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Bay Creek Bulletin

Planning and Economic Development Committee Report

By Carrie Rothburd

Editor's Note: A huge thank you to Pat Davis for his generous technical assistance with the software problem that prevented us from being able to print the last Bulletin in the usual format.

ASH TREES ON SOUTH SHORE AND WEST SHORE DRIVES SAVED: Bay Creek neighbors donated close to \$1300 to treat the 6 mature ash trees up for adoption in the park surrounding Monona Bay. Thanks to all! One tree has already been treated and the rest will be treated in August.

BARRIQUES' CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ROAST: Up-to-the minute information on developments during the 4-month referral on Barriques CUP application and P&ED's proposal to work with Barriques on identifying needed changes to its roasting operations is available at cityofmadison.com/council/district13/updates and baycreekmadison.org. P&ED will be posting the results of its initial survey of neighbors' reaction to Barriques' fumes and its follow-up survey.

JADE GARDEN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT: Sue Jiang showed her plans for 1109 South Park to the UDC on July 5th. Commissioners echoed BCNA's "Position on Development on South Park Street" (available on the Bay Creek website) in advocating: a) reducing the number of stories from 5 to 3 or 4; b) reducing the number of efficiencies and increasing the number of two- and three-bedroom units; c) wrapping residences--possibly town homes—onto Emerson for a smoother transition to and interaction with existing single-family homes; d) moving the community room from the rooftop into the building; e) moving the outdoor seating area from Emerson to Park Street; f) moving the parking access to Park Street; and g) adhering to mandatory building setbacks. BCNA voted unanimously at its July meeting that it finds the 1109 South Park Street development as currently proposed at odds with its "Position on Development" (available on the Bay Creek website).

WINGRA POINT II: Unable to secure adequate financing, T. Wall Enterprises has proposed to eliminate Wingra Point II's underground parking, replacing most ground-level commercial space with parking that will be separated from the sidewalk by a wall and moving its garage access from Lakeside and Park to the side street south of the complex. Neighbors initially lobbied not to have the entrance to Wingra Point II on Park because of the complexity of the intersection and to have sufficient parking to avoid spill-over of tenants' and guests' cars onto surrounding streets. At Wall's informational presentation on July 20th, his development team mistakenly informed the UDC that "the neighborhood association does support the removal of most of the commercial space." UDC commissioners disapproved of the new design's "false façade" and "non-usable space abutting Park Street" and suggested reducing parking spaces instead. P&ED has requested fully developed plans of the redesign to share with neighbors and a follow-up neighborhood meeting with Wall. (Continued on Page 2)

Bay Creek Billboard

Tue, Aug 16 7:00 pm Last MadiSUN's Information Session Catholic Multicultural Center, 1862 Beld St. To learn more or sign up, please visit www.madisunsolar.com.

Sat, Aug 27 1:00 pm (Rain date, Aug 28 1-3 pm) BCNA Ice Cream Social. Please join us at the site of the sign across from the Goodman Pool between Olin and Van Deusen. There will be vanilla, chocolate and vegan ice creams. Please bring a topping to share.

Mon Sept 12 6:30 pm BCNA Bi-Monthly Meeting at 6:30. Bahai Center, 324 W. Lakeside St. 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. Thanks to all who have paid.

Thursdays in Sept at 6:00 pm FREE dances at the Olin Park Pavillion sponsored by FOOT (Friends of Olin-Turville). Please see page 7 for more information.

Sun Aug 14 and Sept 10 1:30 pm Guided nature walks by Friends of Olin Turville (FOOT). Meet at the Turville Parking lot off John Nolen Dr. Please see page 2 for info on our upcoming walks

2nd Sat of every month 10:00 am to noon Shoreline clean up with Friends of Monona Bay. Contact Nina for info. Email: ninaj@wisc.edu, phone: 258-1788 or 698-9708.

Aug 10 (and 2nd Wed of every other month) 6:30 pm Friends of Monona Bay meeting at Barriques on Park St. Call Lisie for info: 266-5248.

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SEEKING NEW MEMBERS: There are many development issues to keep abreast of, more than the current 8 members can cover. Being part of P&ED is a wonderful opportunity to get to know neighbors, learn about city processes and procedures, and do something that has a positive impact on Bay Creek for years to come. To find out more or to join us, contact crothburd@gmail.com.

