



Bay Creek Bulletin

Bay Creek Volunteers: St. Mark's Food Pantry

By Pam Gates

The Bay Creek Bulletin is starting a series featuring Bay Creek residents and their volunteer careers. If you have an interesting volunteer job or know of someone who does and would like to let other neighborhood residents know about it, contact Bulletin editor Sara Richards. See back of Bulletin for how to do this.

Lia Ellinde and her sons, Mikos, 8, and Demetrios, 5, have been volunteering at the St. Mark's Food Pantry for over a year. Lia grew up on Lakeside Street and has lived in Bay Creek most of her life.

When the family was living on Madison's west side, Lia got an e-mail from her home-schooling association that the St. Mark's Food Pantry needed help. "It was where I grew up," Lia said. "My brothers did Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts at St. Mark's. I called because I wanted to help out and participate in the community, and I also wanted to teach my kids to make service a part of their lives."

Every week, Lia and her sons stop at The Bread Barn on Mineral Point Road and pick up bread that is too old to be on the shelves — but still good! They bring it to the food pantry on Tuesday mornings and help unload, sort, and stack groceries; prepare bags for the guests by doubling them; and flatten boxes for recycling. "Sometimes we carry groceries for people, to their cars or the bus stop," Lia said. "We talk to the people; we meet all sorts of interesting people with interesting stories."

In addition to making sure the pantry has bread every week, Lia and her sons go around town asking grocery stores for bags. "I love the Food Pantry," Lia says. "It's such a positive environment. I love being connected to the neighborhood in every way."

"Every day I feel so fortunate to be back here," Lia says. "It feels like coming home. This neighborhood has roots." The family was living on the west side and had no plans to move, when Lia happened to spot one of her favorite Bay Creek houses, just around the corner from her mom, (continued on Page 2)



Lia and Demetrios

Bay Creek Billboard

Tue Apr 7, Spring Election Day

The April 7, 2009 election will be for the following offices: State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Justice of the Supreme Court, County Executive, Alderperson, School Board, various judicial offices and a City-Wide Referendum on the Garver Feed Mill proposal. 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

Sun, April 26 1st 2009 Southside Farmers Market at Labor Temple (corner of Park St & Wingra Dr)

Mon May 11 Bi-Monthly BCNA meeting at 6:30 pm

Madison Baha'i Center, 324 W. Lakeside St.
All Bay Creek residents are invited to attend.

Saturday, April 18 (in conjunction with other Earth Day events), Saturday, May 9 and Saturday, June 20 (Take a Stake In The Lakes) 10 am to noon

See article on page 2 or contact Nina for more info; Email: ninaj@wisc.edu, Phone 265-3411 or 258-1788.

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.

(St. Marks Food Pantry Volunteers continued from Page 1) for sale on the Internet. Everything came together, and here they are, happy to be enjoying all the nearby perks: bike paths, ice skating, cross-country skiing, and being within walking distance of so much. They go ice fishing — they're only half a block from Monona Bay — “but we only caught a bluegill,” Mikos interjects.

“Last spring,” Lia says, “we got really busy at the Food Pantry. It’s nice now that we have more people working here and more choices of healthier and more substantial food. Pastor Mary has taken it one notch above by recruiting and training volunteers ... She’s also trying to make the pantry more welcoming; trying to make it not one more stressful experience in their [the guests’] lives.”

St. Mark’s Food Pantry is open 10 a.m.-noon on Tuesdays and 5:45-7:45 p.m. on Thursdays.



Lia and Mikos

Seizing Green Building Opportunities

By Rick Richards

A workshop on Green Building was held February 19th at the Labor Temple on Park Street. Co-sponsored by The Center on Wisconsin Strategy (COWS) and the Building and Construction Trades Council of South Central Wisconsin, it focused on green and LEEDs certified buildings and how to successfully bid and construct them.

Presenters covered aspects of green building projects such as planning, estimating, project management, sourcing materials, legal requirements, the documentation process and the needs and challenges of educating workers at all levels of green building construction.

Mayor Dave Cieslewicz provided opening remarks. He noted that “there are some really exciting (green building) opportunities through the stimulus package.” One is called the “Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program,” providing \$3.2 billion directly to cities. Madison’s share will be about \$2 million. There is great leeway in how that money can be used as long as it is in the area of energy efficiency and conservation. The city would like to use some of that money to help low income families weatherize their homes.

Mike Whaley, Director of Pre Construction Services for J.H. Findorff & Son, Inc., emphasized the theme echoed by all of the speakers: “Who to educate? Everybody. No matter where you fall within the spectrum of construction... there is a responsibility up and down the line to really understand the total process of what we are doing.” Scott Vaughn, Executive Director, says more such education sessions will be held soon (no firm dates yet). He invites the general public (especially neighbors) to attend. See: <http://btrades.com/>

The workshop can be seen on WYOU (analog channel 95 or digital 991) every Monday at 4:30 PM and Wednesday at 10:00 AM through April 15th. WYOU also streams live over the internet at www.wyou.org

Promote Literacy

A week-long Literacy 24/7 celebration of reading will be held April 12-18, 2009. The fourth annual event benefits the Literacy Network of Dane County. Community members can participate at any time during the week in libraries, schools, coffee shops or anywhere else they are comfortable reading.

