



Bay Creek Bulletin

Update on Truman Olson Site

By Sara Richards

At a public hearing at the Catholic Multicultural Center on Thursday, July 10, city staff presented the two proposals for the Truman Olson Army Reserve site at 1402 South Park Street requested by the CDA subcommittee. The first includes housing for the formerly homeless provided by Porchlight or Goodwill. The second concentrates on economic development for the area. (The subcommittee had decided previously the site was not a good fit for the two educational entities that had been interested.)

Because the federal government gives preference to homeless services, the city would get the property free if the Porchlight or Goodwill proposal was accepted. The city must buy the site if the economic development proposal goes forward.

The majority of the speakers were in favor of the Porchlight proposal by a more than 3-1 margin. Nevertheless, the CDA subcommittee voted in favor of the economic development proposal also committing to finding and buying an alternate site for Porchlight. This has been presented at the City Council and referred to 4 committees for further action before coming back to the council for a vote.

At the BCNA meeting on July 14 a motion was passed by the majority of those present to express BCNA's support of Porchlight's original proposal. Many of those present had been favorably impressed by Porchlight's presentation at the March public meeting. Porchlight's proposal fits the Wingra BUILD Plan, permitting the extension of Cedar Street and would use minimal space to increase the housing density in the area.

Join Us on September 7 for Bay Creek Ice Cream Social

This year's BCNA Ice Cream Social will be held on Sunday, Sept. 7 from 1-3 pm. We used to meet at Bernie's Beach but we moved to Franklin School playground last year to avoid the mosquitoes. That worked rather well so we'll be meeting there again. Dishes and spoons will be provided, please bring a topping to pass. Non-dairy alternatives will also be available. Rain date will be Sunday, Sept. 14. For more info call Judy at 469-1218

Bay Creek Billboard

Second Monday of odd-numbered months

Bay Creek Neighborhood Association (BCNA) meetings at Madison Bahá'i Center, 324 W. Lakeside St. All Bay Creek residents are invited to attend.

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.

Sun Sept 7 BCNA Ice Cream Social 1-3 pm

On Franklin School playground (see notice page 7) Come meet your neighbors and enjoy delicious Chocolate Shoppe Ice Cream. Please bring a topping to pass, dishes and spoons will be provided. Non dairy alternatives will also be available. For more info call Judy at 469-1218

Mon Sept 8 Bi-Monthly BCNA Meeting 6:30 pm

Madison Bahá'i Center, 324 W. Lakeside St. All Bay Creek residents are invited to attend. Voluntary annual dues of \$10 can be paid at any neighborhood meeting or sent to Rose Brothers 1112 Gilson St 53715.

Saturday Aug 9, Saturday Sept 13 & Saturday Oct 11 10 am to noon

Shoreline clean ups with Friends of Monona Bay Meet at Brittingham Park Beach House (corner of Proudfit and 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.

ALDER UPDATE

(This is an edited version of an email sent by 13th District Alder Julia Kerr on June 12, 2008. If you are interested in receiving regular updates from Julia, please email her using the contact information on the back page.)

Monroe Regent Hotel: This has been exhaustively covered in the news media and there is a good bit of history here, but I wanted to explain directly to District 13 residents why I am approaching this with such a high degree of caution. At last week's City Council I succeeded in making motion to have a draft of the deed restriction returned to the Plan Commission for a final review to ensure that it reflected the elements of the project that has been publicly promised, i.e., a quiet boutique hotel that I agree would be a good addition to the area.

Unfortunately, the developer and his team have worked hard to portray me as an anti-development obstructionist. I want to let constituents know that this developer has a substantial and publicly documented history of non-compliance with Madison's building code and zoning regulations that are cause for great concern.

Suffice to say, I would not be going through all this if I did not feel that it was absolutely necessary to make sure that what the developer has repeatedly promised is what actually occurs. All that said, it is my hope that we can hammer-out the exact language of the deed restriction that will allow the project to move forward as the quiet, boutique hotel that the developer has represented.

Metro Route 13: I worked closely earlier this month with County Supervisor Shelia Stubbs, Bay Creek resident T.J. Mertz, and Alder Brian Solomon to preserve funding for this route, which will be adjusted slightly beginning in August (see Option 2). Fortunately, service to the pool, South Transfer Point, and Huber Center will be preserved. I also want to thank the Town of Madison, County Board Chair Scott McDonnell, County Executive Kathleen Falk, and Supervisor Kyle Richmond for their support of this very important South Madison bus route.

Penn Park: There are many South Madison neighbors who are working hard on safety at Penn Park and Captain Jim Wheeler of the Madison Police Department has let me know that they are increasing patrols in the area. Obviously, violence in and around a park is a huge concern for all of us, but I have been extremely thankful to all the participants in the Partners for Penn Park group that has been working hard and refuse to let bad behavior by a small group of people define the neighborhood and the park.

