



# Bay Creek Bulletin

## Bay Creek Sign Installed

Our new Bay Creek sign is now complete. The edible landscaping phase of the project will be done in spring 2014 but the sign itself is finished. It has been a long process and we have received a tremendous amount of support. Landscape architect Ken Saiki did the original consultation free of charge, engineer Rodney Helt donated his expertise to assure that the wooden form used to mold the sign was structurally sound. K.R.Kustoms Metal Finishing of Stoughton donated the cost of powder coating the steel lettering. Hatch Building Supply gave us discounts on many of the materials, Badger Contractors donated the use of equipment. Graphic artist Mike Tinscher of T Design did the layout of the metal lettering and the engraved names for free. Glass artist Wren George donated a substantial portion of the cost of doing the sandblasting. Todd Gebert of Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District helped us design a site plan that was to the benefit of both the district and the neighborhood. Linda Horvath from the City's Department of Planning & Community & Economic Development was always available to assist as we navigated the process.

Many volunteers who worked on the sign will be at the Bay Creek potluck on Monday, January 13. Please come and meet the talented people who helped create this fabulous work of art. A few special thanks are in order: one to Jeff Scott of Artisan Design and Finishing for his guidance and support. Another to John Meister and Tim Manderbach for tying rebar and welding. And a heartfelt thanks to Aaron Laux for coordinating the entire process and doing an enormous portion of the work. Many other people in the neighborhood contributed their time and talents. This was a community project in the truest sense of the word; it brought neighbors together and created many friendships that will hopefully continue now that the project is complete.

Aaron's wife, Liz Stevenson, had a front row seat to the entire process and pitched in whenever possible. She commented that it was impressive to see the tenacity and enthusiasm of this group of people who each had their own special skills. She added that they took ownership of this project and wanted to see it completed.

The volunteers who worked on the installation include Dan George, Matt Lohmann, Andrew McManigal, Amy Mietzel, Jim Merett, Marie Seguin, Tim Sullivan, Rob Summerville and Alisa Toninato. Many others from the neighborhood provided support in numerous ways over the years. Since this was a very lengthy project, there may be people who helped at various stages that are not listed here including all those who donated funds. If so, please know that that your help was greatly appreciated and that you helped create an enduring symbol of community that will represent Bay Creek for many years to come.



### Bay Creek Billboard

**Sat Dec 14 & Jan 11, 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, phone: 258-1788 or 698-9708.

**Fri Dec 13 and Fri Jan 17 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm Monthly neighborhood gathering at Lakeside Coffee** 402 W. Lakeside Street. Please join us for the monthly neighborhood social hour. The December get together will be a cookie exchange but cookies are **not** required. Children are welcome! See page 7 for info on another type of get together that has been suggested for the winter months.

**Mon Jan 13 5:30 pm BCNA Annual potluck and Bi-Monthly meeting** The annual BCNA potluck will precede the January 13, 2014, BCNA meeting at the Bahai Center, 324 W. Lakeside Street. The potluck starts at 5:30 and the meeting begins 6:30 and runs until 7:45. Please bring your own beverage, plates, silverware, and a dish to pass. Children are welcome. 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.

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

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

# Bay Creek Nov 11, 2013 Meeting Minutes

By Carol Medaris

Cathryn Hatle called the meeting to order at 6:30. (The meeting was held at Barriques for this date only as the Bahai Center was unavailable.)

**COUNTY BUDGET** Kyle Richmond reported that the county budget submitted by County Executive Joe Parisi of over \$500 million is expected to be finalized by Thanksgiving. Over half the budget goes for Human Services, with the rest funding Public Safety, Parks and Recreation, Land Use, and other functions. Some important projects are 1) Water quality, including \$2 million for phosphorus reduction, and establishing a second manure digester, working with the Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District; 2) Mental health teams at Sun Prairie and Verona schools (amended to include the Madison Metropolitan School District); 3) Early Childhood Zones to support neighborhoods helping challenged kids, to include Allied Drive and others; 4) Homeless services--in addition to finding more permanent shelter space, temporary space is being sought for daytime needs such as storage space and shower facilities.

