to mop up the mess!

Clarence and Bob strive to be good neighbors. They attend neighborhood meetings; Bob is the "tree streets" representative. They've started a neighborhood watch program for their block. They've made a list for each household of who (and what) lives at each address, as well as contact information.

Bob and Clarence are obviously happy living in Bay Creek. "We've never had a problem," they say.

### Bay Creek Sept 9, 2013 Meeting Minutes By Carol Medaris

Kirk Elliott called the meeting to order at 6:30. With a long agenda, everyone was asked to be as brief as possible.

TREASURER: Judy Robinson reported that we are current on all ad invoicing and payments.

NEIGHBORHOOD CONTACTS: Bob Stoffs reminded us about Celebrate South Madison on Saturday, September 14th from 11 to 7 on the grounds of the Labor Temple. The event promises a variety of interesting musical acts and Bob says that volunteers are still needed.

FRIENDS OF OLIN TURVILLE (FOOT): Tom DeChant passed around fliers for the Dancing in the Park series at the Olin Pavilion. On Tuesdays 6-8 p.m., there will be free participatory dance events: Madison Scottish Country Dancers on Sept. 10; Folklore Village Barn Dance on Sept. 17; and the Madison Contra Dance Co-op will end the series on Sept. 24.

Jim Dexheimer brought up a problem with renewed traffic at the park which is causing some parking problems, especially on the hill by the pavilion. FOOT is discussing possible remedies, including perhaps some restrictions on access to the hill.

ALTERNATIVE MEETING SPACE FOR NOVEMBER: the Bahai Center is not available for our November BCNA meeting so alternatives were discussed. Barriques looks like the best bet; a final decision will be announced elsewhere in the Oct/Nov newsletter.

LITTLE FREE LIBRARIES: Nick Glass presented a recommendation to place a little free library at Lowell and South Bay Front on Brittingham Parkland. Before submitting it to the city he would like to get approval from BCNA. The box is larger than others around the city and is a fairly bright color, but could be repainted if desired. A motion to approve placement there was made, seconded and approved; Bob Stoffs will sign the papers to that effect.

NEW HOME DÉCOR RESALE SHOP: Whitney Falk introduced herself as the proprietor of a small, new, home décor resale shop across from Franklin School at 312 W. Lakeside Street called "Trend.quility." It will be open Tuesday through Friday from 11 to 6 and Saturday from 10 to 5 with a grand opening on September 28th. Several people commented that it was a good fit for our little commercial area and she was welcomed to the neighborhood.

MADISON TAXI BUILDING: Ron Nesvacil, general manager of Madison Taxi, showed plans of the new building. It will be on the left side of the property and front on Gilson Street. The old building, severely damaged by a heavy snowstorm, will be left in place pending completion of the new structure. Clarence Cameron, who lives on Cedar Street, raised the issue of speeding on his street. Mr. Nesvacil took note of that and encouraged residents to call him with any problems they may have with his taxi service in our neighborhood. His number is 258-7464, ext. 107.

BCNA BYLAW DISCUSSION: Ron Shutvet passed around a rough draft of proposed bylaw changes he wishes the group to consider. The changes are substantial and center around posting and notice of agenda items, voting and decision-making processes, and record-keeping. He is also proposing that a meeting place be found that would allow meetings to extend beyond the current 1-1/4 hours so that discussions would not have to be cut off before they were finished. After a brief discussion, it was decided that the proposals needed to be condensed and drafted to conform to the current by-laws. Nick Glass and Linda Baumann volunteered to work with Ron on this and the discussion will be continued at the next meeting.

DRAFT GUN RESOLUTION: We discussed what to do with the draft gun resolution that has been on our website since last year. It basically states that assault rifles and hand-guns are not welcome in the neighborhood. Before discussing whether to remove it if there is no interest in discussing this further, Dan Kennelly who originally proposed it will be contacted.

GATEWAY PROJECT: Judy reported briefly on what remains to be done and said it should be finished by the end of the year. Ron Shutvet expressed his dissatisfaction with the process of approving this project and said that that was one reason he was proposing changing our bylaws.

MEET AND GREET: Our monthly neighborhood social hour must change its venue from the Lakeside Coffee house which is closing early. These events are held every 3rd Friday from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Cranefield's was suggested as a possibility. They apparently have a large room separate from the bar which might even be available for movie or game nights. This will be investigated. (Continued on next page)

OLIN STOCK PAVILIONS: Tom DeChant announced that work on the pavilions has apparently been held up because bids had come in higher than expected due to the short time frame for construction. The project is now expected to be done by next summer.

THE NEW LIBRARY: Tom also announced that the central library opening is planned for September 21st and that there is a fund-raiser scheduled for the 19th.

Cathryn Hatle volunteered to facilitate the next meeting; meeting was adjourned at 7:45.



