



# Bay Creek Bulletin

*Neither rain nor snow nor ....this edition of the Bulletin was done on a borrowed computer without the usual design software. We hope to be able to return to the format of recent issues by the time the next issue goes to press. Sincere thanks to Andria Blattner and Julie Vea for the use of their PC.*

## Interesting Volunteer Jobs: The Road Home

By Pam Gates

*Part of an occasional series about Bay Creek residents' volunteer work. If you'd like to be interviewed about your volunteer job, please contact Bulletin editor Sara Richards.*

Bay Creek resident Gary Gates volunteers with The Road Home's emergency shelter program. "It feels very good to be connected with so many wonderful people who are trying to find housing for others and care for them," says Gary. "Also, each family is obviously striving to better their circumstances, and one wants them to succeed."

The Road Home has offices and a day shelter just across Wingra Creek, at 128 E. Olin Ave., but its work takes place all over the city. The agency, an amalgamation of 54 churches whose purpose is to get families into housing, has three different efforts for achieving this goal: emergency shelter, affordable housing, and case management.

Gary stays overnight at Midvale Lutheran Church several times a year when it's Midvale's turn to be the host church. His duties include interacting with the families (3-5 families, up to 14 people at any one time), playing with the children as the opportunity arises, and responding to any emergencies. "There are 12 host churches that provide instant housing for the families selected to participate," Gary says. "Each host church houses all the families for one week, so that no one church is overburdened. Each host church is supported by other churches," 42 more, to be exact, whose members cook and serve meals, collect supplies, and provide overnight hosts. Things usually go fairly peacefully, Gary says; so far, helping out with sick children has been the biggest problem he's had to deal with.

The Road Home's affordable housing program, Housing and Hope, includes four buildings of its own, lower-cost housing in the community, and a number of sites made possible through strategic partnerships with other agencies. All help provide permanent supportive housing for homeless families. Case management is key to that: helping families work on goals, maintain their housing, and stabilize so they don't become homeless again. This support can go on for several months or a number of years.

"The amazing thing about The Road Home is that while it is headquartered just (continued on Page 2)

### Bay Creek Billboard

**Tues June 21 5:00 to 8:00 pm** Fundraiser for Wagon Drive. Culver's on Todd Drive (Beltline) will donate 10% of their sales to raise money for school supplies.

**Mon July 4 12:00 noon to ?** Annual BCNA 4<sup>th</sup> of July Picnic. Oak trees behind Goodman Pool. Please bring utensils, plates, beverage and a dish to pass.

**Mon July 11 6:30 pm** BCNA Bi-Monthly Meeting at 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. Thanks to all who have paid.

**Sun June 12 and July 10 1:30 pm** Guided nature walks by Friends of Olin Turville (FOOT). Meet at the Turville Parking lot off of John Nolen Dr. Please see article on Page 8 for more information.

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

**June 8 (and 2nd Wed of every other month) 6:30 pm** Friends of Monona Bay meeting at Barriques on Park St. Call Lisie for more information: 266-5248.

**Sat August 6th (Rain date, Sun Aug 7th) 9:00 am to 2:00 pm** 8th Annual Bay Creek Wagon Drive. Franklin Elementary 305 West Lakeside St. Please see ad on Page 11 for more info.

**Tues August 9** Fall Primary Election. Bay Creek residents vote at Bjarne Romne Apartments, 540 W. Olin Ave. Polls are open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. If you need a Voter ID, please see article on Page 9.

**(Road Home, continued)** outside of Bay Creek, it is a citywide effort,” Gary says. “The other amazing thing is the joy and playfulness of the kids. Like in any group of kids, some are easier to deal with than others, but they’re just normal kids, and you want them to have a home.”

The agency’s spring 2016 newsletter contains this statement: “The Road Home will continue doing everything we can, with the community’s support, to help reach the national goal of ending family homelessness by 2020.” A laudable goal, certainly, and one few could argue with. For ways to support that effort, visit [www.trhome.org](http://www.trhome.org), email [info@trhome.org](mailto:info@trhome.org), or call 294-7998. Tours are offered monthly at 128 E. Olin, Suite 202; Gary and I have both taken one and found it very interesting and moving. The next tour dates are Wed., June 8, 5:30 p.m.; Tues., July 12, 6:30 p.m.; and Wed., Aug. 10, 5:30 p.m.

