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Bay Creek Bulletin

How Do You Measure the Value of a Lake?

By Theresa Vander Woude, Clean Lakes Alliance

This summer, the Clean Lakes Alliance (CLA) is conducting lake-user surveys at 50 lakeshore sites around the watershed. The surveys are designed to evaluate people's perceptions about the quality of our lakes, determine how people are using our lakes, and ultimately measure the economic value of our lakes to the community.

The CLA survey is an "intercept survey", which means that it "catches people as they are actively engaged in a lake activity", says Paul Dearlove, Watershed Program Manager at the Clean Lakes Alliance. Survey respondents with interest in exploring these lake issues further receive an invitation from University of Wisconsin social science researchers Adena Rissman and Ben Beardmore to take a follow-up, more in-depth, online survey. Together, these two surveys will provide our community with a better understanding of the perceptions about and impacts of our lakes.



Paul adds that the intercept survey "is the first of its kind in the Madison area" and that similar surveys in other areas have "spurred additional caring, stewardship, and investment in water quality improvement projects."

Clean Lakes Alliance aims to visit each of the 50 survey sites three times a month – each visit is three hours long, which adds up to nearly 1500 hours over the summer. Paul stressed that the survey will "accept volunteers all summer long," and that the volunteer experience can be tailored to individual schedules and availability. He added, "we want to make this a good experience for volunteers, even for those who have just a few hours to give".

Survey intern Kristin Groth shared, "You end up learning a lot just by talking. You get a sense for how the community feels and views our lakes."

Our volunteers have been out surveying since Memorial Day, and we have another month to go! To sign up to administer surveys at a lakeshore location near you, please contact Paul at paul@cleanlakesalliance.com or (608) 255-1000. Volunteers will complete a short training, and be provided a volunteer t-shirt and all survey materials.

Visit cleanlakesalliance.com for more information.

South Madison Farmers Market Hours

On Tuesdays and Sundays the South Madison Farmers Market is located at the Labor Temple Grounds on Park Street. On Tuesdays the market runs from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and on Sundays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. On Fridays the market is at the Villager Mall on Park St. and is open from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. On Mondays the market has a new location at 2500 Rimrock Road and is open from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Bay Creek Billboard

Tue Aug 12 Fall Primary Election. Bay Creek residents vote at Romnes Apartments 540 W Olin Ave. Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Sat Aug 16 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Bay Creek Garage Sale
See page 4 for more info.

Sat Aug 23 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. BCNA Ice Cream Social (by new sign across from Goodman Pool) and Celebrate South Madison 11: 00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. (at Madison Labor Temple 1602 S Park St). See page 5 for more info on both events.

Sat Aug 9 & Sept 13 10:00-11:30 a.m. Bird & Nature Walk at Turville Park. Meet at lower parking lot at end of Olin Ave.

Mon Sept 8 6:30 p.m. BCNA Bi-Monthly meeting at the Bahai Center, 324 W. Lakeside St. 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.

2nd Sat of every month 10:00 a.m. to noon Shoreline clean up with Friends of Monona Bay. Contact Nina for info Email: ninaj@wisc.edu, phone: 258-1788 or 698-9708.

Aug 13 (and 2nd Wed of every other month) 6:30 p.m. Friends of Monona Bay meeting at Barriques on Park St. Call Lisie for info: 266-5248

BCNA July 14, 2014 Meeting Summary

By Carol Medaris

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 by Judy Robinson.

TRAFFIC ON COLBY: Clayton Murray, a parent of a student at Woodland Montessori, led a discussion about the dangerous situation created for the school's students, especially while being dropped off and picked up before and after school. A group working on this wants to touch base with neighbors about possible solutions before beginning the approval process and is considering a number of traffic calming devices such as speed bumps on Colby and/or Van Deusen, narrowing the road with curb extensions, and a four-way stop sign. Clayton welcomes suggestions and comments at clayton.t.murray@gmail.com; 608/443-6813.