## Trick or Treat with Food Allergies By Jackie White

Halloween is usually a child's dream: dressing up and going door to door and getting free candy! What could be better? But for food allergic children, Halloween is different. They need to know that the treat they may be offered could be something dangerous to them. They also need to know that they might not be able to eat the treats. This can make Halloween a very sad and upsetting experience for these kids.

Today one of 13 children in America has food allergies. 90% of those allergies are triggered by 8 foods: dairy, egg, wheat, peanuts, tree nuts, soy, shellfish and fish. Most of the severe reactions and fatalities are attributed to nut exposures. Just coming into contact with trace amounts of the allergen can trigger a life-threatening reaction. There is no cure for food allergies. On-

ly avoidance can keep food allergic children safe. That is why educating others about food allergies is so important. It can help to prevent accidental exposures.

How can you make Halloween a happier and safer time for these kids? Start with not handing out anything with nuts or peanut butter. If you do hand out candies with nuts, please consider having a separate bowl of no-nut candies or small novelty toys, tattoos or stickers. A separate bowl will help keep the no-nut candies or toys from getting cross-contaminated from the nuts. Skittles, Starbursts, Dum Dums and Smarties are good choices.

Parents of children with food allergies should always check ingredients to make sure the candies are safe. For these parents please make a plan with your children before Halloween. Talk about how to politely decline candies they are allergic to. Make sure they know not to eat any candy until back home. Have them go trick or treating with an adult who is carrying rescue medicine (epi-pen), wipes to keep hands clean and a cell phone. Finally, consider letting children trade candies they cannot eat for a small toy or safe candies you purchased ahead of time.

These simple steps can really make a difference. As a parent of a child with multiple severe food allergies, I thank you for keeping our kids safe this Halloween! For further information on food allergies, please feel free to contact me at Jackiewhite004@yahoo.com.

#### NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES

#### **BCNA November Meeting at Barrique's**

The November meeting scheduled for Monday, Nov. 11, will be held at Barrique's at 961 S. Park Street. The meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. and typically is over by 7:45.

The Bahai Center on Lakeside Street is unavailable because of a religious holiday, the birthday of Bahaullah, the founder of the Bahai religion. For more information on the Baha'i religion see the August-September 2011 Bulletin at baycreekmadison.org.

#### **Jaycees Haunted House**

The annual Haunted House fundraising event sponsored by Madison Metro Jaycees will take place October 11, 12, 17-19, 24-26, and 31st from 7-11:00pm each night. This event funds community services in the Madison area. The main organization that Jaycees are supporting this year is The Road Home which helps homeless families transition to permanent housing

#### **Cub Scouts**

Cub Scout Pack 302 is currently registering new Scouts! We welcome boys grades 1-5 from all backgrounds and invite you to find out what scouting has to offer! Contact <u>Jackiewhite004@yahoo.com</u> or visit <u>www.pack302madison.org</u> for more information.

#### Looking for a Volunteer

The South Madison Coalition of the Elderly is looking for a volunteer to assist an elderly Bay Creek man with household jobs (not personal care). For more information please contact Joan at <a href="worker@smcelder.com">worker@smcelder.com</a>

#### Movie or game nights at the VFW

The VFW has a separate room that the BCNA could use for movie or game nights. This has been suggested as a family friendly way for Bay Creek residents to get together over the winter months. Before we spend time organizing an event, we want to gauge interest. Please contact Judy at 469-1218 or treasurer@merr.com and let me know if you would participate. If there are children in your family, please let me know how many kids would come with you and how old they are. Thanks!

#### 2014 Rhythm & Booms

The City has proposed moving the 2014 Rhythm and Booms celebration and setting off the fireworks from barges on Lake Monona. Dane County Supevisor Kyle Richmond is working with the Dane County Lakes and Watershed Commission to ensure that there would be no detrimental effect from the chemical debris.

Please contact him at richmond.kyle@countyofdane.com or 251-3171 to learn more or become involved.

#### **Hay Rides in Olin Park**

Madison Parks is offering special event and group hayrides in Olin Park in October and November. The hay wagon, pulled by a tractor, will take your group on a scenic tour of the park. The special event hayrides do not require a reservation and are generally held as part of a larger event in that park. Cost is \$2/person.

Group rides are perfect for scout troops, church groups, or birthday parties. Advance registration required. **Cost:** \$85.00 + tax per group (1-24 people). One hour Hayride Trip includes 30 minute wagon ride, 30 minute campfire and s'mores. For schedules and more info call (608) 266-4711 or go to www.cityofmadison.com/parks/celebrate/ hayrides.cfm

#### News from Olin-Turville By Andria Blattner

I heard a chipmunk chirping and saw him dashing along with very full cheeks -- getting ready for winter already! By now it is clear that fall in on the way --- I for one am very glad, it's time for some crispy weather! A little early for Thanksgiving but.....

