



# Bay Creek Bulletin

June-July 2011

## Bancroft Dairy Brainstorming

On Tuesday, March 29, County Supervisor Kyle Richmond invited neighbors to talk about possible uses for the Bancroft Dairy site. Over a dozen people gathered at the Goodman Library where the idea of a Community Benefits Agreement was introduced. This is a mechanism for neighborhoods to present their interests when development projects are pending. It's a good way for neighborhoods to be prepared when there are discussions with developers. Please contact Kyle at richmond.kyle@co.dane.wi.us or 251-3171 or to find out when the meeting will be held. These are some of the many creative ideas that were floated:

- Fitness/Recreation Center – Warner Park and Lussier Center as possible models or private ownership
- Community meeting space and teen center
- Business Incubator – possibly with food theme or focus
- Bicycle shop/repair/rental – possibly integrated with hotel offering bike rental for guests
- Leave the parking lot on Fish Hatchery as a parking lot or use for garden
- Small shops or restaurants on the ground floor
- 24-hour businesses that attract people and help support existing businesses
- Holistic Medicine (integrating with traditional medical services in Park corridor and alternative healing on Lakeside)
- Walkability, bikeability, and transit access are important
- There's no park on Park Street – Let's put one on the roof!
- Integrate east and west sides of Park Street
- Lukewarm interest in more medical facilities but recognition that clinic space could serve the local area and could complement other uses
- Linking new medical facilities with neighborhood interest in recreation/fitness facility
- Local and Regional Food Theme: Commercial kitchen space for start-up restaurateurs; Processing facilities for small-scale local growers and processors: Culinary school, classes, etc. possible link with MATC; Link to Badger Rock School; Link between arts and food

## Bay Creek Billboard

### **Mon Jun 13 6:30 pm Friends of Olin-Turville (FOOT)**

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

### **Sat Jun 18 (Take a Stake In The Lakes event) \*\*9:00 a.m.**

**to noon\*\* & July 9 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 Phone: 265-3411 or 258-1788

**Wed June 22 6:30 pm.** Open area on Olin Ave across from Goodman Pool. Meeting at site of proposed Bay Creek replacement sign. Please see page 6 for more information.

**Sun July 4 Noon until ? Annual BCNA 4<sup>th</sup> of July picnic** Oak Woods at in Goodman Field. Please bring a dish to pass and your own plates, utensils and cups. Hope to see you there!

### **Mon July 11 BCNA Bi-Monthly 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 per household can be paid at any neighborhood meeting or sent to Dan Kennelly 808 O'Sheridan St. 53715.

### **Sat July 23 8:00 pm to midnight Rock and Roar Benefit Dance**

for Vilas Zoo. Tickets available online at vilas.org or by calling 258-9490

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

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

# BCNA May 9, 2011 Meeting Summary

By Dan Kennelly

Kirk Elliot led a discussion about a resolution expressing the Bay Creek Neighborhood's opposition to the policies of Governor Walker. Those present decided to craft language for a resolution that would specifically identify Walker policies that the neighborhood association opposes. The resolution will be discussed and voted on at the next meeting. A draft of the resolution will be posted on the Bay Creek website (<http://baycreekmadison.org/>)

Alder Sue Ellingson provided an update on a plan to redevelop a portion of the Bancroft Dairy property. The recently-introduced plan for the site would include an 80,000 square foot, 4-story building on the south end of the property which would house the Wingra Clinic and the MATC nursing program.

Alder Ellingson also reported on City Council redistricting. The City is considering several alternatives for new configurations of City Council districts. Bay Creek would remain in District 13 in any of the proposed scenarios.

Larry Taft, a local building contractor, reported on plans to rebuild the house located at 634 West Lakeside Street. He is working with the owner to rebuild the house using "Universal Design" standards that would make the home accessible to wheelchairs.

Volunteers with the Urban League spoke on the proposal to create a new charter school in Madison that would focus on educating young African American and Latino men. The school would start with classes serving seventh and eighth grade but would hope to expand to serve grades six through twelve. The volunteers provided evidence of the need for the school citing statistics about underachievement among minority populations in Madison. Neighbors expressed concerns about the costs of the project, whether union teachers will be used, and possible duplications of services with other schools.

Jim Winkle summarized the most recent Friends of Olin Turville (FOOT) meeting which included a detailed discussion of the Nolen Centennial Project. The Nolen Centennial project is a series of preliminary ideas to enhance the John Nolen Drive corridor as community gateway and destination. Jim presented a chart that resulted from input at the FOOT meeting highlighting strengths and weaknesses of components of the plan (see page 5 for more info).

