



Bay Creek Bulletin

Historic House Built To Last By Sara Richards

If you've walked along South Shore Drive, you've probably noticed the white adobe style house at the corner of Parr Street and South Shore Drive. It draws attention because of its unusual construction style. But did you know this is a house with a history? In fact, this "House of the Future" is on the national and the state registries of historic places.

This Motohome was designed by architect Robert McLaughlin to provide low cost housing. The international style house was built in 1936 at a time when low cost housing was sorely needed for the post-Depression nation. It includes standard Motohome features like steel kitchen cabinets, a handy thermostat above the bed in the master bedroom, built-in radio and cigarette lighter. Motohomes featured electrical outlets stamped into the steel studs of the moto-unit. The house came with central air and a dishwasher which was very uncommon for the time. Other inclusions were a clock, toaster, percolator, iron, clothes washer, bathroom scale and a library of books on topics ranging from cooking to childcare. At the time it was built, it also contained several days worth of groceries. Current resident Trina Clemente notes that none of these built-ins remain in the house but that the house has a surprising amount of built-in storage that makes the home easy to live in despite its size and age.



Motohomes were cutting edge prefabricated residences. They were composed of fiberboard panels measuring four feet by eight feet and then covered in an asbestos and concrete mixture. Some sources say cork, not fiberboard, formed the core of the asbestos and concrete mixture. These panels were connected by steel studs. (continued on page 4)

Bay Creek Billboard

Tue Nov 4, Election Day

The Nov 4, 2008 election will be for the following offices: President, Congressional Representatives, State Senate District 26, State Assembly Representatives, Dane County District Attorney, Clerk, Treasurer and Register of Deeds.

Bay Creek residents vote at Romnes Apartments, 540 W Olin Ave. Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO VOTE

Mon Nov 10 Bi-Monthly BCNA Meeting 6:30 pm

Madison Baha'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 Oct 11, Saturday Nov 8, Saturday Dec 13 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.

Second Monday of odd-numbered months

Bay Creek Neighborhood Association (BCNA) meetings at Madison Baha'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.

CHANGES IN PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNELS

By Brad Clark, Station Manager, Madison City Channel

Madison City Channel, the City's local government television station, has been informed that effective August 12, 2008, we will no longer be located on cable channel 12 on the Charter cable system. As of August 12th, we will be on channel 994 on Charter. We will still be on Charter's basic tier of service; the only difference is that since we will be carried digitally as opposed to in analog, subscribers will need either a Charter digital converter box or a television with a "QAM" tuner.

There will be no extra charge for this tier of programming since it will still be the basic tier. For people who already have any digital service from Charter (including any premium channels like HBO, or if you ever order video on demand or Pay-per-View), these folks are all set and need to do nothing more.

Madison City Channel will be part of Charter's new "Public Affairs Neighborhood" which will include channels such as Wisconsin Eye (channel 995) and the various C-Span channels (996-998). Charter will be moving C-Span 2 to 997 and will be launching C-Span 3 on 996, and is looking to move C-Span to 998 as soon as possible. This neighborhood will be seen throughout Dane County, which means that communities outside of Madison will be able to watch our live coverage of the Dane County Board (long a bone of contention in those communities). There is obviously a certain logic in having the various "government" channels such as Madison City Channel, Wisconsin Eye, and C-Span grouped together.

I liken this situation to this: In the early days of cable, in the early to mid-1970's, when we added cable we all had to have a settop box on top of our TVs in order to get the 12 channels they offered at that time. Then, in the 1980's, these "cable-ready" TVs started becoming the standard and so folks like you and I no longer needed that settop box. Now, as cable companies like Charter transition from providing analog signals to providing digital signals (which eat up much less bandwidth and therefore allow Charter to have more bandwidth for, for example, more HD channels or faster internet speeds), we need these set top boxes, but more and more the standard will be TVs which have digital ("QAM") tuners built in, and in a few years just by attrition most of us will not need the boxes any more.

Charter says that it intends to start carrying Madison City Channel on both 994 and 12 in the near future and to continue this "dual illumination" (their term) until August 12th.

If subscribers do not have either a digital converter or a "digital-ready" TV and wish to continue watching Madison City Channel, they will need to contact Charter to get a converter box. It is our understanding that Charter will make a certain number of boxes available to subscribers at no charge for six months, but after that time there will be a monthly charge of about \$2.00.