ALLIANT ENERGY CENTER DEVELOPMENT PLAN INTERVIEWS: Bob Stoffs reported on the Center's scheduling of a series of interviews with neighborhood representatives to discuss the feasibility of long-term development plans it is contemplating. The Center wishes to meet with three representatives of the neighborhood on July 25th. Jody Clowes contacted Bob; she plans to attend and hopes that others will, as well. Ron Shutvet and several others indicated an interest in going, but the general feeling was that a well-publicized public meeting would be a much more productive way to get real input. In addition, it was felt that people being interviewed this way could hardly be said to be "representative" of the neighborhood. There was no advance notice that representation was being sought nor was there any indication of what the Center has in mind.

BYLAWS REVISION: Ron Shutvet said that he and Linda Bauman had not had time to meet to prepare the final revisions for a vote pursuant to discussions at previous meetings. He noted that there were still two sections we'd not been able to reach agreement on: Article III.1.2.1 (posting agendas) and Article VII.4 (notice for large expenditures). We again discussed the choice between "shall" and "may" when providing for notice and what options we had for getting the notices out: the newsletter only comes out every other month and not everyone who may be interested in these issues is on the email list-serve, although Jim Winkle noted that the list-serve list has grown substantially. Using our newsletter distribution system for special notices involves time constraints as well as cost and distribution issues.

[Editor's note: The proposed bylaw changes and explanations are on the Bay Creek website, baycreekmadison.org]

CELEBRATE SOUTH MADISON: Bob Stoffs announced that this annual event is scheduled for August 23rd at the South Madison Labor Temple from 11 to 7 with food, music, and lots of enjoyable activities for children and adult residents of the neighborhood. Attendees were encouraged to mark their calendars!

TREASURER'S REPORT: Judy Robinson presented the treasurer's report with details on the use of the \$6000 grant from the city and \$5899 raised in donations for our new neighborhood sign and landscaping across from the pool. The report will be posted on our website. Volunteers worked hard on the tree planting, weeding and other landscaping and are just about done. Nice work!

FOOT REPORT AND OTHER MATTERS: 1) Ron Shutvet described an historic photographic panorama of the Bay Creek Neighborhood that was presented at the FOOT ice cream social and was very well-received. It will be displayed again at the Clean Lakes Festival July 26th at Law Park 11 a.m.-3 p.m. 2) The Full Moon Run on August 6th will assemble at Bernie's Beach at 8:30 and start at 9:00 p.m. 3) Yoga at the Olin Park Pavilion is 5:30, Thursday, July 17th and continues every other Thursday. 4) A dance series will be starting at Olin in September (see page 5 for more info).

Cathryn Hatle agreed to facilitate our September meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45.

King of Falafel on Park Street

By Sara Richards

A gas station may be an unlikely locale for mid-Eastern food but it's a hit with the neighbors and with gas station patrons. Meshel Aldae is the proprietor of this takeout restaurant in the Amstar station at the corner of Park and Olin. His warm personality and clear enthusiasm for good food permeate the small, neat establishment. Service is prompt and the menu is varied.

Meshel left Kuwait 18 years ago to attend school in Wisconsin. Then he married and worked as a translator. He loved to cook for family and friends so he agreed to prepare food for over a hundred people on a friend's birthday. Guests were very impressed and urged him to open a restaurant so he did "with absolutely no background in how to run a restaurant." King of Falafel was a popular downtown spot and now exists as a food cart on the Square.

But why in a gas station on Park Street? He is a friend of the owner who kept urging him to open another restaurant. Meshel told him, "If you build it, I will open it" and his friend did—to our benefit.

His Egyptian style falafel is made from scratch. The garbanzo beans are soaked, boiled, ground and shaped. Egyptian-style falafel has a green interior from vegetables mixed with the beans as opposed to other Mediterranean falafel with a brown or a grey interior. He believes in fresh food and stresses that many of his native foods are quite healthy. He cited hummus (garbanzo and tahini paste) and tabbouli (parsley, lemon, olive oil, and bulgar wheat) as examples. The way the meat is cooked for gyros on a vertical spit permits much of the fat to drip off as it's cooked.