A simple way you can help out, development director Peggy Halloran says, is by purchasing sorely needed supplies and dropping them off at 128 E. Olin Ave. Someone is usually there to receive them 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday, and here’s what they need most of all: diapers and pull-ups, baby wipes, cleaning supplies, paper towels, toilet paper, feminine hygiene products, hair-care products for African American hair, gas and grocery gift cards.

### **Damascus Road Church By Mike Halsted**

(Mike Halsted is a resident of Bram’s Addition neighborhood, just south of us, who enjoys reading the Bay Creek Bulletin.)

Damascus Road Church is small and unassuming but big in heart and bigger in vision. Located in what used to be a used car showroom (formerly Thorstad Chevrolet), it offers a vibrant children’s ministry, music, and sermon on Sundays.

Throughout the week, small group meetings focus on forming deep relationships with each other and the community through volunteer service opportunities. If you would like more information about Damascus Road Church, please see [www.damascusroadonline.org](http://www.damascusroadonline.org)

Where/When: Sundays @ 10 AM, 1702 South Park Street

### **Thank You, Bay Creek Neighborhood!**

We would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to the entire Bay Creek neighborhood for welcoming us to walk and run through your beautiful streets on June 4th for Susan G. Komen South Central Wisconsin Race for the Cure®. We also want to send out a very special “thank you” to all of the neighbors that participated, volunteered and cheered on our participants.

### **Bocce, Anyone? (source :worldbocce.org)**

Bocce has seen many changes throughout the ages. It has evolved from being a crude sport played with rounded rocks, or even coconuts, to the modern game with composite or metal balls. The popularity of Bocce in America has been on the rise since it swept California in 1989. There are more than 25,000,000 Bocce enthusiasts that have heard of the sport, play recreationally, or play on structured courts in the United States today. Bocce has also become a tournament sport. Bocce is now a part of the World Corporate Games, is an event in the Special Olympics, and is being proposed to be in the Olympics.

Bocce can be played upon any level surface by anyone who is willing to try. It is a game for all ages, gender and athletic ability. It is a very versatile game in which the rules may be changed according to the players. Play may range from a nearly nonexistent set of rules to the strictest of tournament rules.

Bocce is an inexpensive game of thought and strategy that brings families and friends together with the enjoyment of a game that everyone can play.

The open area by the Bay Creek orchard would be ideal for a bocce court. If anyone is interested in learning to play or already knows how to play and would be willing to teach your neighbors, please contact Judy Robinson at [treasurer@merr.com](mailto:treasurer@merr.com) or (608) 469-1218.

## **BCNA April 11, 2016 Meeting Summary By Carol Medaris**

Judy Robinson called the meeting to order at about 6:35. This was an extra meeting called primarily in order to finalize a Bay Creek Neighborhood Association (BCNA) position paper to guide future development in the Park Street urban corridor. Planning and Economic Development (P&ED) co-chair, Carrie Rothburd, had announced at our last regular monthly meeting that a final statement was needed prior to our next regular meeting in May because of upcoming new development activity.

**Position Paper on South Park Street Corridor Development:** Carrie Rothburd led the discussion on the proposed statement, as edited based upon suggestions made at our last meeting. A few changes were added, most significantly by adding a new section 3b and then renumbering current 3b,c, and d, and then by making minor changes to paragraph two of the introduction and to section 6. The motion to approve the statement as amended passed unanimously. Carrie will make the necessary corrections to the statement and publish the final edition on our BCNA website.

**Jade Garden Development:** Documents were circulated explaining the initial proposal for a four-story redevelopment of four existing properties in the 1100 block of S. Park Street. Being proposed is one level of underground parking, retail space at ground level along Park Street with additional parking in back, incubator office space on the second above-ground level, and then a total of 38 apartments on the third and fourth levels. There will be an informational meeting this coming Wednesday, April 13th, before the Urban Design Commission. Carrie indicated that the developers so far have ignored the principles the neighborhood is setting forth in our statement, and they will be urged to call a wider meeting with the neighborhood to discuss several problems, including those involving the scale of the proposed building, how it fits the tight space afforded, and access and parking issues. (Please see Page 5 for current report from P&ED)

**Abatement of Coffee Roasting Odor at Barrique's:** At the neighborhood meeting on March 30th with Barriques, City staff, and Alder Eskrich, Barriques agreed to neighbors' request for a 30-day referral on their conditional use application. The new date for the hearing before the Plan Commission on Barriques' application is May 23rd. Ron Shutvet and Lisie Kitchel met with Barriques' owner, Matt Weygandt, to explore possible alternative roasting equipment and methods. Among other issues, apparently there is some question about the assembly of the afterburner, which is supposed to reduce the exhaust, but may be causing extra problems if it is not working properly. We also discussed other activities the P&ED Committee is pursuing to gather information on the number of people bothered by the exhaust and then the best way to communicate this information to the Plan Commission. (Please see Page 5 for current report from P&ED)

The meeting adjourned on time.

