



# Bay Creek Bulletin

## Construction Runoff Concerns

By Sara Richards

Residents on West Shore Drive have reported repeated runoff since last summer from the Ghidorzi Construction site at the intersection of Park and Fish Hatchery. Residents reported brown water discharge on many occasions. When a city inspector went to the site of the new clinic in April, he reported that Ghidorzi was not out of compliance but that on April 9 maintenance was needed to the erosion control. On April 17 when he again inspected the site after reports of more brown water, the maintenance appeared to be complete and that again technically Ghidorzi was in compliance with city ordinances.

The erosion controls include rocks in place to control mud tracking as well as silt socks around the perimeter to filter the water. It is possible that water is still brown colored after it passes through the silt socks but nevertheless it meets the minimum for compliance.

A Department of Natural Resources (DNR) stormwater expert observed in an email that turbid water is to be expected from a construction site with exposed soil and recommended vegetation on the site as soon as possible as the ultimate prevention measure for runoff. On May 20 Ghidorzi seeded and applied a polymer to stabilize the site. Ghidorzi commented that they took action as soon as the weather permitted.

Sue Ellingson, 13<sup>th</sup> district alder, relayed reports to the city of styrofoam in the Bay. The city sent a crew to retrieve the styrofoam at the contractor's expense. Even though it was not all retrieved, the efforts were deemed adequate by the DNR. Alder Ellingson observed that we should have tougher rules but at this time we don't and it appears that those in place are being observed and enforced. She has been appointed recently to the Committee on the Environment where she plans to request that this issue be addressed. How effectively it can be addressed may be limited by legislative proposals to set construction runoff standards at the state level rather than permitting localities to do so.

Lisie Kitchel from Friends of Monona Bay (FOMB) notes "it is unfortunate that the City does not enforce its own rules concerning erosion control, this is constant throughout the city and contributes to the decline in water quality in our lakes. Erosion prevention is not hard and there are easy ways to contain sediment on a site." She reported that FOMB has received numerous complaints about runoff from residents along the Bay.

Some residents who have been actively monitoring the runoff and reporting it to the city agree that rules should be tougher. One eloquently stated in an email to involved officials, "Maybe the question shouldn't be are they in compliance, but rather what can we all do to make sure construction doesn't impact our waterways?"

*We hope to have a follow-up article in the next issue. If you would like to comment, email [leftpaintedtoenail@hotmail.com](mailto:leftpaintedtoenail@hotmail.com). For photos of runoff see <http://friendsofmononabay.blogspot.com/>*

### Bay Creek Billboard

**Sat June 15 Take a Stake in the Lakes Cleanup & Picnic**  
**Cleanup 9:00 am to noon, picnic starts at noon.**

**Sat July 13, 10:00 am – Noon Shoreline clean up 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](mailto:ninaj@wisc.edu), phone: 258-1788 or 698-9708.

**Fri June 21 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm Monthly neighborhood gathering at Make Music Madison.** Bernie's Beach will be a venue for Make Music Madison! Please join us there for the monthly neighborhood social hour and help support this community wide event. Children are welcome!

**Thurs 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.

**Mon July 8 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 Sara Richards 710 Spruce St 53715. Please make checks payable to BCNA.

**Fri July 19 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm Monthly neighborhood gathering at Lakeside Coffee** 402 W. Lakeside St. Please join us for the monthly neighborhood social hour, children are welcome!

**Sat Aug 3, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm 5th Annual Wagon Drive at Franklin School.** This project collects food and other supplies, please see article on page 6 for details.

**Friends of Olin Turville (FOOT)** For info on future meetings and other events, please go to [olin-turville.org](http://olin-turville.org).

**First Wednesday of each month, Friends of Monona Bay**  
124 S. Brooks St., Rm 1, 6:30 pm.

## Former Bay Creek “resident” graduates from UW Odyssey Project

By Pam Gates

Our granddaughter Shalonda spent a lot of time in Bay Creek when she was growing up. She’s now grown, has a son, and lives in Fitchburg, but she works at St. Mary’s and just celebrated a milestone that Bay Creek residents might like to know about, since it happens every year so close to our neighborhood: Shalonda and 29 other students have just graduated from the University of Wisconsin Odyssey Project, each of them earning six credits in the humanities. This is the 10<sup>th</sup> class to graduate from this very special program.