Dan Kennelly gave an update on the neighborhood gateway project. BCNA recently received a grant from the City to construct a new "neighborhood gateway feature" on the city-owned property near the intersection of Van Deusen Street and Rowell Street along Olin Avenue. The neighborhood needs to raise additional funds to match the grant and pay to replace the existing deteriorating signs on Park Street and Lakeside Street (see page 6 for more info).

## South Madison Coalition of the Elderly

**2011 Farmers' Market Voucher Distribution:** This month, the Area Agency on Aging will distribute vouchers to Dane County seniors for use in purchasing up to \$25 worth of produce at local farmers' markets in 2011. Vouchers are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis to those 60 or older having gross incomes less than \$20,147 for one person or \$27,214 for two-person households. There is a limit of one set of vouchers per household.

To get vouchers, you must show an ID with your birth date, plus one of the following showing your income: Quest or Forward card, Social Security allotment statement, 2010 income tax or Homestead Credit form, or subsidized housing review letter. **VOUCHERS CANNOT BE MAILED.** If another person is picking them up for you, he or she must bring an application completed and signed by you. Applications are available by calling 261-5678.

Vouchers will be handed out at the central and south side locations below:

Madison Senior Center, 330 W. Mifflin St. on Friday, June 10 from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Romnes Apartments, 540 W. Olin Avenue, Friday, June 10 from 12 noon-1:00 p.m.

Quaker Housing, 2025 Taft St. Monday, June 13 from 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.

For more information, call the South Madison Coalition of the Elderly at 251-8405.

**Sunday Afternoon Program:** See old friends and make new ones at our monthly programs at the Madison Senior Center, 330 W. Mifflin Street. Arrive at 12:30 p.m. for a classic Sunday meal served restaurant style. Afterwards enjoy live entertainment and bingo. Cost for each event is \$3.50, payable at the door. Reservations are always needed by noon on Friday, two days before each event. Free transportation is available from the near south side. For more information or to make reservations, call 251-8405. On Sunday June 12, dinner will include stuffed chicken breast, new red potatoes, sweet carrots and snow peas, spinach salad, roll, and strawberry shortcake.

# NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES

## **Bay Creek Annual 4th of July Picnic**

The annual BCNA 4<sup>th</sup> of July picnic will take place in Goodman Field in the Oak Woods at noon. Please bring a dish to pass and your own plates, utensils and cups. Hope to see you there!

## **BCNA Welcoming Committee**

Julie Campbell has a stack of brochures for residents new to Bay Creek. She checks real estate listings to identify new homeowners but new renters are harder to identify. If you know of someone new to your neighborhood, please feel free to contact Julie at 258 1495 or [juliejamescampbell@hotmail.com](mailto:juliejamescampbell@hotmail.com).

## **Bay Creek Listserv**

To subscribe to Bay Creek email list, send a blank e-mail message to [baycreek-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:baycreek-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

## **Update from our New Alder, Sue Ellingson**

Hi neighbors—Whew! It's been a whirlwind month since I was sworn in. Lots of meetings, many to meet city staff. I'm impressed again and again by the dedicated and capable people who run our city.

### **Redistricting**

The city is drawing new boundaries for aldermanic districts. Because the edges of the city have grown more than the middle, the central districts need to get bigger and spread out to the west. The districts take effect this summer, which is unexpected. See [www.cityofmadison.com/cityhall/redistricting](http://www.cityofmadison.com/cityhall/redistricting)

### **Wingra Clinic**

Wingra Clinic plans to move to part of the Bancroft Dairy site, at Park St and Fish Hatchery Rd. Overall, the reaction from neighbors has been very favorable. See [www.SueEllingson.com](http://www.SueEllingson.com)

### **Other cool stuff**

Madison has a lot in store this summer, see [www.cityofmadison.com/parks](http://www.cityofmadison.com/parks)

Ride the Drive - 6/5, 10:00-3:00

Goodman Pool now has a swim team, plus lessons, birthday parties, and great summer fun.

Hike the Wild Side in Madison's conservation parks. The next one is 6/9, 6:30, at Kettle Pond, 5808 Old Middleton Rd.

### **Priorities for me**

Improved pedestrian crossings on Park St and Fish Hatchery Rd.

Park safety and responsible uses.

Traffic calming.