Programs available at Madison College

Are you interested in a career with 100% job placement, job security and high wages that is both fascinating and rewarding, and that requires less than a 4-year degree? If so, check out these two programs at Madison College!

Construction and Modeling

The Construction and Remodeling Program is a one-year program that prepares students for a career in residential construction and/or remodeling. Students learn how to take a project from prints and specifications through final finish work. As part of their coursework, students learn about site preparation, layout and foundations, do the framing of floors, walls, ceilings and roofs, and install roof shingles, windows, doors, stairs, exterior trim, siding, cabinets and interior trim. All phases of home construction are covered, including materials estimating, building science, building codes and tool maintenance.

Classes available days or evenings, and 50% of classroom activity is hands-on! The median wage is \$24.40 per hour. Visit us at madisoncollege.edu (search construction and remodeling), and Facebook.

Contact: Jen Voichick, JVoichick1@madisoncollege.edu, 608-246-5213.

Court Reporting

The Court Reporting Program is a 2.5 year associate degree program that prepares students to work in a variety of career areas. These careers include court reporting, closed captioning for television and web media, and live-event captioning for the deaf or hard-of-hearing community. Choose your own hours, create your own business, or work for the court system or a freelance employer!

The average annual starting salary is \$45,000. The program at Madison College offers a 100% online option, a free bootcamp to test drive the program, and scholarship opportunities. Visit us at madisoncollege.edu (search court reporting). **Contact: Lisa Hubacher, LHubacher@madisoncollege.edu, 608-246-6192.**

FOOT Notes By Andria Blattner

The hill in Olin Park by the boat ramp is very beautiful right now. Brown-eyed Susans, compass plants and Monarda attract insects especially bumble bees. This is a great example of a natural area in a city park. This plot along with the rain gardens and the native plant gardens like the one by the pavilion provide a great resource for the pollinators and are beautiful for the human city dwellers.

Last summer we took a young mink to the rehab center, this year we returned the favor by adopting 3 baby bluebirds. Yep, 3 chicks that were brought into Dane County Humane Society’s Four Lakes Wildlife Center were put into nests with similar aged chicks. The bluebird parents do a much better job at raising bluebird chicks than humans do. All fledged with their step-siblings. All our parks--Turville, Olin, Quann and Goodman--had bluebirds in one box this year. This totaled 18 fledglings plus the 3 foster chicks. This is down a little from last year but it was a very weird spring.

Again this year, there were plenty of bats seen on the survey. The bats have not taken up residence in the bat houses built by the Eagle Boy Scouts – there must be plenty of places of places for them to roost in the woods. Our Bird and Nature Walks are on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 1:30. Our next walks will be on August 14 led by Jeff Steele, September 11 led by Kathleen Wolf and on October 9 Ron Shuvet will give his wonderful history walk on both the geological and cultural history of Turville Point.

So take a break, go outside; it’s good for your health. Take a walk in any of our beautiful parks; dance in the Pavilion on Thursday nights during September. And if it’s too hot in the day, walk under the full moon on August 18. Lots of choices – just get outside a little.



BCNA July 11, 2016 Meeting Summary

By Judy Robinson

Kirk Elliott called the meeting to order at 6:30.

DISABILITY PRIDE: Kate Moran from Disability Pride Madison described the Disability Pride Fair (Brittingham Park, Saturday, July 30, 1-5 p.m.). The Fair will feature music and exhibits. For more information see <http://disabilitypridemadison.org>.

COUNTY BOARD UPDATE: Richard Kilmer is serving on 2 committees: Health and Human Needs as well as Land Conservation. He is waiting to be approved for the Alliant Energy Center Advisory Commission and the Equal Opportunity Commission. He is 'learning the ropes' of the Board and the committees and is excited to be serving Bay Creek as our Supervisor.

RENEW WISCONSIN: Katherine Klausing of RENEW Wisconsin gave a brief presentation on programs available for homeowners interested in installing solar energy. Please see MadiSUN article on Page 4 for more information.

BCNA ASH TREES FUND: Steve Davis explained how the funds that have been raised will be used. There are 6 trees that have been approved for treatment by the City. One tree has been adopted by the homeowner. The other 5 will be treated if enough funds have been raised. The trees will need to be re-inspected in 3 years and can be treated again at that time if the City gives approval.