If you ever visited the Goodman South Madison Branch Library on a Wednesday evening during the school year, you surely noticed the bustle of activity in the large meeting room. A class was obviously taking place. That class was the UW Odyssey Project, an opportunity for high school grads with financial barriers to higher education to launch their college careers.

Students in the Odyssey Project earn their credits while reading, thinking about, and discussing Plato, Socrates, Abraham Lincoln, Martin Luther King Jr., Walt Whitman, Langston Hughes, Frederick Douglass, Emily Dickinson, Lorraine Hansberry, Shakespeare, and more. They act out scenes from plays and write editorials, essays, and poems. They visit museums and hear from visiting professors. They leave every Wednesday rejuvenated, as Shalonda’s classmate Michelle Reams said, and they finish their course the same way.

May 8 was graduation day. The students received certificates for completion of the course. They heard from Mayor Soglin, who said that never had he been in the Memorial Union’s Great Hall surrounded by so many dedicated scholars. They heard from Emily Auerbach, their main professor and Odyssey Project director, who promised that Odyssey would support them as much as possible as they continued their pursuit of higher education.

The students also heard from each other. Each of them made a brief presentation based on the class work: a poem or something else they had read in class, or something they had written themselves. Shalonda based her reading on Plato’s “Allegory of the Cave”:

“My father was adopted by a white woman and man. Most of my childhood, I felt as if I was in a cave, somewhat embarrassed to have white grandparents. I love my grandparents to death, but growing up it was hard for me to go out in public and have people stare and mumble at me (“Why is that little black girl with those white people?”) I’m the shy type, so to me it wasn’t a good feeling at all. I didn’t like people judging me or questioning the fact that I had white grandparents.

“I’m 25 now, and I feel like I have come to the light because I don’t care what people have to say about it ... because I’m proud to be the granddaughter of Pamela and Gary Gates.”

Not all the readings were as emotional as that one, but all came straight from the heart and were delivered with passion, the passion of a person whose voice has been recognized and respected and who feels s/he has something to say. Without a doubt, all 30 of these grads had something worthwhile to say and had the inner fire to say it to a hall full of classmates, supporters, instructors, staff, alumni, family, and friends. We wish them all the best as they continue in “overcoming adversity and achieving dreams through higher education!”

*To learn more about the UW Odyssey Project, visit [www.odyssey.wisc.edu](http://www.odyssey.wisc.edu). Student applications are being accepted until July 1. Find one online or pick one up at the Goodman South Madison Library. Donations and volunteers to keep the project running are always appreciated as well; for more information visit the website or call 263-6735.*

The next issue of the Bulletin will have another article in the “Our Old Houses” series. The Bay Creek house pictured here is believed to have been built in 1893 →→→→→→→→→→→→→→→→→→



Gary Gates & granddaughter Shalonda



# BCNA May 13, 2013 Meeting Minutes

By Carol Medaris

Bob Stoffs called the meeting to order a few minutes past 6:30.

**ALLIANT ENERGY CENTER UPGRADE:** Mark Clarke, new executive director, described the upgrade planned for the facility. The Livestock Exhibition Space Improvement project is planned for the 8 acre space in the northwest quadrant of the center but will replace the 9 barns currently on site with two large buildings within the same footprint. He described the advanced ventilation and lighting system planned for the new facility and said construction is expected to begin in August of this year and be completed by April 2014. Funding will be a combination of state and county grants and private funds, including possible naming rights.

**MAKE MUSIC MADISON:** Elizabeth Simcock made a brief, enthusiastic pitch for the June 21st event. Plans for our neighborhood include events at Bernie's Beach and Cargo Coffee, and it is anticipated that there will be many private spaces used and participation by professional musicians as well as complete amateurs.