The recipes used are his own (except for his mother's lentil soup). The menu features appetizers, salads, sandwiches and entrees. Some intriguing items are kibee balls which are meat croquettes and fattoosh which is a tasty salad with vegetables and toasted pita squares. Grape leaves stuffed with rice have a nice lemony tang. Sandwiches are available with beef, lamb, or chicken. Vegetarian options are falafel and eggplant with potato. There is also Italian beef on request; it's not listed on the regular menu. The lunch special between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. is hard to beat at \$9 for two sandwiches, two orders of fries, and two sodas.

The restaurant is currently open 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Meshel said he is considering opening earlier at the request of construction workers who like to pick up lunch at the restaurant. He said there is a line by 10:30 in the morning.

Don't feel like cooking? Stop in to pick up lunch or supper. I can personally attest that the falafel sandwich is delicious. Don't be afraid to order it with the pickles on it.

Do you have a favorite neighborhood restaurant to tell us about?

Please write a review and send it to Sara Richards (see back page for contact info).

Is Money Tight? Call the FoodShare Helpline at 1-877-366-3635.

FoodShare stretches your budget by depositing money on a debit-like card called the QUEST card once per month to help buy groceries. With one phone call you can see if you might be eligible and make an appointment in your area for free one-on-one application assistance.

You may qualify if your household's gross monthly income is less than

- \$1,916 for one person
- \$2,586 for two people
- \$3,256 for three people
- \$3,926 for four people

Did you know...

- 2/3 of eligible seniors are NOT claiming their benefits!
- You can own a home and car and still get benefits.
- Most people only receiving Social Security and even a small pension are eligible!
- The USDA estimates that for every \$5 spent in FoodShare benefits, about \$9 circulates through local businesses and to our farmers.
- Getting benefits does NOT take away from others. EVERYONE that is eligible will get benefits.

If your income is less than the amount shown for your household size, chances are good that you will be eligible. Call the FoodShare Helpline today to complete a confidential prescreening and make an appointment for free application assistance. Call today! 1-877-366-3635

MMoCA to Offer Docent Training This Fall By Erika Monroe-Kane, Director of Communications

The Madison Museum of Contemporary Art (MMoCA) invites open-minded, interested individuals to become docents. Docent training prepares people to facilitate engaging conversations and explorations of modern and contemporary art. The training is held at MMoCA, 227 State Street, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, Sept. 23 - Dec. 16.

During the twelve-week training course, docent trainees will learn about modern and contemporary art, art media and processes, behind-the-scenes museum operations, tour techniques, and more; a background in art and art history is not required.

Docents receive benefits such as private exhibition orientations with artists and curators and a 20% discount at MMoCA's award-winning Museum Store. There is no course fee beyond a \$25 cost for training materials. Docents should also become members of the museum at the individual level.

For more information, visit mmoca.org and click Get Involved/Docent Program, or contact Sheri Castelnuovo, curator of education, at 608.257.0158 or sheri@mmoca.org. Applications must be received by Sept. 5, 2014.

Bay Creek Calendar of Events By Jim Winkle

There's an easy way to get reminders via email and even hear about neighborhood events that aren't in the newsletter. The Bay Creek website at baycreekmadison.org has a "Calendar" section devoted to neighborhood events. This includes BCNA meetings and other events 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 or last minute agenda items at the bimonthly meetings.

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.

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

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES

BCNA Ice Cream Social



The annual BCNA Ice Cream Social will be held on Saturday, August 23, between 1 and 3 p.m. with a rain date of Sunday, August 24. Join us at the site of the new sign across from the Goodman Pool between Olin and Van Deusen. There will be vanilla, chocolate and vegan ice creams. Please bring a topping to share.

Would your kid(s) enjoy playing kickball before, during or after the ice cream social? If enough people are interested, the BCNA will organize a kickball game. If your family would like to participate, please contact Judy Robinson at treasurer@merr.com or (608) 469-1218.

Celebrate South Madison

The 6TH Annual CELEBRATE SOUTH MADISON FESTIVAL is also on Saturday, August 23 from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. This year's festival will be on the grounds of the Madison Labor Temple, 1602 S. Park St. Come join us for our next festival of fresh food, talented local musicians, kids crafts and many other fun things to do!

