



# Bay Creek Bulletin

## 13<sup>th</sup> District Primary

By Sara Richards

On Thursday, February 10, BCNA will sponsor an aldermanic candidate forum at the Baha'i Center (324 W. Lakeside) beginning at 7 pm. The primary election takes place on Tuesday, February 15. These are statements from the four candidates:

**Micah Berken** (1312 Mound St.): As your alderman, I would be proud to represent the Bay Creek neighborhood as one of the most naturally beautiful places in the city of Madison. I will make sure that this beauty is not encroached upon by future development. I don't think that Bay Creek needs new high-rise office towers or luxury apartments; instead, I'm going to focus on improving and maintaining the wonderful things that our neighborhood already has. My focus is on small business development, schools, and the repair of existing structures.

Neighborhood safety is also a big part of my plans for Bay Creek. I think that citizens should have the security to enjoy a walk around the place where they live without the fear of crime, noise or excessive traffic. I will push for pedestrian friendly areas, a greater police presence and increased communication between residents in order to accomplish these goals.

The Bay Creek area represents to me many things that are right about Madison. We need to focus on these things that are right and work to make them even more of an example for the rest of the city.

**Sue Ellingson** (1922 Vilas Ave.): I'm running to be your alder on the Madison City Council in District 13. I've lived in the Vilas neighborhood for 11 years. I'm married with two grown children and one sweet baby grandson.

I'm retired. However, I work full-time hours as a volunteer campaign manager for progressive candidates. I've done this for six years, starting the day after John Kerry was defeated for president. Because of my commitment and hard work I've been endorsed by our elected representatives, including Julia Kerr, our current alder, Dave Cieslewicz, Kathleen Falk, Kyle Richmond, and many others.

My goal is to build our great city. A great city has a sound environment, both natural environment and built environment, a vibrant community, and an effective government. This is outlined on my website, [www.SueEllingson.com](http://www.SueEllingson.com).

But my vision isn't enough. We have to work together. What's your vision for our great city? I'd really like to know. Contact me at [Sue@SueEllingson.com](mailto:Sue@SueEllingson.com) or 608-259-1824. **(Continued on next page)**

## Bay Creek Billboard

### **Sat Feb 12 & March 12 10:00 am to noon Shoreline clean ups with Friends of Monona Bay.**

Meet at Brittingham Park Beach House (corner of Proudfit & 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](mailto:ninaj@wisc.edu) Phone: 265-3411 or 258-1788. Until the ice thaws, there will be hot dogs and coffee available from ice shanty vendor on Monona Bay.

### **Mon Feb 14 6:30 pm Friends of Olin-Turville (FOOT)**

Bi-Monthly meeting at Goodman South Madison Branch Library, 2222 S. Park (in Villager Mall).

### **First Wednesday of each month Friends of Monona Bay**

124 S. Brooks St., Rm 1, 6:30.

### **Thurs Jan 27 5:00-8:00pm Celebrate South Madison**

Urban League of Madison in Villager Mall. Free community dinner will be provided from 5:30-6:00 RSVP to Jodi at 260-8098.

### **Thurs Feb 10 7:00 pm Voter Forum with 13th District Alder**

**Candidates** Madison Baha'i Center, 324 W. Lakeside St. Sponsored by Bay Creek Neighborhood Association. Please see above article for more info on candidates.

### **Tues Feb 15 Spring Primary Election**

Offices up for election include Alder, School Board, Mayor, County Executive and State Supreme Court Justice. Polls are open 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. Bay Creek residents vote at Romnes Apartments 540 W. Olin Ave. Wisconsin voters can register at the polls. Call 266-4121 for more info.

### **Mon March 14 BCNA Bi-Monthly meeting 6:30 pm**

Madison Baha'i Center, 324 W. Lakeside St. All Bay Creek residents are invited to attend, annual election of officers will take place at this meeting. Voluntary annual dues of \$10 per household can be paid at any neighborhood meeting or sent to Dan Kennelly 808 O'Sheridan St. 53715.

**(13th District-continued)**

Michael Lester (32 S. Mills St.): is a long time Madison area resident. He is the founder and owner of Dependable Auto Glass which services body shops and fleet companies. He had had no interest in running for office until a few years ago when friends started pressing him to run. Disappointed with the recent reputation of the City Council he believes he can bring common sense from his tradesman point of view. He points out that none of the current Council members are business owners. He would reach out to small business owners, asking them what they need from the city. He stresses he does not want to be a professional politician but wants to help out his neighbors.

Thomas (TJ) Mertz (1210 Gilson St.): My family has lived in Bay Creek for the past sixteen years. I have been working diligently to improve school–community relations, increase open and responsive government, and enact smart public budgeting and investments, while promoting equal opportunities for all Madison residents.

As your alder, I will work very hard to build on these efforts. I am dedicated to fostering more progressive values in all areas of city government including transportation, housing, parks and recreation, public safety and more.