**DISABILITY PRIDE FESTIVAL:** This event is scheduled for July 27th at Brittingham Park from noon to 6 p.m. Information was provided about a kick-off event planned for May 24th, 7 p.m., at the Brink Lounge, including a talent search.

**ALDER SUE ELLINGSON'S REPORT:** There have been numerous complaints about runoff on the major South Park Street construction. Alder Ellingson says that there has been compliance recently with requirements, but there is still observable runoff during major rainstorms. She is a member of the city Committee on the Environment which will be meeting May 20th where this problem will be further addressed. On other matters 1) Tacqueria Guadalajara expects to reopen in the same space after extensive repairs are made following the fire that occurred several months ago; 2) Traffic improvements expected include islands on Fish Hatchery Road; 3) the Cedar Street extension is going back in; 4) the lease for a boat rental operation at Brittingham Park has been approved.

**FRIENDS OF OLIN-TURVILLE (FOOT):** Tom DeChant reported that the burn clean-out around the old oak trees has made a big difference in the appearance of the park as well as improving habitat. Garlic mustard weed pulls continue to be scheduled. More concerts are planned (I heard very good reports on the recent Chris Plata event) and movies (!), with one scheduled for June 20th. Also, the blue bird houses should be up by the time you receive this newsletter. The best way to keep up-to-date on events planned as well as volunteer opportunities is through the FOOT website: [olin-turville.org](http://olin-turville.org).

**BAY CREEK POTLUCK:** The annual July 4th potluck at noon in Goodland Park.

**BERNIE'S BEACH WEED /ALGAE BARRIER:** This will go up again this season.

**CELEBRATE SOUTH MADISON:** This event, sponsored by the South Madison Planning Council will take place this year on September 14th at the Labor Temple.

**NEIGHBORHOOD SIGN:** Progress is continuing on the sign going up across from the Goodland Pool. Construction is due to begin in June. Dan Kennelly and Judy Robinson are working with the city on this. A question was raised about the decision-making process for approving the design and placement of the sign. Because of timing the meeting was adjourned.

Judy Robinson agreed to chair the next regular bi-monthly meeting scheduled for the second Monday in July.

## NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES

### **Message from St. Mark's Food Pantry**

St. Mark's Food Pantry wants YOU! We are gearing up for a wonderful summer of serving our neighbors and are hoping to encourage friendly vegetable gardeners to share unused bounty with us - we love being able to provide fresh produce. AND, don't forget that we are always looking for new friends to help us in our quest to increase food security in Madison! Contact Sarah Gillmore at [foodpantrystm@gmail.com](mailto:foodpantrystm@gmail.com) if interested in volunteering or with questions - and feel free to stop by when we're open on Tuesdays 9am-Noon and Thursdays 5:30-7:45pm.

### **New Dane County Hazardous Waste Site**

Dane County officially opened its new Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility on May 1, 2013. Named Clean Sweep, the facility was designed to be operated year-round. It features expanded waste handling capabilities and an area devoted to product exchange. It is located at the Dane County Landfill site, 7102 US Hwy. 12&18, Madison, WI 53718. Hours of operation are Tuesday through Friday, 7:00 am - 2:45 pm and Saturdays from 8:00 am till 10:45 am.

New fees of \$10/trip apply with another \$10 for each TV or computer monitor.

Call (608) 243-0368 for additional details or visit [www.danecountycleansweep.com](http://www.danecountycleansweep.com).

### **CampHERO Returns**

CampHERO, launched in 2012, was an experience 177 girls will not forget! The girls ranged from Kindergarten through 12th grade. They had the opportunity to “train” with Firefighters, Police Officers, EMT/paramedics and dispatchers. The girls had the chance to spray a real fire hose wearing firefighting boots and helmets. They learned how to dust for finger prints in order to find the ‘bad guy’ and how to put on a c-collar and strap an injured person to a backboard. Those are only a few exciting things happening at CampHERO.

Details can be found at [www.facebook.com/camphero4girls](http://www.facebook.com/camphero4girls) or by request at [camphero@charter.net](mailto:camphero@charter.net).