Helping developers revitalize our district in neighborhood-friendly ways.

I have a website, [www.SueEllingson.com](http://www.SueEllingson.com), with more information. Please contact me at [District13@CityofMadison.com](mailto:District13@CityofMadison.com) or 259-1824.

## **Olin-Turville Concerns**

At BCNA's March meeting, Tim Metcalfe, owner of Sentry Foods, presented his ideas for John Nolen Drive and Olin-Turville Park. Preliminary ideas include separating the bike bath from a pedestrian path on the causeway, providing lookout points along the causeway, creating an education center about lakes at Olin Park, possibly providing boat and canoe rental there, storyboard information about natural life along walking paths, possibly moving the bike path to go through Turville along the lakefront, a lakefront amphitheater, a land bridge connecting the park to the Alliant Center.

Neighbors expressed concerns about noise, traffic, paving for parking, how it will be paid for, how much public participation there will be in this public/private venture.

At the May meeting several people worried that Olin-Turville was going to proceed without public input despite Metcalfe's avowal to have public participation. Someone who had attended the listening session held at the Alliant Center March 19 observed that the approach was "How can we improve Tim's plan?" rather than "What's good for Olin-Turville?" It was also noted that despite promises to do so the website has not been updated (Continued on page 4)

## **Olin-Turville Concerns (Continued)**

since March. See <http://www.nolencentennialproject.com/>

Friends of Olin-Turville (FOOT) identified pros and cons related to Metcalfe's plans. This is posted on the Bay Creek website, <http://baycreekmadison.org/index.html>

Attendees considered drafting a letter stating BCNA's concerns. This issue will be discussed at the July meeting.

## **MadiSUN**

By Francesca Brumm, City of Madison

Surprisingly photovoltaic (PV) solar panels function at their best on the cold, sunny winter days of January through March. They are actually producing more energy than panels in traditionally warm, sunny areas like Arizona and Southern California.

Wisconsin's favorable conditions for generating solar power have inspired many owners of businesses and residential properties alike to invest in solar. Today, there are 726 solar electric and 700 solar thermal projects in Wisconsin, numbers that will continue to grow in the coming years.

It is only fitting for the State's capitol city to lead the way in promoting the use of solar. Madison has done just that by establishing the MadiSUN Solar Energy Program, the City of Madison's official program to promote solar for local homes and businesses. For business owners, the program presents a variety of opportunities to learn more about the benefits of solar, including information on tax breaks and MG&E's energy incentives. MadiSUN also offers free solar assessments, which include a visit by a qualified assessor who can estimate a building's solar potential and the projected costs, benefits, and payback period of a solar system. Finally, MadiSUN provides a chance for businesses taking advantage of solar to connect with one another and receive publicity and recognition for making a commitment to renewable energy. For more information on MadiSUN, solar energy, or free solar assessments, please visit its website at [www.cityofmadison.com/Sustainability/City/madiSUN/](http://www.cityofmadison.com/Sustainability/City/madiSUN/)

## **New Welcome Sign for Bay Creek**

The Bay Creek Neighborhood Association (BCNA) worked with the City to obtain a grant to replace the welcome signs in Bay Creek. The City is encouraging neighborhoods to use a 'gateway' concept that incorporates a sign within a larger installation that could include a rock garden, shrubbery or other ornamentation. Because of that, we have changed our plan to replace the existing signs and asked neighborhood artist Aaron Laux for his input. He designed a wood and metal representation of trees and people. Aaron is a woodworker and neighborhood artist John Meister would do the metalwork. The sign would be surrounded by native vines and plants to emphasize our neighborhood's commitment to gardening and local food sources.

The proposed site is the area across from Goodman Pool bordered by Van Deusen, Lake Ct and Olin Ave. The property is City owned but other neighborhoods have been able to get permission to install their projects on City owned property. The site was chosen because it would be highly visible and could potentially be made into a small park.

Even with the grant, we will need to raise additional funds to be able to complete the project. We plan to send out a fundraising letter to area businesses and solicit donations from Bay Creek residents.

We are holding a meeting at the site on Wed, June 22 at 6:30 pm. We want to give people an opportunity to see a model of the sculpture and visualize how the finished installation will look. The project is in a very early phase and we encourage people to make suggestions and share their ideas. If you are not able to attend the meeting, we will be posting a drawing of the design on the website (<http://baycreekmadison.org/>) and will also have an article with the drawing in the next issue of the Bulletin.

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