**RHYTHM AND BOOMS LOCATION** Kyle reported that questions are still being raised about the effect on Lake Monona of the proposed move of this 4th of July event from Warner Park. He and other Board members are urging caution and more analysis of reports predicting no long-term effects will result. Another site being suggested is over John Nolen Drive.

**FOSSIL FUEL DIVESTMENT** The County will be represented at the Seattle Divestment Forum led by Seattle mayor McGinn.

**WEEDCUTTERS ON MONONA BAY** Several people commented on how well the weedcutting went this year and how thorough a job was done.

**PUBLIC SCHOOLS & DIVERSITY** Sindhu Raju reported on efforts being made to facilitate community participation in Madison school-based activities, focusing on groups with particular barriers to participation, e.g. low socio-economic families, English as a second language, and racist issues. She has been travelling to different schools, to get a sense of both the problems faced and suggestions for solutions. She said the goal of the committee is 100 per cent community participation.

**GUN RESOLUTION** Dan Kennelly reviewed the history of the gun resolution which was proposed after Sandy Hook. A large proportion of the attendees at tonight's meeting were in favor of approving a resolution. The final wording of the resolution will be in the February 2014 newsletter so that members will have notice in order to take a formal position on it at the March meeting. [Editor's note: see page 7 for a draft of the resolution.]

**BY-LAWS DISCUSSION** The meeting divided into small groups to discuss the following questions: 1)Who decides by-law changes? People at meetings or a larger group? 2)Are there different classes of decisions requiring different procedures? E.g. if money of a certain amount is to be spent? 3)How will members be informed of upcoming decisions? Newsletter? Website? 4)How do we know when a decision is final? How is it communicated? We then discussed the issues in the group as a whole. The by-law committee will organize the responses and bring up the result at the January meeting. It was tentatively decided that the proposed changes will appear in the following Bay Creek Bulletin to be discussed and voted on at the March meeting.

Because we were running out of time, a motion was made to extend the meeting for 15 minutes. Seconded and passed.

**FRIENDS OF OLIN-TURVILLE (FOOT)** The popular, annual Candlelight ski and hot chocolate event is scheduled for February 15th. Members are urged to come even if they are not skiers to walk the trails or just enjoy the bonfire and hot chocolate.

**WINGRA CREEK RESTORATION** The city committee will meet in January, date to be determined.

**SOUTH MADISON PLANNING COUNCIL** meets the third Monday of every month at 6 p.m. in the Villager. Anyone can attend these meetings.

**NEWSLETTER** will be a bit late because of Thanksgiving. It will be delivered the first week-end in December. We discussed the need to raise the ad rates a bit, and it was moved, seconded and passed to raise the rates 10 per cent, effective with the February 2014 edition.

**TREASURER REPORT** Judy Robinson announced that we are in the black. In addition, we have the money from the city for the edible landscaping in the Gateway so the next step is to develop plans for the project. Several people expressed interest in meeting after tonight's meeting to discuss this further.

**FRIENDS OF MONONA BAY (FOMB)** Their neighborhood group also felt that the weed-cutting went well. The barrier at Bernie's Beach will stay there for another year, but the water quality was not as good as when the barrier was at Brittingham. Brittingham Boats was new this year and was a huge success, from the point of view of the neighbors as well as the owners. (Continued on next page)

Meeting adjourned at 8:05.

Next meeting, January 13th, is our annual pot luck at the Bahai Center, with dinner at 5:30 before our regular meeting scheduled for 7 p.m. Cathryn Hatle will be the facilitator again.

## **Meeting on Wingra Creek** **By Andria Blattner and Ron Shutvet**

A public meeting was held on October 17, 2013, by the City of Madison Engineering Department to seek input for the restoration of Wingra Creek from the stone railroad bridge near Quann Park to Olin Avenue, including the creek bank adjacent to the dog park. The goal is to restore the creek to a more natural appearance and to maximize its biodiversity so that all the living things using the creek - water plants, birds, turtles, snakes, frogs, fish and invertebrates - thrive. A more user friendly creek will benefit canoe and kayak enthusiasts, pedestrian/bike path users, dog park users, and fishermen. Minimal requirements are bank stabilization and storm water treatment.