“The event is designed to celebrate reading and to support people in our community who are improving their reading,” said Executive Director Jeff Burkhardt. “We’re hoping that kids and adults recognize the power of getting involved in the community and reading a great book.”

Participants choose any book they want to read and collect pledges for the number of hours spent reading that week. All proceeds support Literacy Network’s mission to help people reach their life goals through literacy. The week will end at Borders Books West at 3750 University Avenue on Sat, April 18, where a variety of guests including local celebrities will read and discuss books. All participants can spend the day or a portion of the day reading at Borders West. **To learn more, and to register for the event, visit www.litnetwork.org**

Literacy Network, founded in 1974, helps adults and families in Dane County improve their literacy skills. More than 300 volunteer tutors work with Literacy Network each year. The organization offers programs tailored to the individual students, such as one-on-one tutoring of reading, writing, and English speaking skills.

Madison offers many ways to celebrate Earth Day 2009

By Judy Robinson

The first Earth Day was celebrated in 1970. Wisconsin's own Senator Gaylord Nelson proposed it as an environmental protest to "to shake up the political establishment and force this issue onto the national agenda." Denis Hayes, national coordinator, and his youthful staff organized massive coast-to-coast rallies and thousands of colleges and universities organized protests. Earth Day 1970 achieved a rare political alignment, enlisting support from Republicans and Democrats, rich and poor, city slickers and farmers, tycoons and labor leaders. The first Earth Day led to the creation of the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the passage of the Clean Air, Clean Water, and Endangered Species Acts. Sen. Nelson was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom -- the highest honor given to civilians in the United States -- for his role as Earth Day founder.

As 1990 approached, Hayes was asked to organize another big campaign. Earth Day 1990 went global, mobilizing 200 million people in 141 countries and lifting the status of environmental issues on to the world stage. Earth Day 1990 gave a huge boost to recycling efforts worldwide and helped pave the way for the 1992 United Nations Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro.

As the millennium approached, Hayes agreed to spearhead another campaign, this time focused on global warming and a push for clean energy. Earth Day 2000 combined the big-picture feistiness of the first Earth Day with the international grassroots activism of Earth Day 1990. Earth Day 2000 had the Internet to help link activists around the world. By the time April 22 rolled around, 5,000 environmental groups around the world were on board, reaching out to hundreds of millions of people in a record 184 countries.

Earth Day 2009 is April 22. Since it falls on a Wednesday, there are activities planned for Saturdays, April 18 and April 25.

Friends of Monona Bay will have their monthly shoreline clean up on April 18. 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 (ninaj@wisc.edu or 265-3411 or 258-1788).

The Parks Department will be coordinating an Earth Day Challenge. Individuals, neighborhood associations or groups of any size may join a current project or register their own project by than April 12th. Those registering a project will need to specify the location and time of the event, number of participants involved, project details and type of tools that will be needed. To register a project, please call Laura Whitmore at 266-5949.

Participants can find details of registered projects at www.cityofmadison.com/parks and should plan to work for two or three hours, depending on the type of work for which they volunteer. Projects will focus on either clean-up or restoration and will take place at a variety of parks across the Madison area.

These are two of the projects that have been registered:

- A prairie planting project at Kennedy Park on Madison's east side (between Cottage Grove Rd and Milwaukee St.) Call Laura at 266-5949 to volunteer.
- An Earth Day Clean Up and Garlic Mustard Pull from 10:00 to noon at Hoyt Park on Regent St.

Other ways to volunteer on April 18 are:

- The Village of Oregon is planting 100 trees in Keller Alpine Meadows Park. Planting begins at 10:00 a.m. Contact Kathy Esch at 220-9700 for more info.
- There will be an Ice Age Trail work day on the Table Bluff north segment (Table Bluff Road off Hwy. KP, Cross Plains). Directions: afb@plantpath.wisc.edu or 236-4886.

Isthmus's second annual Green Day on Saturday, April 25 at Monona Terrace starts at 9:00 a.m. and features food and drink sampling, eco-fashion, alternative health information and demonstrations, cooking demonstrations, walkabout and stage entertainment, speakers, indoor kite flying, Tai Chi demonstrations, live music, WKOW Living Green Challenge winners and educational and interactive breakout sessions throughout the day. A Children's Natural Play area is sponsored by The Madison's Children's Museum and Aldo Leopold Nature Center. Tickets cost \$5. Children under 12 and folks who bike or bus to the event get in free. Watch upcoming issues of Isthmus or go to www.thedailypage.com/green/ for more info.