## BCNA May 12, 2016 Meeting Summary By Carol Medaris

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

**Police Captain John Patterson** introduced himself. He replaces Captain Joe Balles in the South Police District, after having been with the Department in a variety of positions for 18 years. He reported on a busy first quarter of 2016, with shootings and a complicated sexual-assault-of-a-minor investigation, but it was traffic issues that generated the most discussion, with several members suggesting special events and times of day causing particular traffic problems. Captain Patterson said that the Department is directing officers toward responding directly to complaints and has established a “speeders’ hotline” which will be publicized. He also said that the Department will be emphasizing more community policing with increased foot patrols.

**Planning and Economic Development Committee (P&ED): Barriques:** Carrie Rothburd led the discussion on the status of the conditional use permit being sought by Barriques to allow the continued roasting of coffee beans for its own cafes as well as outside sales. The exhaust fumes generated by the current roasting process are causing problems for neighbors. Lisie Kitchel passed out a summary of responses so far to a survey that is being circulated to neighbors living closest to Barriques and those living in the direction that the fumes seem to be traveling. Of 26 completed surveys to date, 19 indicated that they were bothered by the odor, 3 said that they were bothered sometimes, and 4 said they were not bothered. Once circulation is completed, responses will be plotted on a map of the area to help determine which households are being most affected by the fumes. Such a map might also help identify whether some of the fumes are coming from Cargo Coffee, several blocks down Park Street, as Barriques’ owner, Matt Weygandt, who was present at our meeting, suggested.

Ron Shutvet reported on his research into various alternatives available to treat the exhaust, and discussions he has been having with Matt. He said that problems are increasing all over the country as coffee buying habits are changing in favor of small roasters rather than big coffee companies. Matt has agreed to try an alternative method.

With that in mind, the P&ED Committee drafted a letter requesting the Plan Commission to grant a three-month extension on the conditional use hearing currently scheduled for May 23, to provide time for new methods to be tested and to see if the exhaust problem for the neighbors can be eliminated. The Committee would like approval of the letter by the BCNA, but after much discussion, suggested changes to the letter, and some question regarding whether it was properly noticed, it was moved and seconded that the BCNA simply authorize the P&ED Committee to ask the Plan Commission on behalf of the BCNA for the three-month extension on the conditional use permit hearing, to give Barriques a chance to explore other methods and then an opportunity for any changes to be evaluated. Matt Weygandt said he would support the extension, and the motion passed unanimously. [Note: This has since been deferred to the Plan Commission meeting on September 19.] (Please see Page 5 for current report from P& ED)

**P&ED Committee: Jade Garden:** Carrie led a quick discussion on this proposed development. (Steve Davis, who has been most involved in the Committee’s work on Jade Garden, had to leave early.) The most recent rendering of the proposed development was passed out. The proposal is to redevelop four existing properties at the 1100 block of Park Street into a four-story structure with one level of underground parking and some additional parking behind the commercial space. Carrie indicated that plans were still in flux, but generally the owner is proposing a mixed-use development with stores along Park Street, an enterprise center, and mostly efficiency apartments. Neighbors are particularly concerned with the size of the project, believing that the owner may be trying to fit too much into the space, and then providing for inadequate parking. The P&ED Committee has requested a neighborhood meeting before it goes before the Urban Design Commission in an informational meeting. (Please see Page 5 for current report from P& ED)

The meeting was quickly concluded, with reminders of the Wednesday evening concerts at the Olin pavilion, and the Treasurer’s report that everything was good.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15.

## **Planning and Economic Development Update By Carrie Rothburd**

### **Saving Ash Trees On Shore Drives**

In fall 2013, the emerald ash borer was confirmed in the City of Madison. Forestry began treating ash trees along city streets in spring 2014 and has started an Adopt-a-Park-Tree program, which asks residents to contribute to treating the ash trees in parks. All untreated ash trees on park land are being cut down.

