



Bay Creek Bulletin

Friends of Monona Bay Monthly Shoreline Cleanup

The second Saturday of every month a group of people convenes for two hours in Brittingham Park to pick up trash along the Monona Bay shoreline. They’ve been doing this since 2005, when Nina Emerson, a resident of the Monona Bay Neighborhood Association, decided to expand the Annual Take a Stake in the Lakes volunteer cleanup effort into a monthly event. Nina, like many of the volunteers who help with the FOMB Monthly Shoreline Cleanup effort, was astounded by the amount of trash that she picked up in the course of a couple of hours. “We just scratched the surface,” Nina concluded at the end of the Take a Stake in the Lakes cleanup. She contacted Steve Agard, a neighbor and member of the FOMB, to coordinate a monthly cleanup.

The first cleanup was held on Saturday, August 13, 2005. A surprisingly large number of people turned out in response to notification by leaflet, email and word of mouth. Since then, the cleanup has taken place *every* month, year round. Volunteers have participated from the greater Madison area, the University, and a variety of service organizations.

The FOMB Monthly Cleanup Effort has produced impressive results. Although started in 2005, record keeping did not start until January 2006. Now volunteers are asked to sign the City of Madison Parks Division Volunteer Registration and Release Form. This form (1) indemnifies the City from liability in the unfortunate event a volunteer slips, falls and gets injured while volunteering and (2) provides a monthly record about participants and bags of trash collected. These statistics are from the form:

- Total number of volunteers: 1,103
- Total number of event hours: 185
- Total bags of trash: 909
- Total number of volunteer contact hours: 2,638

The monthly cleanup effort is held on the second Saturday of the month from 10 a.m.–noon, with the exception of April when it is scheduled in conjunction with Madison area Earth Day Challenge Events and June when it is scheduled in conjunction with the Annual Take a Stake in the Lakes.

The main meeting place is the Brittingham Park Beach House (corner of W. Brittingham Place and Proudfit). For the two larger cleanup efforts, additional meeting sites are the Brittingham Park Shelter and Bernies Beach. If you have any questions or would like to participate, feel free to contact Nina Emerson at ninaj@wisc.edu or 608-258-1788 (h) or 608-265-3411 (w).

Take a Stake in the Lakes is scheduled for Saturday, June 16, from 9 until noon. The work shift is followed by a free lunch of donations from Park Street restaurants and beverages from the BP Mini-Mart at Park and Vilas. This year's celebration will be at the Beach House.



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Sat June 16, **9:00 am – Noon (Take a Stake in the Lakes) and Sat July 14, 10:00 am – 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 provided, please bring your own gloves & dress accordingly. Contact Nina for more info. Email: ninaj@wisc.edu, phone: 258-1788 or 698-9708.

Mon June 11 6:30 pm Friends of Olin-Turville (FOOT)

Please see www.Olin-Turville.org for more info.

Sun June 24 3:00 pm Neighborhood Ride with SCPT

Bike ride with officers from the South District Community Policing Team (SCPT) Ride starts at Madison Baha'i Center 324 W. Lakeside St.

Wed July 4 Noon to ? BCNA 4th of July Picnic

In Oak Woods by Goodman Pool. Please bring a dish to pass and your own, plates, cups and utensils.

Sat July 7 Alley Cat Bike Ride and Race (Family Friendly Event)

Alley Cat (scavenger hunt) Ride and Race (formerly Ride and Dine). Check www.facebook.com/mononabay for more info.

Mon July 14 6:30 pm BCNA Bi-Monthly meeting

Madison Baha'i Center, 324 W. Lakeside St. Meeting begins at 6:30 pm and runs until 7:45.

Voluntary annual dues of \$10 per household can be paid at any neighborhood meeting or sent to Dan Kennelly 808 O'Sheridan St. 53715. Please make checks payable to BCNA.

First Wednesday of each month, Friends of Monona Bay

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

Artists Among Us: Sariah Daine By Pamela Gates

Bay Creek resident Sariah Daine says she's an "outsider artist," which means she has no formal training as an artist. Her work comes straight from her heart, as does everything else about her.

Sariah is a member of the People's Arts Collective, which is just south of Bay Creek on South Park Street. The collective offers 3,000 square feet of space for artists to work in, basic tools for artists, camaraderie, contacts, and information. "I like working with other artists," Sariah says. "It's good energy. ... I also like not having [huge slabs of tree] bark sitting all over my living room."

Sariah creates most of her pieces from natural or manmade materials that she finds. She showed me the impressive-sized pieces of bark she's happy not having in her living room. She also uses rocks, sticks, etc. and comes up with highly original, thought-provoking creations. "I find stuff and usually eventually find a use for it," she says.

Growing up, Sariah had much contact with the Ho-Chunk in Wisconsin Dells, because her grandmother ran a shop there and had good friends among the Ho-Chunk. "I thought I was an Indian until I was 23," she says. Now she counts among her good friends an Algonquian medicine woman. Her experiences with her Indian friends and mentors are a strong influence on her work.