Kirk made a motion regarding the funds that have been collected: Bay Creek will retroactively establish a fund dating from when the first check was received called the BCNA Ash Tree Treatment Fund. The fund is to be made up of voluntary donations and held by the Bay Creek Treasurer to be used for treatment of Bay Creek ash trees on City of Madison property and parkland. Checks to the fund should be made out to BCNA. The motion was seconded and passed. *Editor's Note: Enough funds have been raised to treat all five trees. As of press time, there is \$1105 in the fund. The balance of the money raised was paid directly to the City by the homeowner.*

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer: Judy Robinson reported that we are in good shape for the August/September newsletter. She also reported on the recent expenditure for additional trees in the orchard. These trees were purchased from West High School. Judy also noted that the orchard has been weeded and mulched.

SMPC: Carrie Rothburd reported that the last SMPC meeting was a presentation by the Gang Prevention Unit of the Police Dept. She noted that there is a unique factor in Madison gangs; you can be a member of a Madison gang and also be a member of a rival gang in another city.

Friends of Monona Bay: Lisie Kitchel reported that there was an oil spill in Monona Bay. The City put a boom around the spill and the oil was absorbed by the weeds. She also reported that the exclosure in Monona Bay by Bernie's Beach was damaged during a recent storm. The exclosure and the buoys are being removed and the beach is closed for safety reasons. The exclosure will not be repaired in time to be put back into place in 2016 but the City plans to use it at Bernie's Beach in 2017.

Ice Cream Social: The Bay Creek Ice Cream Social will be held on Saturday, August 27 (rain date August 28) from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the neighborhood sign at the corner of Olin and Van Deusen. Please see Neighborhood Notes on Page 5 for more information.

Friends of Olin-Turville (FOOT): Andria Blattner reported that yoga is still taking place at Olin Park on Tuesdays and the bird and nature walks are continuing to be held on the second Sunday of each month from 1:30 to 3:00. She also reminded everyone that FOOT will be sponsoring free dances again this year. Please see FOOT Notes on Page 2 for more info.

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Planning and Economic Development (P & ED): Carrie Rothburd and Steve Davis gave a joint report on Barriques, the building at 1109 Park Street, and Wingra Point II. The status of the referral for Barriques is that Matt Weygandt has not responded to calls or e-mails asking for a timeline on any changes that are planned.

The current plan for the building at 1109 Park St. calls for 4 ½ stories (the ½ story is a roof top structure). The Urban Design Commission was not in favor of that plan: the overall consensus is that the building is too large. Steve Davis made the following motion about this development: The Bay Creek Neighborhood Association finds that the development proposal for 1109 S. Park St., as was presented to the Urban Design Commission on June 30, 2016, does not conform to the BCNA Planning Guidelines for Park St. development which were passed unanimously in April 2016. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Construction on Wingra Point II is delayed because the parking will not be underground as originally planned; it will be at street level reducing retail space by approximately 75%. Please see P&ED report on pages 1-2 for more information.

The meeting adjourned early at 7:50.

Bob Stoffs will be facilitator for the Sept 12. meeting.

MadiSUN Brings Affordable Solar Energy

The sun is shining on Madison this summer and the City's MadiSUN program wants to help residents reap the benefits. Mayor Soglin and the City of Madison have launched two programs that make it easier and cheaper for local homeowners to install rooftop solar electric systems.

The MadiSUN solar group buy program is designed to simplify the process and reduce the costs of installing solar systems through a group purchase approach. Dozens of local families will go through the installation process at the same time, working with a pre-qualified installer. The Group Buy program is recruiting interested households from now through September 16. Interested participants can learn more and sign up at www.madisunsolar.com.

"Being part of the Group Buy back in 2012 was a great way to go," says Madison resident Steve Elmore, who participated in the program and installed 12 solar panels at his Bay Creek home. "The Group Buy allows you to get your questions answered and you can rest assured that there are others by your side. Everyone was very helpful."

Elmore and his family helped launch the 2016 program at a press conference with Mayor Soglin. "We saved a lot of money, and we continue to save money," Elmore noted.

MadiSUN will also offer a new Solar Energy Loan, in partnership with Summit Credit Union, to provide low-cost financing for residents who want to install solar. Madison households can borrow up to 100% of the installed cost of a solar energy system at a highly competitive fixed rate, with no collateral, no fees and flexible repayment terms. The maximum loan amount per household is \$20,000.

MadiSUN's new initiatives will add value to the state and federal incentives already in place. These include a 30% federal tax credit in place through 2019, as well as Focus on Energy solar rebates up to \$2,400 for residential customers. There will be no more funding for Focus on Energy solar rebates after this current year.