The various political machinations surrounding the Edgewater project have led many to perceive that government primarily serves powerful insiders. I believe that everything the city does – from sidewalk repairs to major initiatives – benefits, when the wider community is involved.

Our district needs a representative who will be independent, responsive and effective, someone who puts District 13 first. I am best positioned to be that person for you.

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## **BCNA January 10, 2011 Meeting Summary**

By Dan Kennelly

Bob Stoffs reported that “Celebrate South Madison” is on January 27 and will include food, entertainment and kids’ events. The Newsletter Editor reported that the next edition will be coming out the first week of February. The Web Committee reported that a group of neighbors is currently working on a redesign of the website and progress on that project is expected soon.

The Treasurer reported that BCNA is still solvent but the cost of publishing the Bulletin currently exceeds the advertising revenue. Attendees agreed to look into pursuing additional advertisers. It was noted that ads in the bulletin are a good deal given its distribution to 1,500 households.

A neighborhood artist is volunteering to design new neighborhood welcome signs and presented a mock-up. Neighbors expressed compliments on the design and appreciation for his volunteer efforts. The estimated cost of replacing the three current welcome signs with the new design is \$9,000. BCNA intends to submit a grant application to the City to fund the project.

The idea of holding a candidate forum for the current candidates for the District 13 Madison Common Council seat was discussed and the forum is scheduled for Thursday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the Baha’i Center (324 W. Lakeside Street). Neighbors discussed possibly recording the forum and podcasting it on the neighborhood web site.

County Supervisor Kyle Richmond mentioned that he was asked to serve on a task force for a project that is creating a new vision for the John Nolan Drive corridor between the Beltline and Downtown. Kyle summarized the project and said that meetings about it would begin in late January. Kyle also reported on the upcoming launch of a new county grant program for park projects of “regional significance” and suggested exploring opportunities to use those funds for a project at Olin Park. On a related note, the next meeting of Friends of Olin Tuville (FOOT) will be on February 14 at 6:30pm at the South Madison Library. Anyone interested in preserving and enhancing Olin-Turville Park is encouraged to attend.

The next BCNA meeting will be on March 14 when election of officers will take place

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## **Dane County News**

Kyle Richmond, Dane County Supervisor, sent an electronic report to the Bay Creek email list. Kyle is chair of the Environmental, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee as well as a member of the Parks Commission and Farmland Preservation Subcommittee. In the first role, he drafted the legislation to enable development of the newly installed manure digester (one of two) which converts methane to electricity. Besides being a green-or brown-source of energy, the digester solves the problem of dealing with animal waste and protects the Yahara watershed from run-off.

The County Park Division will create a Parks & Open Space Plan this year to set priorities for recreation, wildlife, open space and agricultural lands. Kyle will participate as a member of the Park Commission.

MedDrop in Madison opened to provide for disposal of household drugs. Boxes are currently being piloted in east Madison and in Middleton.

## South Madison Coalition of the Elderly

The South Madison Coalition of the Elderly welcomes neighborhood older adults to join in our programs at Romnes Apartments. Come for lunches at 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. Stay for special activities after lunch on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Lunches are served on a donation basis to persons over 60; all of the activities are free-and fun! If you would like to attend lunch, please make a reservation at least 24 hours in advance. If you just want to join us for an activity, no reservation is needed. Call 251-8405 to reserve your meal or for more details on our programs.

**FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHT: VALENTINE SERENADE** Tuesday, February 8 at 11:45 a.m. Join us for an afternoon of sweet treats and sentimental tunes from years gone by. Our performers will sing to the karaoke and you are invited to sing along. Dress up in red and white if you like!

Every week: **Prize Bingo on Tuesdays and Gentle Yoga-style Exercise on Thursdays-both at 12:30 p.m.**

On Thursday, February 10, the **Knifty Knitters** will get together at 1:30 p.m. The group welcomes both beginners and "old hands" at knitting. We will supply some needles and yarn for practicing; yarn donations are also welcome. Work on your own project, or make baby caps for the Children's Hospital.

On Tuesday, February 22, at 1:15 p.m. come to our formation meeting for a **new book club**. Bring your library card and suggestions about the types of books you would like to read and discuss.

### Writing Project

Be part of an inspiring intergenerational project this spring. Participate in the annual Wisconsin Association of Senior Centers essay contest! Older adults are needed to help judge essays written by sixth-graders from Cherokee Middle School. Subjects of the essays are "My Grandparents" and "My Best Older Friend." One boy and one girl winner will be chosen, and their essays will be featured at local Older Americans Month events in May. Interested older adults are invited to read and evaluate the essays in a group setting or at home. Join group evaluations at **Quaker Housing, 2025 Taft Street on Wednesday, February 9, 12:30 p.m. or Romnes Apartments, 540 W. Olin Avenue on Thursday, February 3, 1:45 p.m.** You can also request that essays be mailed to you so that you can read and judge them at home. For more details, call 251-8405.