Sariah encourages everyone to find creativity within themselves. "If you're stuck or depressed, get stuff out and make stuff," she says. "It can be therapeutic. I encourage people to do it, even if they don't know how ... If you speak it [whatever has you stuck or depressed], it goes away or at least diminishes."

Sariah is contemplating some artistic proposals for Romnes, too. "There's a lot of talent in our building, a lot of artists," she says. She has tentative plans for a monthly art and talent share and open mic there, "a way to honor the creative spirit," she says. She's also planning to interview Romnes residents and incorporate these interviews into a book. "I love living at Romnes," she says. "The diversity right there is astounding." She also loves Madison and Bay Creek!

Sariah's list of projects is never-ending. "I hope I get everything done before I die," she laughs. "It's a motivating factor."

In addition to the time she spends at the People's Arts Collective, Sariah plans to work outside this summer creating grottos out of branches and rocks, probably in people's yards; she's already been invited to make one in Philips, Wis. "I've never constructed big things with rocks before," she notes. "I'll have to do research." The grottos are another response to the spirituality her work inspires or expands upon. Many of her small pieces have been purchased for home altars, and the life-size grottos are another step in that direction.

"More and more people are calling themselves spiritual, not religious, and doing some kind of practice is helpful to them," she says. She envisions the grottos as places where people can contemplate, meditate, or even just read a book.

Sariah encourages local artists to consider joining the People's Arts Collective, 1820 S. Park St. For more information, visit www.peoplesartcollective.com, or call (920) 285-8298.



4th Neighborhood Wagon Drive on August 4th

By Sandy Fowler

The drive will be on the first Saturday in August, August 4, with a rain date of Sunday, August 5. As in the past, this is a drop off/collection event. We will NOT be handing out school supplies or food.

Neighbors can donate food and school supplies in front of Franklin School. The wagons will be lined up from 9 AM to 2 PM when the kids will "drive" the wagons of food over to St. Marks Lutheran Church. The school supplies will be donated to kids in need at Lincoln, Franklin, and Randall Schools as well as to the Transition Education Program (TEP) at Lowell. TEP serves homeless children. A report from February 2012 stated 907 students have been identified as homeless. This is 907 too many.

There will be a free will offering bake sale and lemonade stand as well. Thank you to Subway on Park Street for providing us with lunch last year.

Anyone who is interested in volunteering, donating items, providing lunch for the kids, or loaning us a wagon can email wagondrive@charter.net or call me at 772-1242.

I will be making contacts to each school and the TEP Program to get a detailed list of what items are needed. Stay tuned.

Please be aware that no one will be coming door to door asking for donations. If someone does, it is NOT our group. We will only be handing out flyers door to door.

CampHERO for Girls

CampHERO is an exciting new summer camp that introduces girls to the protective services (police, fire, EMT). Girls will investigate K9 and mounted police, foot pursuits, handcuffing and fingerprinting, fire truck operation, knots and hoisting, rappelling, first aid, bandaging, splinting and CPR as well as many other activities.

CampHERO is open to any girl entering Kindergarten up to recent 12th grade graduates. Participants will train at various sites around Madison. Girls in grades 4–12 will stay overnight at beautiful Camp Brandenburg.

CampHERO can serve up to 280 girls and in order to make that possible, we need help! You can support CampHERO by getting the word out, volunteering and/or donating money or supplies.

Spread the Word! Any school-aged girl is welcome to attend CampHERO. Print and email materials for distribution are available at your request. Information is available on-line.

Volunteer! It will take over 100 volunteers to implement CampHERO to do everything from running the show to clean up. The schedule is flexible, volunteer jobs can be shared and training is provided! Email us or visit the facebook page to get an organizational chart, position descriptions and volunteer application.

Make a Donation! It's important that CampHERO is accessible for all girls and we are relying on the generosity of individuals and businesses to make that happen. Registration fees will cover only a portion of our total operating costs. In addition, we are offering 'camperships' to any families requiring financial assistance. We are estimating a need of \$12,000. There are several ways you could help: purchase a sponsorship package, donate cash, fund a campership, donate gifts for campers and volunteers, donate supplies or the use of equipment.

To learn more or to register, go to www.facebook.com/camphero4girls or email camphero@charter.net.

Walk Around Lake Monona

Friends of Olin-Turville (FOOT) and Friends of Monona Bay plans to join the Lake Monona Lake Walk 2012 Friday through Sunday, July 7-9. The purpose is to raise awareness of the problems associated with water sustainability and gratitude for the water we have. Although still in the planning stages the outlines of the event are set. Friday is a welcoming for the leaders Grandmother Josephine Mandamin and William Waterway Marks.

Saturday features a community festival in Winnequah Park and Sunday the walk around Lake Monona. The walk leader, Grandmother Josephine, is a 66 year old First Nation Ojibwe who will likely regard this as a stroll in the park since she has already walked the perimeter of each of the Great Lakes. Many area groups are planning to join the walk around Lake Monona. The ten mile walk will be punctuated with booths set up by the participating organizations. Further information can be found at FOOT's website, www.olin-turville.org.