I also want to acknowledge the efforts of former Alder Isadore Knox in establishing the **South Madison Peace Partners**, a group of community members working to promote peaceful relationships in South Madison. Volunteers represent area churches, neighborhood associations, community organizations and neighbors working in collaboration with the Madison Police Department to promote a safe and violence free community. I hope people will call the Nehemiah Business Service Center, 608-467-1100 to learn more about this important community-based organization. Please leave your name, address, and a phone number!!

A BIG THANK YOU to the Evjue Foundation for their support of South Madison Peace Partners. Isadore and I were at our wits end trying to find money to buy t-shirts and radios for the volunteers. I had a very quick phone conversation with Dave Zwiefel from the foundation (and Cap Times) and the next day we had their commitment for start-up for the group. Thank you, thank you!!

Workforce Housing: Many people know that I have been working on a workforce housing--a movement to encourage people to live closer to their workplaces--effort with an initial focus on the Greenbush and Vilas neighborhoods. I am thrilled that the two associations were awarded a city grant to begin planning a pilot project.

With a great deal of effort by Gary Brown from UW, we completed a survey of employees of UW, UW Hospital, Meriter, and St. Mary's that indicates that there are a good number of people interested in living closer to work. I have also been acutely aware of the changing student housing rental market where many are opting to move out of single-family rentals in favor of downtown high-rises. While students will also have a place in our neighborhoods, we need to plan for a very different rental housing market and I hope workforce housing is the best mechanism to do that.

The grant effort was led by (Vilas neighbor and Meriter employee) Melissa Huggins, with great support from Greenbush neighbors Amy Rountree, Laura Gutknecht, and former alder Andy Heidt.

Goodman Pool: The Goodman Pool is excited to co-operate with the McFarland Spartan Sharks to offer a swim team the pool. This competitive swim team is open to the youth of Madison, 6 years and older, who have had previous swim lessons and are comfortable swimming at least two lengths of the pool. (Continued on next page)

The team aspires to create an environment where the swimmers enjoy the experience of competitive swimming through improvement of their strokes and racing techniques, improved personal race times, appreciation of team friendships and team spirit. Questions on registration should be directed to: Bonnie Griswold at 608-261-9172

Recycling: The City of Madison has a new recycling program. Madison residents can now bring many previously unrecyclable plastic items at 1501 W. Badger Road. These items, called mixed rigid plastics include empty garbage cans, toys, buckets, milk/soda crates, laundry baskets, lawn furniture, etc. There are some plastic items that cannot be recycled in this program including; PVC pipe/tubing, vinyl siding, plastic film (grocery bags & stretch film), Styrofoam, water hoses, hazardous materials, medical waste, chemical and petroleum barrels, and pesticide/herbicide containers. Residents with questions can contact the recycling office at 276 2626.

Artists Among Us

By Pamela Gates

The Bulletin will be featuring artists who live in Bay Creek in upcoming issues. We started in our last issue with Donna Page, who restores ethnographic art in her studio on Lakeside Street. In this issue we feature Betty Bracey, whose painting "Alien Babies" is part of an art exhibit at the Overture Center. If you are an artist or know of one who would like to be featured, please let Bulletin editor Sara Richards know. Contact information is on the last page.

Betty Bracey lived at Romnes Apartments in Bay Creek for 15 years so even though she just moved out of the neighborhood, she still counts as a Bay Creek artist. Betty also attends St. Mark's in Bay Creek and works on the Backyard Mosaic project on the Hickory Street wall of the church.

Betty is a former board member of the arts and wellness organization Cornucopia, a member-run group of people with mental health issues and their allies incorporated in 1997. The people who established Cornucopia wanted to use it to offer one another support and to give themselves a break from their issues by expressing themselves through the arts. Cornucopia holds art classes and rents studio space at Porchlight, 306 N. Brooks St., right next to the UW campus.

Cornucopia has had art exhibits at the Madison Public Library and in the CitiArts Space in the Municipal Building, but this is the first time they've been at the Overture Center and members are pretty pleased about that. "This is our first opportunity to get in here," Betty said at an artist reception on July 13. "We waited a long time. I think this is a big thing, getting in here."

The 26-piece exhibit, which hangs in Gallery II on the second floor, is titled "Crazy." It's an examination of the concept from the point of view of people who may have been labeled with that word. "We are capable people," wrote Mary Nelson in an essay about the exhibit. "We have a wisdom of our own, and we are inviting the community as a whole to understand us."

Betty's piece--titled Alien Babies--"has to do with children that have been alienated and neglected," she says. Certainly, this colorful painting is a thought-provoking work of art. Betty is also working on a painting of the 12 apostles, which is almost done, and three other paintings. An arts store gives her scraps to work with, since her funds are limited and art supplies are expensive. Betty has done artistic T-shirts in the past and will be doing T-shirt art with St Mark's Promise program for families, held at St. Mark's Wednesday evenings during the school year.