P&ED began a campaign to save the mature ash trees in the park surrounding Monona Bay in May 2016. Bay Creek neighbors have already pledged more than \$800 to cover the cost of adopting the ash trees. Collections were halted after the discovery that five of the 10 ash trees had been cut down (we later learned that the City deemed these untreatable), but we are back on track to save the five remaining ash trees along South Shore and West Shore Drives.

On June 6th, Linda Laschinger, who oversees Madison's central parks, inspected the remaining ash trees and judged 4 and possibly 5 healthy enough to treat. Forestry will look more closely at the fifth tree to decide whether it can be saved. We thus still need to raise about \$500 - \$700 to arrive at the \$1,250 - \$1,500 needed to save all five trees. The cost of treating each tree by a city-approved arborist is \$250 - \$300. Any donations raised in excess of this amount will be put into an account to treat the trees again as required in 2019.

If you want to help save our trees and haven't yet pledged, please email [crothburd@gmail.com](mailto:crothburd@gmail.com) with your pledge amount. Pledges of any amount are welcome, but please consider giving \$50 or \$100 so we can reach our goal of saving all 5 trees. If the trees are not adopted and treated by this August, they will be cut down.

Checks to fulfill pledges should be made payable to BCNA and mailed to Sara Richards, 710 Spruce 53715. Please be sure to indicate Trees in the memo portion of the check. Or you can donate via Paypal at [baycreekmadison.org](http://baycreekmadison.org). Click on the 'Publications>Newsletter>Advertising' to access Paypal and please note Trees in the description.

### **Barriques Conditional Use Permit To Roast**

At the May 9, 2016 meeting, BCNA members agreed unanimously to request a referral on Barriques' application for a conditional use permit (CUP) to roast coffee for all of its wholesale, online retail, and 7 coffee bars at 961 South Park Street. A CUP, if granted by the Plan Commission, would allow Barriques to roast coffee legally. This position was taken after it became clear that Barriques' current roasting operations have a negative impact on neighbors living within several blocks of the store. The request for a referral received support from Barriques and has been granted. Consideration of Barriques' CUP will take place on September 19, 2016. During the next four months, Barriques will install new equipment intended to eliminate its fumes and neighbor will be invited to weigh in on whether or not the new equipment improves the situation. Thanks to all of you who sent comments to Tim Parks in the Planning Department or who replied to P&ED's questionnaire about your experience regarding Barriques' roasting operations. Your letters will be presented to Plan commissioners prior to the new hearing date. P&ED will inform neighbors once the new equipment has been installed so that you can update your letters.

### **Jade Garden Development Project**

Property owner Sue Jiang proposes tearing down the small stores along the 1100 block of South Park Street and replacing it with a building she hopes will become the hub of South Madison's Asian community. The 5-story 22,985 square-foot mixed-used structure would target the South Madison community with Asian-owned businesses on its ground level and extended-stay units (largely efficiencies) for Asian parents of UW students on floors two through four. There would be community meeting space, open on request to the public, on floor five. Parking for the building would be underground and to the rear of the building, which is separated from the two-story mostly single-family houses along Emerson Street by an alley. Currently this block of South Park Street is zoned for a maximum of three stories (unless conditional use is granted). Next steps for Ms. Jiang include purchasing additional properties on the 1100 block and securing adequate funding before her project can proceed.

## **NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES**

### **4<sup>th</sup> of July Picnic**

The annual Bay Creek potluck picnic will take place on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Please bring a dish to pass as well as your own plates, flatware and beverage to enjoy some outdoor time with your neighbors. Gather at the oak trees near the Goodman Pool around noon.

### **Bodega at Breese Stevens Field**

This summer a monthly Bodega at Breese Stevens Field on East Washington Avenue will feature local farmers, artists, antiques and food available for purchase. The Bodega will be held on Thursdays May 19, June 23, July 21, August 11 & September 29 at 4-8 p.m.

A movie series with fish fry called the Catch & Reel will be on Fridays June 10, July 15, August 12. Gates open at 7 with movies starting at 8:30. Info on events is available at <http://breesestevensfield.com/>.

### **Food Carts at Franklin School**

Let's Eat Out's schedule shows Monday at Franklin from 5 until 7:30, June 13-August 3. Specific carts can be identified by checking <http://www.letseatoutwi.org/> Cart appearance depends on the weather.

### **South Madison Farmers Market**

The Sunday Farmers Market has started at the Labor Temple, 11 a.m.- 3 p.m. There also is a Tuesday market at the same locale, 2-6 p.m. Other sites from 2-6 p.m. are the Novation Center at 2500 Rimrock Road on Mondays and Wednesdays and Villager Mall (by the McDonald's side) on Fridays.