South Madison Coalition of the Elderly

2012 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. Vouchers are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis to those 60 or older having gross incomes less than \$22,340 for one person or \$30,260 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, 2011 income tax or Homestead Credit form, or subsidized housing review letter. 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 Monday, June 25, 11 a.m.-noon

Romnes Apartments, 540 W. Olin Avenue, Wednesday, June 27, 11 a.m.-noon

Quaker Housing, 2025 Taft St. Friday, June 29, 11 a.m.-noon

Weekly Fun! Snacks, Cards, Board Games, Dominoes & More!! Set aside an afternoon each week for some fun with your neighbors. South Madison Coalition will provide snacks and the equipment—you provide your skills! Challenge your friends to some hands of cards, a board game, or dominoes. If you prefer a solo activity, enjoy assembling one of our puzzles.

Join in the fun in the community/dining rooms at Romnes Apartments on Mondays from 12:30-2:30 p.m., or at Quaker Housing on Fridays from 1:00-3:00 p.m. At Quaker, you can also use the pool table and Wii games.

Questions? Call the Coalition at 251-8405.

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES

Bay Creek Annual Picnic

The annual BCNA 4th 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!

Friends of Monona Bay Wins Award

Madison Parks named Friends of Monona Bay the Volunteer Group of the Year noting the group has put in an incredible amount of volunteer time and effort. The Friends bring their own hardy corps of volunteers for monthly clean-up days (rain or shine). They have removed 876 bags of trash from Monona Bay and Brittingham Park since the group started in 2006. "I feel like we've really made a difference in our park," says Nina Emerson, organizer for the FOMB group.

Lisie Kitchel, a Friends volunteer, comments: "Nina Emerson deserves credit for this award along with all the volunteers that braved both hot and cold. Her commitment to spearhead and coordinate the monthly cleanup efforts is outstanding and very much appreciated. We are very lucky to have such a dedicated and passionate person living along Monona Bay and in our neighborhood." Congratulations to all the dedicated volunteers!

NARI Tour Includes House on Lakeside Street

NARI's Annual Tour of Remodeled Homes will feature a home at 634 W. Lakeside. Purchase a ticket at any of the sites for admission to all sites on Tour Day. For more information and a map of the sites, visit www.NARIMadison.org or call 222-0670. The tour takes place on Sunday, June 3, between 9:30 and 4:30. Tickets of \$10/family may be purchased at any site on the day of the tour. Bring this newsletter for ½ off your ticket price (only \$5 per family).

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES (continued)

City Now Accepting Styrofoam at Dropoff Sites

Clean styrofoam can be dropped at 1501 W. Badger Road. It must be in clear or white plastic bags. See <http://www.cityofmadison.com/streets/recycling/styrofoamSaturday.cfm>

Alley Cat (Scavenger Hunt) Bike Ride and Race

Alley Cat (scavenger hunt) Ride and Race (formerly Ride and Dine) will be held on July 7. Check www.facebook.com/mononabay for more info on this family friendly event.

Ride with Madison Police Dept

Officers from the South District Community Policing Team (SCPT) will join Bay Creek residents for a bike ride on Sun, June 24 at 3:00 p.m. The ride will start at the Madison Baha'i Center, 324 W. Lakeside St.. This is a great opportunity to see your neighbors and meet the officers who work in Bay Creek.

BCNA Meeting Summary, May 14, 2012

By Dan Kennelly

Shawn Engel from the Madison Police Department attended the meeting. He is the new Sergeant for the South Madison Community Policing Team and is interested in getting to know the neighbors. Sean plans to work with the neighborhood to organize a bike ride with the police at a date TBD.

The Treasurer reported that the neighborhood association has \$357 in the account and \$400 of outstanding invoices. She plans to follow up on unpaid invoices for newsletter ads and continues to urge residents to pay the optional \$10 membership dues.

The South Metropolitan Planning Council representative reported that SMPC will be hiring an event planner to assist with organizing "Celebrate South Madison". The event will likely take place sometime in September and will be bigger and more in-depth than in years past. The SMPC representative also shared a new "Visit South Madison" map and business listing.

Friends of Olin Turville (FOOT) reported on the success of the May Concert Series and "Woods Walks" in the park that occurred throughout May. Additionally, FOOT reported on the "Water Walk" planned for July 6, 7, and 8 which will involve environmental awareness events that culminate in a community walk around Lake Monona on Sunday July 8. Anyone interested in volunteering or participating in the Water Walk should contact Andria Blattner at ablattner22@charter.net.

The Bay Creek Welcome Sign project planned for Olin Avenue is moving forward. The estimated budget for the project is \$13,000 in materials and labor. The Neighborhood Association was awarded a 2011 City Neighborhood Grant Award committing \$7,000 in funds for the project. So, an additional \$6,000 needs to be raised.

The chair of the Bay Creek Neighborhood "Welcome Committee" was re-elected to the post and Sariah Daine was appointed as sub-area representative for the Romnes Apartments. Sariah also informed the group that police calls at Romnes are down 50% from last year.

The 4th of July Neighborhood Potluck will take place again this year at the usual location (picnic tables in the park next to the Goodman Pool).

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