Betty says she has been artistic all her life. About 15 years ago she decided it would be worth taking up again. Thank you, Betty, for sharing your artistic talent with the community. We look forward to seeing more of it! *Cornucopia can be contacted at 257-7489, at copia@sbcglobal.net, or at www.cornucopia—arts—inc.org.*



NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES

Flower Power

Will Warlick took the lead in planting the flower beds along Park Street. Unfortunately he has moved out of state so the South Metropolitan Planning Commission is looking for a coordinator to organize work parties to weed, mulch, etc. In the past as many as 20 volunteers have shown up at the 4 flower beds along Park Street but they need someone to show them what to do. If interested, please contact Jodi Wortsman at 260 8098 or email her at smpcvc@terracom.net. Please also contact Jodi if you're not interested in being the coordinator but would like to help with occasional maintenance.

Other Median Plantings

Thorstad Chevrolet is generous enough to take care of the median planting closest to their facility and as noted above, the search is underway for someone to coordinate other Park Street median plantings. But apparently there is no ongoing maintenance of other plantings. So if you see weeds that don't belong in a bed of flowers in the middle of the street, feel free to jump in and pull them.

Park Street Maintenance

The sewer, water main and other underground maintenance on Park St. is scheduled to continue until Oct 15.

BCNA E-mail Discussion List/NeighborNation.net

Read or post neighborhood news and announcements or discuss neighborhood issues through the Bay Creek discussion list. It's free! To subscribe send a blank e-mail message to baycreek-subscribe@yahoogroups.com. You'll receive a welcoming message back with instructions, usually within a day, with a confirmation request to which you should respond.

Recent posting on NeighborNation.net have included requests for items to send to hurricane victims in Mexico, a customer endorsement for a new rental company and a request from someone looking for an interior painter. Go to www.NeighborNation.net to find out how to register.

Workforce Training Money

Workforce Investment Act is a federal program that helps dislocated workers and low income adults to re-enter the workforce. Employment specialists help with resumes, cover letters, interview practice, job leads and may provide some money for school costs. If interested contact Jason Bergh at 242-4549 or to set up an orientation call Sherri Durant at 242-7540.

More Contributors to the Bay Creek Bulletin 2008 Fund Drive

As of press time we have raised **\$1420!** Please note that in order to respect everyone's privacy, we are only printing the names of people who asked to be acknowledged. Every contribution was very much appreciated-thank you so much for your support of the Bay Creek Bulletin.

Steve Davis Jane Smith

When Jane made her contribution she requested that it be considered as membership dues rather than as part of the drive to help the Bulletin become financially solvent again. Her comments made me realize that we should clarify how the money that is collected will be used. Many people contributed their annual voluntary dues which helped with offsetting the Bulletin's deficit. If you haven't already paid your voluntary dues, please consider doing so. At this point, the Bulletin has paid our debts and plans are for it to be sustained by the ads from local businesses. We have recently acquired some new advertisers and will have an update on ad revenue in the next issue of the Bulletin.

Money from the dues will be deposited in a neighborhood account. When the money is needed, it will be used for worthwhile BCNA projects. Whether or not to use the money and for what purpose is always decided by vote at a BCNA meeting.

We are still accepting donations and membership dues. Annual voluntary dues are \$10 and can be paid at any neighborhood meeting or mailed to: Rose Brothers, 1112 Gilson St, Madison WI 53715

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South Madison Coalition of the Elderly Senior Notes

Senior Day at Goodman Pool

Seniors – grab your swimsuits and sunscreen and head over to the Goodman Pool, 325 Olin Ave, on Thursday, August 21, 12:30 – 4:30 p.m. Whether you want to swim laps, walk in the shallow water, or simply cool off, the Goodman Pool has concessions, changing rooms, deck chairs, umbrella tables and shade structures. Madison residents 62+ will get in for a reduced rate of \$2.00.

Senior Idol at the Farmer's Market

Try out for the Senior Idol competition at the Labor Temple Farmer's Market on Saturday, August 9 from 11 am – 1pm. Anyone 55 + is invited to participate and compete in four areas 1. Singing 2. Instrumental 3. Dance 4. Comedy. To register call 770-2049 or visit www.tntsenioridol.org

MATC Classes

We have been working with MATC to provide convenient day time classes in cooking, sewing, and computer at South Madison locations. The classes are for all ages, but the cost for those 62+ is \$4.00 per class. For a complete listing of schedule and registration information, call the South Madison Coalition at 251-8405.

Neighborhood Senior Center - Romnes Apartments, 540 W. Olin Ave.

If you are interested in joining us for lunch before or after the following two programs, call 251-8405 to reserve a meal. The cost for lunch for those 60 and older is on a donation basis.

Gentle Exercise Classes--Are aches, pains, and stiffness slowing you down? Has your doctor advised you to exercise? These classes are led by a certified MSCR instructor. They are on Tuesdays 10-10:45 9/9 – 12/9 and cost is \$14. To register call MSCR at 204-3023.

Get Ready for DTV--Television as we know it is going to change by February 2009. Come hear what you can do to prepare for this change, as Geoff Shields from NBC-15 joins us on Tuesday, August 19, at 9:00 a.m. Learn more about the digital TV transition, what options are available, and the coupons issued by the federal government to help you afford the cost of a TV converter box. Geoff will explain how to access coupons and where you can purchase converter boxes. A light breakfast will be served.

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