Some options discussed were (1) installation of a stone rapids weir near the mouth of Wingra Creek to control the minimum water level, (2) construction of meanders (bends) in the stream bed, (3) dredging to narrow and deepen the channel.

The required bank stabilization would probably require removal of most of the trees and existing vegetation along the creek bank. Options (2) and (3) would probably require removal of additional trees and brush even further from the creek bank. Many people were concerned about removing trees especially along the dog park since the trees provide the only shade and trees cannot be planted on the land fill. Some questioned whether the trees would need to be removed and asked the city to try to save as many as possible.

Alternatives to the meanders in (2) are creation of littoral shelves (berms of earth) in the channel and floating wetlands. These structures provide for emergent vegetation and vary the types of habitats available.

Other topics discussed were an area for dogs to swim without getting too muddy as well as putting in canoe and fishing access points.

City Engineering is now preparing multiple design options for another public meeting in January or February. The options will include one or more designs showing the narrowing and deepening of the channel, with constructed bends or littoral shelves to create meanders. The channel geometry will be analyzed both with and without the installation of a stone rapids weir near the mouth of Wingra Creek. A weir can control the minimum water level in the creek during times of drought and in winter when the county lowers the water level of Lake Monona. The county lowers the water level of Lake Monona both to minimize ice damage to the shoreline and to create a buffer to manage lake water levels during spring snow melt and heavy spring rains. [Editor's note: see article below for more info on why a weir is being considered for Wingra Creek.]

City Engineering's website has more information about the restoration of Wingra Creek: <http://www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/stormwater/WingraCreek.cfm>

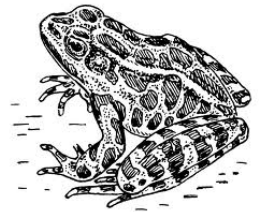
Or <http://www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/stormwater/documents/Summary.pdf>

## **What Is a Weir?** **By Ron Shutvet**



A weir is a barrier across a river designed to alter its flow characteristics. A stone rapids weir near the mouth of Wingra Creek will help to maintain a sufficient water level in the creek during the winter to protect the turtles and frogs that burrow into the soft mud along the banks of the creek to hibernate. Currently the creek water level can get so low in mid to late winter that frost can penetrate to the hibernating turtles and frogs killing them. The weir would be constructed to look like a natural rapids when the water is low but

during most of the year the higher lake water level will cause the rapids at the weir to disappear. With a well-designed weir, canoes and kayaks could maneuver both up and down stream over the weir area most of the time from April through October when the lake is maintained at the summer target water elevation. Two sand and gravel landings with a short portage path between them and around the weir would be installed as part of the weir design so watercraft can easily be portaged around the weir during low water flow.



# South Madison Coalition of the Elderly

## Holiday Party December 25

Madison Senior Center 330 W. Mifflin St. Wednesday, December 25 11:00am—2:30pm

Free rides available if you are unable to drive.

Reservations and ride requests needed no later than 12:00 noon on Thursday, December 19. Call 251-8405 (No admission, but donations appreciated)

All older adults are invited to our annual Holiday Party. Catch up with friends and enjoy a delicious holiday feast. Doors open at 11 am for a social hour with hors d'oeuvres followed by a noon, sit down dinner of roast turkey and all the trimmings. Holiday entertainment with a dash of humor will be provided by guitarist John Dugglesby.

## Like to Wrap Gifts?

West Towne Mall, Thursday, December 19, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

You can help raise funds for **South Madison Coalition of the Elderly** by volunteering to wrap holiday gifts at West Towne. Mall customers bring purchases to the wrapping station and make a donation to our agency in exchange for having us wrap their gifts. This event has proven to be a good fund-raising event for our agency, as well as a fun way to get into the holiday spirit. More volunteer gift-wrappers would make it even better!!

To join us for an hour or two of gift-wrapping fun, please contact our coordinator, Joan, by Monday, December 16. Call 251-8405, ext. 18, or email her at [volunteer@smcelder.com](mailto:volunteer@smcelder.com).