We need to send a special thanks to the Badger Rock kids and their teacher Aaron. They have volunteered (not even a class) for our seed collection and toss. It was really fun working with the kids. Also thanks to Ron for planning and coordination and to the Bay Creek helpers.

The kiosk in front of the pavilion has been redone by the city. It's really a great improvement – thanks to the City Parks Dept.

And just so you know (one long time Bay Creek resident didn't) – Olin Park is 47.12 acres; Turville Point Conservation Park is 64.28, third largest conservation in Madison. We are very lucky. Be thankful for that.

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

#### **Senior Notes**

The South Madison Coalition of the Elderly invites you to come to Romnes Apartments, 540 W. Olin Avenue for lunch at 11:30 a.m. Monday-Friday. If age 60 or older, you will not be charged for the meals. In order to keep the program going, the suggested minimum donation is \$4 per meal. You can donate anonymously at the dining center. Others attending are asked to pay \$7.50.

Menus are carefully planned to make sure you get optimum nutrition in a tasty meal that helps you maintain your health. They include a vegetarian option daily, and on Wednesdays, the option of a salad as the entrée. Menus are published each month in our free newsletter. If you would like to receive our newsletter, just give us a call!

Come to lunch every day, or pick and choose. Lunch reservations and cancelations are needed at least 24 hours in advance; call the South Madison Coalition of the Elderly at 251-8405. Sign up for one meal at a time or for all of your choices during one phone call.

Combine lunch with a special activity listed below.

- \* Celebrate the beauties of autumn with special activities and delicious comfort food on Friday, October 18. Lunch will include barbecued ribs and roasted veggies.
- \* Hear guitarist and singer Michael Gruber perform a variety of your favorites and some original tunes on Tuesday, October 29, 11:50 am—12:50 pm.
- \* Come to lunch dressed for Halloween on Friday, October 31. Share stories of Halloween adventures and pranks while you enjoy a hearty roast beef lunch. We will provide bags of treats!

**Monthly Diabetic Foot Care with a Registered Nurse:** If you are on blood-thinners or are diabetic, take this opportunity to have an RN examine your feet and cut your toenails. Diabetic Foot Care Clinics are held at Romnes every month. Cost is \$20 for a 30 minute appointment that includes a blood pressure check and time to discuss your basic health concerns. Clinics are scheduled for Thursday afternoons, October 10 and November 7. An appointment is needed; call 251-8405 to sign up.

**Annual Thanksgiving Dinner:** Faith Community Church will be offering its annual free Thanksgiving dinner at 12 noon on Thursday, November 28, at St. Mark's Church, 605 Spruce Street. This home-cooked meal is free for all residents of the local community—no reservations required for those who come to the church for the meal.

For persons who are homebound, South Madison Coalition of the Elderly coordinates home deliveries by volunteers. Reservations are needed for home deliveries. To request a home delivery, call 251-8405 by Monday, November 25. Questions? Call

the Coalition at 251-8405.

This is the photo that was referred to in the text of Our Old Houses in the previous issue. As the text of the story noted, the clematis vine and rain barrel are visible as well as old bicycles. The entire story is available at baycreekmadison.org

If you have a story about your old house you would like to share, please contact Sara Richards at <a href="mailto:leftpaintedtoenail@hotmail.com">leftpaintedtoenail@hotmail.com</a> or 255-5023





Wish Wheel, a sculpture by Bay Creek artist Cheryl DeWelt is currently on display in the gateway area at the corner of Lake Ct. and Olin Ave, next to the new Bay Creek sign. Cheryl was the recipient of a 'Blink' grant from the Madison Arts Commission. These grants are designed to fund 'temporary, tangible glimpses' of the artist's imagination. Cheryl's sculpture will only be on display until Nov. 10 so if you haven't already seen it, be sure to stop by and take a look.

Thanks for sharing this with Bay Creek, Cheryl!

#### Join RSVP... We value your life experience!

RSVP offers personalized volunteer placement services for Dane County individuals aged 55+. Driving and Escorting older adults to medical appointments, delivering meals to older adults, Veterans supporting Veterans, tutoring students, creating hand-made items for distribution to nonprofit and social services--there is a volunteer opportunity for you!

With the new school year, RSVP of Dane County is seeking caring adults age 55 years or better interested in tutoring students in grades K-12 attending Madison Area Public Schools. Volunteers must possess the heart and desire to work with children and help them succeed!

Volunteers are matched 1:1 or work with small groups of children, focusing on Literacy and Math. With your help, these students get the individualized attention they need to excel. RSVP works closely with on-site School Volunteer Coordinators who support you along the way, providing training and classroom placement.

For information contact Diana Jost at (608) 441-1393 or email djost@rsvpdane.org

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The BCNA is trying to find ways to bring people in our neighborhood together, especially over the winter months. If you would be interested in having movie or game nights at the VFW, contact Judy at 469-1218 or treasurer@merr.com and let me know. If there are children in your family, please let me know how many kids would come with you and how old they are. Thanks!





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