RENEW Wisconsin, a local nonprofit organization working to grow renewable energy statewide, will administer the program on behalf of the city.

MadiSUN's Information Sessions help residents determine if their home might be a good fit for solar and to educate residents about the group buy or solar loan programs.

The last session will be at the **Catholic Multicultural Center, Tuesday August 16, 2016, 7:00 p.m.**, 1862 Beld St. To learn more or sign up, please visit www.madisunsolar.com.

Please RSVP for the workshop: Katherine@renewwisconsin.org or call 608.255.4044 x5.

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES

BCNA Ice Cream Social

The annual Ice Cream Social will be held on Saturday, August 27, 1-3 p.m. with a rain date of Sunday, August 28. Join us at the site of the sign across from the Goodman Pool between Olin and Van Deusen. There will be vanilla, chocolate and vegan ice creams. Please bring a topping to share.

Craft with a Cop

Officer Amelia Levett will be at the Goodman South Madison Library on Thursdays, August 11 and 18, 2-3 p.m. Join her in making a craft project to take home. All ages welcome.

Walking Tour of Ag Campus

Madison Trust for Historic Preservation will lead walking tours of UW-Madison's Ag campus on Saturday, October 1. 90-minute tours depart every half hour beginning at 10 a.m. through 2 p.m. from the entrance to Allen Centennial Garden, 620 Babcock Dr. Tickets will be available starting Aug. 1. See www.madisonpreservation.org or call 608-441-8864. Free parking at Steenbock Ramp will be available.

End of Summer Carnival

St. Mark's Lutheran Church is sponsoring a Free "End of the Summer, End of Construction" Carnival on Sunday, August 28, 3-7 p.m. Games for the kids, bounce house, bingo and free hot dogs for everyone. Help celebrate the end of summer!

Thank You from Bayview

From Andy Heidt, Director, Bayview Foundation: I am writing to thank you for Bay Creek's support of the Wagon Drive. The Drive helps our kids get appropriate school supplies. The educational and recreational programs we provide help our kids thrive in Madison schools. We know our model works. In the last 26 years 87 of the last 210 (41%) move outs from Bayview have purchased their own homes! I do not believe any low income housing in this country can come close to these statistics. It is a credit to our community that our families thrive on a path to their dreams. Bayview provides 102 Units of long-term affordable housing surrounding our community center. The Center, the Bayview International Center for Education and the Arts, provides high quality supportive services for our residents. If you would like to volunteer or financially support our efforts be it to grow our senior programs, after school and summer youth offering or sponsor our playground fund please feel free to call us at 256-7808, or you can donate online at www.bayviewfoundation.org. We are at 601 Bayview, Madison, WI 53715. If you would like a tour or just want to learn more about Bayview please give me a call.

Free Energy Audits

For multifamily buildings (4+ units), Project Home will: 1- Conduct a free energy assessment, 2- Check if tenants are income-eligible for free or low-cost services, 3- Identify energy saving measures with anticipated return on investment, 4- Apply for Focus on Energy incentives and identify other possible financial resources, 5- Assist in requesting proposals from contractors, 6- Provide construction oversight of the energy upgrade.

For more information call Megan Harris at 608-572-1211 or the Green Madison Call Center at 608-299-7050. This program ends in December 2016.

Great Taste Pre-Party at Funk Factory

Levi Funk announces a Great Taste of the Midwest pre-party at the Funk Factory, 1604 Gilson, on Friday, August 12th, from 3-9 p.m. or until supplies run out.

If you would like to write an article or share drawings or pictures with your neighbors, we'd love to hear from you. Please send your submission to Sara Richards at leftpaintedtoenail@hotmail.com.

Senior Notes

South Madison Coalition of the Elderly Needs You!

The South Madison Coalition of the Elderly is a local nonprofit agency providing social services to help older persons maintain their place in our community with safety and a good quality of life. On the south side, we provide senior meals, professional case management and some activity programs. The Coalition also coordinates volunteer programs to extend the services we are able to provide. We are seeing an ever greater need for volunteers, as the number of older adults with frailty or memory problems increases. If you have a few hours to give each month to make a difference in the life of an older adult who needs you, we would love to have your help!

Can You Be A Guardian Angel by Paying It Forward?