Food Carts in Brittingham Park

On Tuesdays in August, find Meet & Eat at Brittingham Park, 829 W. Washington Ave., overlapping with the new Brittingham Park Farmers' Market (3-6 p.m. Tuesdays through Sept. 23). Food carts are scheduled to be at the park 5-7 p.m.

Dances at Olin Pavilion

Friends of Olin Turville (FOOT) will be hosting a series of FREE dances in the pavilion at Olin Park at 6:00 p.m. every Tuesday in September. Please join us as we enjoy the beautiful autumn weather

- Tues, Sept 2: Madison Tango Society **Unleash your Latin passion and learn the tango**
- Tues, Sept 9: Prairie Bayou Cajun Band **Learn the dance traditions of Louisiana bayou country**
- Tues, Sept 16: Madison Contra Dance Co-op **Social, simple and no partner needed – come contra!**
- Tues, Sept 23: Madison Scottish Country Dancers **Learn the traditional reels, jigs, & strathspeys of Scotland.**
- Returning on Tuesday, Sept 30: Madison Contra Dance Co-op

Classical Guitar at Lakeside Coffee

Every other Friday (August 8 and 22, September 5 and 19, etc.) at the Lakeside Street Coffeehouse, the Madison Classical Guitar Society sponsors a café evening. Most neighborhood residents may not know that this event is one of the very few classical guitar open mics in the world. The event is free, with voluntary donations to support the guitar society. The café evening begins at 7:00 p.m. While it officially ends at 9:00, the music often lasts until 9:30 or 10:00. The musical evenings take place in the coffeehouse's new front room, which has been turned into a cozy bar, with soft drinks, wine, an interesting and frequently changing selection of tap beer, and light snacks. Although people come from all over the city, the events are increasingly becoming a meeting place for neighborhood residents. Now that the days are long and the weather warm, we would like to invite neighborhood residents to walk over to Lakeside Street Coffeehouse, and enjoy this unique event.

Moonlight 5K Run

The 10th annual Movin' Shoes full moon 5k run is happening Wednesday, August 6th. Packet pick-up is at Olin Park starting at 7 p.m. At 8:30 runners will walk from Olin to Bernie's Beach for the 9 p.m. race start. The course runs along South Shore and West Shore to the bike path at Brittingham Park, so there will be delays for vehicle traffic from approximately 9:00 – 9:10 p.m. The course also crosses John Nolen which will have some delays as well. The race has already reached its 500 runner capacity, but there is still room in the kids run (8:30 p.m., Olin Park Shelter) and spectators are invited to join the race start festivities at 8:45 on South Shore at Bernie's Beach. More information can be found at: <http://movinshoesmadison.com/fullmoonrun/>

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES

Neighborhood Garage Sale

A Bay Creek Neighborhood-wide garage sale will take place Saturday, August 16th from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Contact Maureen Quinlan (moquinlan@yahoo.com) with your name, address, phone/email and the general types of goods you have available to sell. If you have a few items to sell and are interested in sharing a table OR are interested in letting someone share a table with you, let Maureen know that as well. We will try to connect geographically convenient people to share table space.

Signs will be posted on John Nolen and Park Street. Advertisements will go out on Craig's List and any other relevant publications/websites one week prior to the sale.

From the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure

The entire 2014 Susan G. Komen South Central Wisconsin Race for the Cure Planning Committee would like to send out a GIANT THANK YOU to our fantastic Bay Creek neighbors! You were the most encouraging and entertaining hosts that thousands of participants could have wished for. We understand that our fundraising event is a disruption for all of you, and that is why we are especially grateful that you not only have patience with our Race, but you are active in making it even more wonderful. If anyone has an interest in joining our 2015 Planning Committee, please contact Race Coordinator Allyson Crowley at racecoor@komensouthcentralwi.org. Thank you!!

Literacy Center Tours

Community members are invited to attend Literacy Network 101, a short tour of Literacy Network's growing and vital adult literacy programs (and the lives they impact), being offered throughout the months of August and September. Those interested in attending can call (608) 244-3911 or visit www.litnetwork.org/happenings to RSVP. Dates are Friday, August 1 at 12:00 noon, Thursday, August 7 at 6:00 p.m., Friday, September 5 at 12:00 noon and Thursday, September 11 at 6:00 p.m.