## Volunteers Needed to be “Snow Buddies”

Are you an able-bodied older adult who likes working outdoors? We are approaching the snow shoveling season and find ourselves in real need of volunteers to help out seniors who are not able to shovel, but can't afford to pay someone. We seek shovelers who can be called on relatively short notice as the weather demands, even if you could only help out once or twice. Please call 251-8405 to talk it over with our volunteer coordinator. Thank you!

**South Madison Coalition of the Elderly wishes you a very happy holiday season!!**

## NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES

### Bay Creek Get Together and Cookie Exchange

The next monthly Bay Creek gathering will be on Friday, Dec. 13 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Lakeside Coffee 402 W Lakeside. Folks are welcome but **not** required to bring their favorite cookies to share and exchange.

### Christmas Carols & Cookies

Join St. Mark's Lutheran Church 605 Spruce St on Sunday, Dec. 22 from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. to enjoy Christmas cookies and a Christmas hymn sing along. This gathering is not just for members of St. Mark's, everyone in the community is welcome.

### BCNA January Potluck

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Are you interested in becoming more involved in BCNA? At this meeting candidates are nominated for the March elections.

### Candlelight Ski and Hot Chocolate on February 15 at Olin-Turville

Enjoy a unique winter event in one of Madison's beautiful places. Ski scenic, moonlit trails by candlelight, or just enjoy hot chocolate around a warming fire. This event is for all ages and will be held from 6:00-9:00 pm on Saturday, Feb. 15.

Come even if there's no snow –there will be hiking instead. Bring your skis or rent a pair in advance. Or just enjoy the warm fire and free hot chocolate. Help reduce waste by bringing your favorite mug. Meet at the Turville Point entrance off the south parking lot. Questions? Check the web at [www.olin-turville.org](http://www.olin-turville.org).

This event is hosted by Friends of Olin-Turville (FOOT) and Madison Parks Department.

# NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES

## **Family craft and game get together**

Would you be interested in attending a family craft and game get together sometime in late January or early February? The VFW has a room that can hold 200 people that they are willing to let us use free of charge. We could have it in the afternoon so children of all ages could attend. The crafts don't have to be elaborate. Some suggestions are construction paper, glue and scissors, beads and stamping kits for younger kids. Older children could play games or help the younger ones with crafts. This could also be an opportunity to design a neighborhood T-shirt.

We would need people to bring craft items and games to share and we'd also need volunteers to help watch each area. If you would be interested in attending or helping out, please call Judy Robinson at (608) 469-1218 or e-mail me at [treasurer@merr.com](mailto:treasurer@merr.com).

## **Draft of BCNA gun resolution**

**Bay Creek Neighborhood Association A resolution to declare assault rifles and handguns unwelcome in the Bay Creek Neighborhood and to urge state and national policymakers to pursue reasonable gun legislation**

**DRAFT 12-26-12**

**WHEREAS**, the Bay Creek Neighborhood Association and its residents want our neighborhood's schools, businesses, streets, and homes to be safe environments for people of all ages, particularly the neighborhood's children

**WHEREAS**, the recent tragedy at the Sandy Hook Elementary School – like so many similar tragedies before it – demonstrates that the safety of our neighborhood, and all neighborhoods, is jeopardized by the ease with which individuals can access handguns and assault rifles designed for the sole purpose of taking human life

**WHEREAS**, The United States has the most lenient gun access policies in the developed world and suffers **more gun deaths than all other developed nations on the planet combined**

**WHEREAS**, these data (combined with common sense) clearly demonstrates a link between the proliferation of dangerous guns in our society and the level of gun violence that occurs

**WHEREAS**, the national debate over gun policy has been hijacked by dangerous interest groups, led by the National Rifle Association, who use excessive political influence to further an extreme and dangerous policy agenda that rejects even the most reasonable restrictions on gun access

**WHEREAS**, in recent decades, there has been a pathetic lack of leadership and political courage among national policymakers on this issue, and a failure to stand up for common sense approaches to guns that are needed to protect our children from tragedies like Sandy Hook

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** The Bay Creek Neighborhood Association hereby declares that our neighborhood is a place where handguns and assault rifles are not welcome. They are not welcome in our schools, they are not welcome in our businesses, they are not welcome on our streets, and they are not welcome in our homes. These weapons – designed for the sole purpose of taking human life - are not welcome in Bay Creek.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Bay Creek Neighborhood Association (representing approximately 2,400 residents including 400 children) urges our state and national elected officials to exercise leadership and pursue reasonable gun policies needed to keep our neighborhood safe

## **28<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Blood Drive**

Exhibition Hall at the Alliant Energy Center

**Tuesday, December 24**

**7:00 am – 2:00 pm**

*For an appointment, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)  
or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)*

All presenting donors will receive a holiday t-shirt.  
Free parking, childcare, entertainment, refreshments & drawings!