Since 2001, we have offered a Volunteer Guardian program for seniors 60 or older living anywhere in Dane County. We serve older adults who need a guardian due to conditions such as advanced dementia or severe mental illness, but who have no family members or friends able to assist them in this way. A guardian has the legal responsibility to advocate on behalf of a person who is unable to handle his or her affairs due to mental incapacity.

Our Volunteer Representative Payee program was begun in 2007 to provide trained volunteers to manage the Social Security benefits of older adults who are no longer able to do so themselves, and who have no family members or friends able to help. The representative payee is responsible for creating a monthly budget and ensuring that monthly bills get paid.

We provide training and ongoing support for our volunteer guardians and rep payees through consultation, quarterly meetings and newsletters. The commitment requires 2-4 hours monthly and is very flexible, based on your schedule. No experience is necessary -- just compassion, understanding and a desire to help. Are you interested in learning more? Call the South Madison Coalition of the Elderly at 251-8405 and ask to speak to our Coordinator, Katie.

Can You Help with Chores Around the House?

The South Madison Coalition of the Elderly Volunteer Home Chore program helps limited-income older adults who are no longer able to do household chores such as cleaning floors, doing laundry or washing dishes. Volunteers in this program provide the essential extra help that enables many southside seniors to remain in their homes.

Our Home Chore Volunteer coordinator recruits and monitors these volunteers. Volunteers help out on a regular schedule which can be weekly or less frequently, based on the specific needs of the older adult as well as on the interests and time constraints of a volunteer.

Currently, we have 15 older adults waiting for help from a Home Chore Volunteer. Could you help? To learn more, call us at 251-8405.

The Origin and Meaning of “Namaste”

By Ken-Adi Ring

I first became aware of the salutation “Namaste” in the early 70s when I began to study and train in yoga and meditation practices and other eastern, Indian and South Asian philosophies. As I became an advanced student and yoga meditation instructor, ‘Namaste’ became a more common way of respectfully greeting others, and ending yoga classes.

Deepak Chopra, one of my most inspiring teachers, closes all of his 21 day meditations with ‘Namaste’. These programs are freely available online co-produced with Oprah Winfrey.

Namaste has its roots in the ancient language of Sanskrit. Namaste: ‘nama’ means bow, ‘as’ means I, ‘te’ means you. Literally it means, bow I you or ‘I bow to you’; further, the spirit (or light) within me bows to the spirit (or light) within you. Essentially we are made of the same stuff it is acknowledging; we are of the one light, the one spirit and we honor each other in that oneness when we truly see that in each other, beyond all constructs of ego. In this greeting we lay the ego and separation aside.

When expressing this greeting, classically, one brings the palms of the hands together at the center of the chest over the heart chakra center and gives a gentle bow to another, and says “Namaste”. In India it is enough to bring the hands together in a prayer pose or Anjali mudra and bowing. The word ‘Namaste’ is unnecessary, it is implied. Namaskar is another more formal version of Namaste which has the same meaning.

The term and the philosophy from which it springs have been around for millennia. Namaste has had a significant worldwide growth in usage over the 20th and 21st centuries with the spread and popularity of eastern philosophies, teachings and practices. Among the many forms of greeting one another, Namaste has grown most popular, having spread far beyond its South Asian origins. I now use it to close most of my correspondences as well as greeting and closing visits. It feels good to me, sharing in such a respectful way, and it is a reminder of who we really are as a part of the sacred oneness of all ‘manifest’ spirit.

Ken-Adi Ring CH, CI, LMT; is a trained certified yoga/meditation instructor, Massage Therapist, Hypnotherapist and Certified Instructor CI since 2010 owner: Tri-Unity Wellife Associates. He has produced 40 years of events such as Annual Mother Earth Festival Gatherings and Wellife Mind, Body Spirit Expos. Distinguished by being the longest practicing LMT in Wisconsin, Ken now accepts the idea of being an elder in the community of healers. He and his wife, Sally, a retired nurse and also LMT celebrate 20 years this fall as part of Bay Creek.



Sally and Ken-Adi Ring

FOOT is hosting FREE dances at the Olin Pavillion in September . Thursdays 6-8 p.m.	
Sept 1 > Madison Scottish Country Dancers	September 22 > Dairyland Cowboys & Cowgirls
Sept 8 > Madison Contra Dance	September 29 OPEN (see olin-turville.org for info)
September 15 > Madison Tango Society	
For more info, please go to olin-turville.org/calendar or baycreekmadison.org .	

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