Please keep in mind that this transition has nothing whatsoever to do with the digital transition mandated by the Federal Communications Commission which will take effect in February of 2009, and has nothing to do with any government coupon or rebate program. That transition only affects people who only receive television signals broadcast over the airwaves, and has nothing to do with cable television.

Also please keep in mind that you will still as always be able to access virtually all of Madison City Channel's award-winning programming through our website at www.madisoncitychannel.tv.

While changing our channel location after all these years is certainly a challenge, there's no question that digital television is the future, so we are optimistic this transition will go smoothly.

For more info or any comments or concerns, please contact me at citychannel@cityofmadison.com or 266-6501
W4YOU Moving: Effective Oct 1, public access channel WYOU will move from Charter Channel 4 to Channel 991.

Newsletter Workshop

Neighborhood history, restaurant reviews, business profiles, upcoming events, book recommendations—these were some of the many ideas for neighborhood newsletters presented at a workshop last spring.

Madison Commons' Cathy deShano who is a UW Journalism grad student and Pam Hathaway of East Isthmus outlined common problems faced by neighborhood newsletters: production issues, distribution, content. Attendees included people from Tenney Lapham neighborhood, Bram's Addition, Hawthorne, Worthington Park, and Bay Creek. Distribution ranges from 350 households to 2000 (Bay Creek has 1600).

Madison Commons is based on the idea of the old village commons and "designed to provide news and information about all of Madison's neighborhoods and a crossroads for the discussion of community issues" according to the website (madisoncommons.org). They plan to host another workshop in the fall. These workshops are open to anyone interested in neighborhood newsletters.

Copies of various newsletters were passed around. Joe Brogan of Tenney Lapham admitted that they benefit from having a neighborhood historian who often contributes an article. Their 20 page newsletter also includes an informal book section written by a rotating team of three residents.

History, restaurants, businesses, books—these are all things that Bay Creek has. If you are interested in writing about them or anything else in Bay Creek, please contact Sara Richards at leftpaintedtoenail@hotmail.com or 255-5023. What would you like to see in your newsletter?

Bay Creek Bulletin Ad Revenue Update

As of press time, we have collected \$600.00 in past due ad revenue. We are still working with some of our advertisers and our goal is to have the balance of our past due revenue collected by the Nov 10 BCNA meeting. We recently added four new advertisers and currently have enough ad revenue for the Bulletin to be self supporting. But since many of our advertisers are small, independently owned businesses, their advertising resources are limited and they may not be able to advertise in every issue. Because of that, we will continue to be look for new advertisers. If you, or someone you know, may be interested in advertising in the Bulletin, please contact Judy at 469-1218 for more details. We are no longer in need of donations due to the generosity of everyone who responded to our plea. But we will continue to accept voluntary membership dues of \$10 per household. Dues can be paid at any BCNA meeting or mailed to Rose Brothers, 1112 Gilson St, 53715.

SECOND HARVEST—Helping Fight Hunger For 22 Years

Second Harvest started distributing food to hungry people in Southern Wisconsin in 1986. Currently, over 400 charitable programs in 16 southwestern Wisconsin counties receive food from the warehouse to distribute in their local communities. In addition to that, they also fight hunger through these 4 programs:

Kids Cafe Program

Kids Cafe is a program of America's Second Harvest and is one of the nation's largest charitable meal and nutrition education programs exclusively for children in need. Second Harvest operates six Kids Cafes in partnership with the UW's Nutrition Education Program. Each Kids Cafe is designed to meet the needs of the children living in the neighborhood. While no two programs are identical, each shares a common goal of providing a safe, respectful environment where youth can receive wholesome meals, nutrition education, academic and recreational activities.

Direct Delivery/Drop Site Program

Food pantries and meal sites in distant counties often do not have personnel or appropriate vehicles to transport the quantity and types of food they need from our Madison warehouse. In 1999, the food bank implemented a program to deliver food directly to agencies in some counties and in 2002 it added three drop sites convenient for agency pick-ups. Today over 260 agencies in 16 outlying counties can better serve their communities with the help of this program, which has grown 550% since inception. An estimated 800,000 pounds of food will be delivered this year.

Mobile Pantry

In August 2003, Second Harvest started the Mobile Pantry Program. In partnership with a (continued on page 5)

Bay Creek Bulletin information The Bay Creek Bulletin is published every other month by the Bay Creek Neighborhood Association (BCNA) and is a news and information service for the neighborhood. The Bulletin welcomes comments and submission of articles, photographs, drawings, poetry, announcements and other information.

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