Freedom Riders, with Dr. Craig Werner

Attracting a diverse group of volunteers, black and white, young and old, male and female, secular and religious, northern and southern, the Freedom Rides of 1961 took the civil rights struggle out of the courtroom and onto the streets of the Jim Crow South. Freedom Riders tells the terrifying, moving, and suspenseful story of a time when white and black volunteers riding a bus into the Deep South risked being jailed, beaten, or killed, as white local and state authorities ignored or encouraged violent attacks. The film includes previously unseen amateur 8-mm footage of the burning bus on which some Freedom Riders were temporarily trapped, taken by a local twelve-year-old and held as evidence since 1961 by the FBI.

On Wed., Aug. 13 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the Goodman South Madison library, Dr. Craig Werner, a literature professor with the UW-Madison Department of Afro-American Studies, will show clips from the film and lead a discussion about some of the issues raised in the film, how the struggle relates to issues we are facing today, and the importance of music in the Civil Rights movement.

St. Mark's Food Pantry

The Food Pantry at St. Mark's Lutheran Church works with Second Harvest Food Bank and Community Action Coalition to provide staples to anyone in need of food who resides in Dane County.

Participants are allowed to choose their own food based on food preferences and dietary needs.

The Food Pantry is open Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon and Thursdays from 5:45 to 7:45 p.m.

People may participate once every 28 to 30 days.

The Food Pantry is always in need of donations. If any civic groups, church youth groups, boy scout or girl scout troops would like to do a food drive to benefit the food pantry, please contact Pastor Lori Powell, stmarks@tds.net.

Ryan Brothers begins construction on new building at Park St. location

The building behind Ryan Brothers Park St. location has been demolished and excavation for the foundation of the new building has begun. We plan to have an update on the design of the new building in the next issue of the Bay Creek Bulletin.

Senior Notes

The South Madison Coalition of the Elderly invites you to come to lunch at Romnes Apartments, 540 W. Olin Avenue, Mondays-Fridays at 11:30 a.m. All lunches include an optional vegetarian entrée and, on Wednesdays, you can opt for a main dish salad as your entrée. Menus are published for a full month at a time and are included in our free Southside Senior newsletter (available on request). Meals must be reserved no less than 24 hours in advance, but you can sign up for all of your choices in the month at one time, if you wish. Suggested donation is \$4 per meal for persons age 60 and older. Other persons who attend the meals are asked to pay \$7.50.

Call the coalition office at 251-8405 for more information or to reserve meals.

Transportation to lunch from your home is available for \$1 round trip. Rides must be reserved separately by calling Transit Solutions, 294-8747, at least 24 hours in advance.

Monday Games, Cards Snacks and Fun!

Drop in to the Romnes Community Room on Mondays from 1:00-3:00 p.m. for cards, games and snacks in air-conditioned comfort! Join in euchre, dominoes, or a board game. Enjoy word games? Come and play Scrabble. Like to play Chess? We have a Chess player looking for an opponent. Have fun, make new friends and sharpen your mind!

Wednesday Bingo!

Love playing Bingo? Drop by the Romnes Community Room on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. to join in our weekly game. We play for prizes. In addition, everyone who plays gets a practical grocery item (food, health, cleaning, or toiletry product) to take home.

All Things Italian

Escape for a day to sunny Italy. Come to lunch on Monday, August 25, for a delicious version of the Mediterranean diet. The meal will include pasta salad with chicken, spring green salad, fresh fruit medley, French bread with seasoned olive oil dip, and Mediterranean lemon cake. We will provide the atmosphere, music and Italian sodas.

Breakfast at Lunch on Global Forgiveness Day

On Wednesday, August 27, enjoy ham & cheese bake, O'Brien potatoes, sausage patty, orange juice and a blueberry muffin. Then, spend a little time to contemplate the benefits of forgiveness and its relationship to good health.