### **OutUGo Opens on Lakeside Street**

This new business occupies the former Chakra House space. Owner Lisa Hartman offers dog walking, pet and house sitting, and pet taxi rides as well as other services.

### **Old Gas Stations on Park Street**

Jerry Tiftt who grew up in the Bay Creek neighborhood is looking for photos of old gas stations on Park Street which was known as Gasoline Alley 1940-1960's. Jerry can be contacted by email at [jetiftt@att.net](mailto:jetiftt@att.net) or by phone at 273-0466 or 338-3035 (cell).

### **Take a Stake in Lakes Picnic**

Annual Take a Stake in the Lakes Picnic! Saturday June 15 from 9-12 (picnic starts at noon) with excellent food provided by local restaurants. For folks of all ages, come and support our neighborhood and the Bay and join us for lunch (even if you are not able to help cleanup this time).

### **Bay Creek Neighbors Continued Support**

Donations towards the new sign continue to arrive. Thank you to Doug and Kari Noot who contributed.

### **5th Annual Wagon Drive By Sandy Fowler**

Five years ago a 7 year old kid and a couple of her friends held their first two wagon drives on the corner of Lakeside and Lawrence Streets. Wow! Neighborhood support has been overwhelmingly awesome. Thank you to everyone who has provided a wagon, tents, balloons, artwork, time, money, baked goodies, and of course school supplies and non-perishable food items. A special thanks to Scott at the Subway Park Street for providing lunch last year and to Copps for providing ice. A special late thank you to Marci Speich (another mom) for running the bake sale part of the drive last year.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, August 3rd and drop off your donations any time between 9AM - 2PM in wagons that will be lined up in front of Franklin Elementary. Rain date will be Sunday August 4th.

Once again we will be collecting food for the St. Mark's Lutheran Church Food Pantry. School supplies will be collected for kids in need at Franklin and Randall School, and the Madison School District's Transition Education Program (support for homeless kids). New this year, we also will be collecting items for The Road Home.

If you want to volunteer or to donate before or after the drive, please call 608-772-1242 or email [wagon-drive@charter.net](mailto:wagon-drive@charter.net) or. Watch for emails about specific needs. Check us out and like us on Facebook.

Unfortunately we cannot and will not hand out supplies the day of the drive. We need to ensure the kids we know about have supplies to take to school the first day. If you need help please visit St. Mark's Lutheran Church or contact your school social worker.

In any case, let's celebrate! Please stop by for cake and lemonade the day of the drive.

**Transition Education Program Wish List:** hygiene supplies, glue sticks (no glue bottles), markers (wide or narrow point), master combination locks for lockers, erasers, colored pencils, 3 x 5 lined index cards, inexpensive calculators for younger children, facial tissue, small dictionaries, backpacks (large for middle & high school students), baggies - gallon or sandwich size, pencils. For more ideas see <https://stusveweb.madison.k12.wi.us/TEP>

**The Road Home Wish List:** diapers/pull-up training pants sizes 4, 5 & 6, baby wipes, toilet paper, shampoo/conditioner, African American hair care products (suggested: Africa's Best, Pink Oil Moisturizer, Oil Sheen Hair Spray, Pro Style Hair Gel, Jam Hair Gel, Murray Palm Aid, Hair Grease & VO5 Hot Oil Treatment), soap, deodorant, razors, feminine hygiene products (tampons/pads), laundry detergent, bleach, dish soap, cleaning supplies, gas or grocery cards. Also see <http://trhome.org/index.php>

## **South Madison Coalition of the Elderly**

**News for Neighborhood Seniors:** The South Madison Coalition of the Elderly invites you to come to Romnes Apartments, 540 W. Olin Avenue, or Quaker Housing, 2015 Taft St. for lunch at 11:30 am. Mondays-Fridays. Cost is regularly \$3.50, but on a donation basis for anyone 60 or over. Lunch reservations are needed at least 24 hours in advance; call the South Madison Coalition of the Elderly at 251-8405. Stay after lunch for special activities listed below.