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES

Race for the Cure

The 12th annual Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure to support breast cancer research will be held on Saturday, May 30. It will start at Willow Island at 8:30 a.m. The event includes a 5K walk, 5K run and a 1 mile course. For information on how to register or volunteer, go to <http://www.komenmadison.org/>

Job Education Fair

A job fair for employers and employees at Villager (2300 South Park Street) on Thursday, April 30, between 1 and 6 pm will feature workshops on resumes, careers in the medical field and more. For more information contact Jennifer Lord of Harambee at 261-9614.

Bike and Eat

There will be a bicycle ride punctuated with eating stations on Saturday, May 30. Biking begins at Vilas Park at 11 am and ends at Brittingham Park around 3 pm with stops for food along the way. Riders can opt for the long or the short version of the ride.

African American Ethnic Academy Summer Science Program

"A Celebration of Life" is a summer science program open to children of all races. Grades 3-5 meet June 15-26, 8:30-noon, M-F; Grades 6-8 meet July 6-17, 8:30-noon, M-F. Contact Virginia Henderson at 274-5808 or vmhender@hotmail.com for more information.

David's Jamaican Is Open

Don't worry: David's Jamaican Food on Beld Street was only temporarily closed due to furnace troubles. Please stop by to sample their delicious cuisine and welcome them to the neighborhood.

BCNA Meeting of March 9, 2009

By Sara Richards

Those present unanimously endorsed Rick Dearworth's efforts to obtain a liquor license for his proposed wine shop/wine bar, VeloVino, at the corner of Olin and Gilson. Negotiations to obtain the property are still ongoing. Rick realizes folks unable to attend the meeting may have concerns. He is happy to talk about his plans and may be reached at 512-6201 or Rick@VeloVino.net

The Bancroft Dairy property at Park Street and Fish Hatchery has been sold. Apparently there are plans to build a hotel there but the timeline is uncertain.

Results of the election are Contact Person – Bob Stoffs, Treasurer – Judy Robinson, Secretary – Dan Kennelly.

Many thanks to Cindy Snyder for her service as secretary for the past four years. Cindy agreed to be the area representative for the area from Lakeside Street to Monona Bay going west to Park Street. Other area reps are listed on the back of the Bulletin. There is an opening for an area rep in Romnes. If interested, please contact one of the BCNA members listed on the back of the Bulletin.

To Bay Creek Birdwatchers

By Al Schwoegler

The first migrating Common Loons arrived on the Bay on Friday, March 20. It is a good time to see and hear them before ice-out occurs further north and their departure to claim "their" lake in the north. If the main lake bodies on Monona and Mendota retain their ice, the loons will concentrate on Monona Bay for a while. It might be a great chance like last year to enjoy them in big numbers.

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South Madison Coalition of the Elderly

South Madison Coalition of the Elderly, 128 E. Olin Ave

Take advantage of these learning opportunities this spring. The classes below are for all ages, but the cost for adults 62 or older is just \$4.00. To register, call MATC at 246-6240, or visit matcmadison.edu/ace at least two weeks prior to the start of a class.

Healthy & Tasty Cooking Class #59753

Start out a new season with this wonderful cooking class. Learn how to trim fats and calories from your cooking, yet make dishes that are great to eat and quick to fix in a hands-on class. All food, equipment, and recipes are furnished for this class. It will be held from 1:30-4:30 p.m. Wednesdays, April 15 and April 22 at Quaker Housing, 2025 Taft St.

Memory & Mind Stimulation #59764

Several studies have found that participation in mentally stimulating activities is associated with a reduced risk of developing Alzheimer's and other dementias. Seniors are encouraged to engage in mentally stimulating activities. Students in this class will have fun with puzzles, crosswords, games, stories, and via the computer. The classes are held on Thursdays, April 30 through May 21 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. at the Catholic Multicultural Center, 1862 Beld St.

Do Your Own Will #59763

This course covers basic estate planning, taxes, marital property, funeral planning, and how to buy life insurance. It includes instructions on how to write your own will using the Wisconsin Basic Will. Classes will be held on Wednesdays, May 6 and May 13 from 3:00-6:00 p.m. at the Multicultural Center, 1862 Beld St..

Recent Listings on NeighborNation.net

- ♦Need loving home for two cats
- ♦Plumbing Recommendation
- ♦Free Mulberry Trees in Monona on 4/18
- ♦Volunteer needed to help older adult
- ♦Neighborhood Safety Brochure

**Not registered yet?
Just go to
www.NeighborNation.net**

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Alder Julia Kerr will be hosting a meeting on the zoning code rewrite project.

**When: Wed, April 22 6:30–8:00 p.m.
Where: Monroe St Branch Library
(1705 Monroe St)**

**Please contact Alder Kerr for more info:
260-2661 or district13@cityofmadison.com**

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