Save the Date for Flu Shots

Be sure to get your vaccinations for seasonal flu and pneumonia. Medicare Part B or Medicaid covers the \$30.00 cost. Remember to bring along your Medicare or Medicaid card. Home Health United will hold a clinic for older adults at Romnes Apartments, 540 W. Olin Ave., Mon., Sept. 15, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

News from Olin-Turville

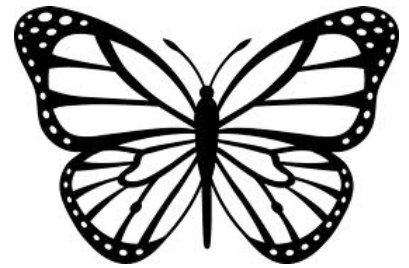
By Andria Blattner

Phenology is coming to the Bay Creek Orchard near the new sign! Specifically it will be in the form of two little lilac bushes. In case you don't know, the word "phenology" is simply the observation of the seasonal change. We do this all the time, especially in the spring as we note the coming of the ducks, geese, loons and then the warblers. The flowers bloom in an order, too, from early spring all throughout the summer, ending with the tall prairie plants, coneflowers, cup plants and goldenrods blooming into the fall. All these cycles are tied to the seasons, climate and weather. It becomes a science when the data is actually recorded and compared from year to year and from place to place and the interconnections are examined.

Two early recorders of native plant flowering times were Henry David Thoreau 1852 to 1858 and Aldo Leopold 1935 to 1945. Recent research at the UW-Madison (Stan Temple) and Harvard have shown that blooming native plants occurs up to a month earlier and predicted the record warm spring of 2012 would have an even earlier blooming time, which it did. The Aldo Leopold Foundation is a leader in phenological research.

In this day of the internet a great many individuals are contributing to recording phenological data. Journey North is a website with at least 10 projects geared for kids, including following the Monarch Migrations.

The Lost Lady Project and the Firefly Watch are trying to determine the status of two species of insects. Their websites explain how to contribute information to these projects. (The first firefly I saw this year was in the Turville Prairie on May 31.) The DNR has a nice website that highlights what we in Wisconsin can expect to see each month. It is EEK, environmental education for kids (dnr.wi.gov/eek). Editor's Note: See notice from EEK website below.



But back to our lilac bushes. The USA National Phenological Network tracks an incredible number of things and has great maps and visualization tools. One of their studies uses cloned cultivars thus eliminating any effects of genetic variation. Our cultivar is *Syringa Chinensis Red Rothomagensis*. We will be able to add data to this massive undertaking.

You can see the seasons change in Turville Conservation Park on the second Saturday nature walks. On August 9th Sean Gere will lead a walk on the trees in the park. I'm sure he will have a lot to say about ash trees. By October 11 we will definitely be into fall – hard to believe.

Bluebird Trail Report: We have had 20 bluebirds successfully leave the nest. That was in 5 nests with 2 having 2 broods. There is still one nest with 4 blue eggs. Tree swallows did better with 28 fledglings for 8 nests.

Wanted: Kid Artists and Writers (from dnr.wi.gov/eek)

Do you like to draw, write, or spend time outdoors? EEK! is looking for your help. We're on the lookout for kids' artwork - pictures of nature and outdoor recreation. We also want to hear about your big fish stories and any cool stuff you've seen outdoors. Artwork and stories can be sent to EEK!, c/o Carrie Morgan, OC/2, Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707. If you go to the EEK website (dnr.wi.gov/eek), there is a link where you can e-mail EEK! your seasonal observations, too.

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**History of the Summer Vacation
by Rachael Stark (from infoplease.com)**

Why does the American school year start in September and end in June? It's something of a mystery. Did children once "bring in the harvest" on the family farm all summer in the distant rural past?

Historians at Old Sturbridge Village, a living history museum that recreates an 1830s New England farming village, say not. According to the web site and schoolmistress there, farm children went to school from December to March and from mid-May to August. Adults and children alike helped with planting and harvesting in the spring and fall.

**What did you do on your summer vacation?
Did you take a once in a lifetime trip, find a fantastic new
campsite or discover a new bike trail? Maybe you read a great
book, attended a family reunion or had a movie marathon.**

**If you'd like to tell us about it, please contact Sara Richards at
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Area 6—Romnes Apartments	Open
BCNA Rep to South Metropolitan Planning Council	Bob Stoffs: 255-1074, rkstoffs@mail.com

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