## Great News on Randall School - Olive Jones Park Renovation

By Alison Alter and Marcia Vandercook

2010 was a wonderful year for phase 1 of the renovation of Olive Jones Park – Randall School Park. We raised over \$100,000 and installed a fantastic new play structure that has been a huge hit with the kids. 2011 is off to a great start with three exciting announcements:

- City of Madison's People for Parks fund will MATCH donations to the park, dollar for dollar, up to \$50,000. Each dollar you contribute this year will go twice as far!
- The City has allocated \$50,000 in impact fees to this project, money from area development set aside for improvement of local green space, to improve the park.
- A recognition program will allow contributors, past and future, to have their names inscribed on pavers in permanent recognition of their contributions. You can be part of neighborhood history! More details on this program will be on our website soon.

Next up is construction of a neighborhood playground for younger children at the corner of Roby and Chadbourne, an amphitheater for community events and outdoor classroom experiences, better landscaping and fences, and improved pedestrian entrances. The final phase will be repaving of the central play area.

Every school deserves a place to PLAY, GATHER, and GROW. With your help, the Randall School playground and park can be such a place.

To donate, visit us at <http://www.randallschoolpark.org/>. To volunteer, email [randallschoolpark@gmail.com](mailto:randallschoolpark@gmail.com). All checks should be made out to Foundation for Madison's Public Schools, designated for Randall School Park. Donations are tax-deductible and can be sent to FMPS at 455 Science Drive, Madison, WI 53711-1067.

*Editor's note: The Foundation for Madison Public Schools is an independent, non-profit organization. Learn more at [fmeps.org](http://fmeps.org)*

# NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES

## **South Madison Librarian Honored**

Chris Wagner of the Goodman South Madison Library received a Carnegie Corporation of New York/New York Times "I Love My Librarian" award in December. She was cited specifically for creating programs like Second Chance, which forgives overdue fines that kept low-income children from reading and for hosting the University of Wisconsin Odyssey Project, an award-winning, free college humanities course for adults near the poverty level. Congratulations, Chris!

## **InstyPrints Returns**

Remember when there used to be an InstyPrints at 1112 S. Park Street? It's back. Owner Marc Wolfman says they are happy to be back home on Park Street.

## **"Hands Across South Madison" Grants**

Town of Madison & South Metropolitan Planning Council invite applications for grants funding south-side community-based youth programs. "Hands Across South Madison" supports projects that focus on children and youth development. Projects should benefit Madison's Southside residents. **Applications due: 4:30 P.M., Friday, February 11, 2011.** Info: [smpevc@terracom.net](mailto:smpevc@terracom.net) or 260-8098.

## **Bohemian Bauble Closing**

Tami Beirne, owner of the Bohemian Bauble, is sad to announce that the store on Lakeside Street will be closed as of the end of January 2011.

## **Mindfulness and the Way Beyond Suffering**

Join a discussion on mindfulness, Buddhism, & meditation with Flint Sparks, PhD — a licensed psychologist and ordained Zen Buddhist priest currently serving the Appamada community of Austin, TX. See [www.flintsparks.org](http://www.flintsparks.org) or [www.appamada.org](http://www.appamada.org). For more information about this event or to be added to an email list for future talks and retreats please email: Suzanne Kilkus, PhD, [heartspace@charter.net](mailto:heartspace@charter.net) **Time:** Wednesday, March 23rd from 7 -9 PM St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 605 Spruce **Cost:** Dana (a financial gift given from your generous heart for the teachings). St. Mark's also asks that you bring a canned good for their food pantry.

## **Keep Sidewalks Clear**

The City of Madison requires that sidewalks be cleared by noon of the day after snow stops. Property owners face fines up to \$114 if sidewalks are not cleared. If the sidewalk cannot be cleared to the cement, sprinkle remaining snow and/or ice with sand. Sand is available free at Brittingham Park and several neighborhood sites:

- Olin & Park - NE corner
- Olin & Gilson - NW corner
- Lakeside & Lake Court
- Lakeside & Rowell - SE corner
- Gilson & Lakeside

Bring your own container and scoop. The city does not automatically refill the barrels so if any of them are getting low call 266-4681 to report it.

What to do if you notice unshoveled walks in your neighborhood? Talk to your neighbor whether in person, by telephone or by leaving a note in the doorway.

Complete snow shoveling rules are available at the link below. At that site you can sign up for email alerts from the City that are sent out after a winter storm. <http://www.cityofmadison.com/residents/winter/snowIce/>



*Tamara Brown (pictured) opened Fringe Salon Spa at 1216 S. Park St., just north of Copp's on Feb. 15, 2010, so she's about to celebrate her 1 year anniversary. We'll have an article on Tamara and her business in the next issue of the Bay Creek Bulletin.*

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