**Pick Up Your Farmers Market Vouchers and Join in Celebrating Two All-American Holidays:** On Friday, June 14, get ready to celebrate two all-American holidays: Juneteenth and Father's Day. Get an early start with a favorite Juneteenth meal of barbecued ribs and Sweet Potato Pie. Dads will be honored with appreciative words and a gift. If you're a guy, why not wear a tie?

Also on Friday, June 14, Farmers' Market Vouchers will be distributed at Romnes from 11 a.m.-12 noon and at Quaker from 1-2 p.m. The vouchers are good for purchasing \$25 worth of fresh produce at Dane County Farmers Markets this season. You are eligible to receive vouchers if you are 60 or older, have gross income of less than \$21,257 for one person, or \$28,694 for two-person household. There is a limit of one set of vouchers per household.

To get vouchers, bring a picture ID showing your birth date, plus one of the following showing your income: 2012 income tax, 2012 Homestead Credit form, Social Security allotment statement, or most recent subsidized housing review letter. If another person is picking up for you, he or she must bring an application completed and signed by you. Applications are available by calling 261-5678.

**Urban Music Line Dancers:** This is your chance to try line dancing! As part of Make Music Madison (the free citywide, outdoor musical event) on Friday, June 21, the Urban Music Line Dancers will perform and teach line dancing to whoever is willing to try. Learn and participate or just enjoy the music and the action at:

Romnes Apartments, 540 W. Olin Avenue 12-1:00 pm

and at Quaker Housing, 2015 Taft Street 1:30-2:30 pm

Both buildings have patio space so dancing will be held outdoors; weather permitting.

Refreshments will be served following the performances. You are invited to attend lunch before the performance.

The menu for the day includes baked lemon fish, cheesy potatoes, beets, a wheat roll and fresh fruit.

**Looking for a Place to Play Euchre?** We know you are out there! We need more players so we can field more tables of four. Stay after lunch or stop by at Romnes on Monday afternoons for some friendly competition from 1-3 pm. We provide a variety of snacks. Questions? Call 251-8405.

### **News from Olin-Turville By Andria Blattner**

It's amazing how quickly we can go from spring to almost summer. Magnolia flowers are done and lilacs are at their peak. Irises have replaced tulips. The migrants ducks and warblers are up north and the local birds are nesting – many young already in the nests.

Turville Point Conservation park had a busy winter and spring. City crews cut brush making piles for the burn. FOOT members raked around the trunks of dead trees and ones with shaggy bark to protect the trees that many birds and animals use for their homes or food supply – think woodpeckers. The day after the burn Audubon had a warbler walk. We saw 60 species, 10 warblers and a few smoldering logs. The appearance of the woods on the bay side is quite open now –the goal being to recreate the oak savannah that covered the land pre-settlement. Russ Hefty is leading a walk through Turville Point July 10 at 6:30 to explain this project.

The Olin-Turville Bluebird trail is almost done – one more birdhouse to pick up and install. I'll be monitoring these nests each week and discouraging house sparrows. We also hope to install bluebird houses around Quann dog park and community garden. On the Audubon walk we saw a Prothonotary Warbler, beautiful little yellow bird, which inspired Paul Noeldner to find a Prothonotary warbler house which we installed in the wetland next to the Turville parking lot. Paul and I also watched a pair of Northern water thrush feeding along the log in the wetland. A new bird for me.

The weed warriors scheduled a garlic mustard pull on May 19. They have worked here for 10 years and to quote Lisie "... the areas that used to be the worst are vastly improved." Other invasives especially Dames Rocket were also attacked. I started weeding around the parking lot and didn't get much farther than the fence. It occurred to me that taking care of a small area would be a good idea so I decided to adopt the fence along the parking lot. If anyone else would like to adopt a small do-able part of the park let me know (email [ablattner22@charter.net](mailto:ablattner22@charter.net)). I have tools and could show you the plants to remove. That would be a great way to get to know the park better.

**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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*Make Music Madison is a free, public celebration of music all across Madison on Friday, June 21st.*

*Please go to [www.makemusicmadison.org](http://www.makemusicmadison.org) for more info.*

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