The American Red Cross will be hosting a food & fund drive for Second Harvest Foodbank in conjunction with the Holiday Blood Drive. Please bring non-perishable food items or cash donations to the drive to help those facing hunger.

The need is constant.  
The gratification is instant.  
Give blood.™



## Bay Creek Calendar of Events

By Jim Winkle

Have you ever wanted to attend a neighborhood event that you read about in our newsletter, but missed it because you forgot to put it on your calendar? There's an easy way to get reminders via email and even hear about neighborhood events that aren't in the newsletter. But first, a little background.

The Bay Creek website at baycreekmadison.org has a "Calendar" section devoted to neighborhood events. This includes both BCNA-sponsored events like meetings and social events, as well as other events that take place in the neighborhood like free concerts organized by Friends of Olin-Turville. It also includes events that don't make it into the newsletter because of time constraints such as a candidate forum. Since its inception in 1998, there have been over 700 neighborhood events listed on the Calendar!

Events Listings: All upcoming events are listed in chronological order with the current events at the top. Events are categorized; to view events in just one category click on the category name, for example, click on "Meetings" to see just meetings. We continually add events to the calendar and add information to existing events as details firm up. We list only events that take place in Bay Creek (or very close by) or that affect the neighborhood.

Email Reminder: You can subscribe to get email reminders of events, either all events or just events in certain categories. If you want reminders for all events, simply enter your email address in the box and click the "Subscribe" button. If you want reminders for just events in certain categories, click on "Reminders", select the categories in which you are interested, enter your email address and click the "Subscribe" button. Either way, you'll receive an email letting you know your subscription was successful.

Adding an Event: You can even add an event to the Calendar. If you want to let the neighborhood know about a block cleanup or your rummage sale, just add it to the Calendar. To add an event, simply click "Add Event", fill out the short form, and click "Save Event" at the bottom.

Events bring us together as neighbors to shape and improve the neighborhood, educate us, and entertain us. Check out the Calendar and consider subscribing to the reminder service. If you change your mind, it's easy to unsubscribe later; instructions come with every email. If you don't have a computer, you can periodically check the Calendar using a computer at the library.

### New Advertising Rates

The newsletter is funded solely by advertising. Rates were raised last year for the first time in several years and we will be raising them again effective with the Feb/March 2014 issue. The 15% discount for advertising in three or more issues will continue.

A business card sized ad (2" by 3.5") will increase from \$33 to \$35 (Cost of three issues=\$89.25)

4" x 3.5" will increase from \$47 to \$50 (Cost of three issues=\$127.50)

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**The Frosted Pane  
by Evaleen Stein**  
When I wakened, very early,  
All my window-pane was pearly  
With a sparkling little picture traced in lines of shining white;  
Some magician with a gleaming  
Frosty brush, while I was dreaming,  
Must have come and by the starlight worked through all the  
quiet night.  
He had painted frosty people,  
And a frosty church and steeple,  
And a frosty bridge and river tumbling over frosty rocks;  
Frosty mountain peaks that glimmered,  
And fine frosty ferns that shimmered,  
And a frosty little pasture full of frosty little flocks.  
It was all touched in so lightly  
And it glittered, oh, so whitely,  
That I gazed and gazed in wonder at the lovely painted pane;  
Then the sun rose high and higher  
With his wand of golden fire  
Till, alas, my picture vanished and I looked for it in vain!  
Evaleen Stein (1863-1923) was an American poet and writer.

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Area 4—Central area between Lakeside St and Olin Ave  
Area 5—Tree streets  
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