### **Yoga at Olin Pavilion**

Free yoga classes will be held in the Olin Park Pavilion at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesdays May 31, June 7, June 28, July 5, July 12, and July 19. If you have a mat, bring it along; mats also will be available at the site. See <http://www.olin-turville.org/> for more information.

### **Eat Custard, Do Good**

Culver's on Todd Drive (aka Beltline) is donating 10% of their sales on Tuesday, June 21st from 5 pm to 8pm to raise money for school supplies. Wagon Drive in our neighborhood collects supplies for needy children at schools in our area.

### **More Trees in Bay Creek Orchard**

Mike Merline and Rob Summerbell planted 8 new trees in the Bay Creek orchard in early May. They planted Chinese Superior Chestnuts, English Thin Shell Walnuts, Hardy Pecan, Mammoth Shellbark Hickory and Gooseberry. The trees were purchased from West High School (Mike teaches there and had propagated the trees for the school orchard. Thanks to them for all of their hard work!

If you'd like to help weed, water or mulch the orchard this summer, please contact Judy at (608) 469-1218 or [treasurer@merr.com](mailto:treasurer@merr.com)

# Senior Notes

The South Madison Coalition of the Elderly invites you to enjoy a hot, nutritious lunch at Romnes Apartments, 540 W. Olin Avenue, at 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. These meals are provided on a donation basis for persons age 60 and older, with a suggested donation of \$4.00. Others who attend the meals are asked to pay \$7.50. Meals must be reserved no less than 24 hours in advance, but you can sign up for a regular schedule or several individual meals at one time, if you wish. Call the Coalition at 251-8405 for more information or to reserve meals. Lunch and the activities below take place in the community room on level 1.

**National Chocolate Ice Cream Day:** Come share a tasty summertime meal on **Tuesday June 7**. Lunch will include barbecued chicken, baked potato, green beans, wheat bread and Jell-O with fruit cocktail. If you desire, follow it up with a cone or dish of delicious chocolate ice cream.

**Picnic Fare for Pre-Fathers' Day:** Get an early start celebrating fathers and all men who have had a positive impact on our lives, on **Friday, June 17**. Since Fathers' Day falls on International Picnic Day, what better way to celebrate than with traditional Wisconsin picnic food: brats on a bun, onions, baked beans, German cucumber salad, fresh fruit, and chocolate cream pie. All who join in the celebration of the dads in our lives will receive a gift of appreciation to take home.



**Celebrate Solstice on the Patio:** Celebrate the longest day of the year with lunch on the patio (weather cooperating) on **Tuesday, June 21**. Enjoy a light summer-time lunch of chicken, broccoli pasta salad, V-8 juice, a dinner roll and peach slices. Then sit back to sip an ice cream soda while you enjoy some live music, courtesy of Make Music Madison performers, the “Thirsty Jones Acoustic Show”. This guitar and voice duo will perform a variety of pop, country, oldies and originals.

**Volunteers Needed To Help Serve Meals:** Looking for something useful to do in the middle of the day? We are in need of helpers at our dining centers. You could help by setting tables, serving, making home deliveries within the building, and assisting with clean-up. We start at 10:30 am and finish around 12:30 pm—could you help out once a week? Volunteer at Romnes or, if you prefer, at Fisher-Taft Apartments or at the Madison Senior Center, downtown on Mifflin St. Call us to talk about it at 251-8405. As a volunteer, you will be welcome to have lunch on us!

## FOOT Notes By Andria Blattner

Summer is here, ecologically speaking anyway. It is the time that the leaves block the view of the sky and the time of the most vegetative growth. This mass of vegetation sustains the life of almost all species from insect larvae to the large herbivores. For astronomical summer we have to wait until June 21.

In Olin Park the Baltimore Orioles are hanging out in the oak trees by the Pavilion. In Turville the bluebirds and tree swallows are still battling it out for nest boxes. In Goodman and Quann Parks Chickadees are the most successful nesters. House sparrows seem to be a bigger problem this year.

Are you looking for a project this summer? You might try “citizen science”. There are a great many going on in our area at every level of knowledge and commitment. Some are as simple as entering an observation or photo on a website.

Now that we have entered the era of “big data”, scientists - astronomers to zoologists - can use the data generated by thousands of people. A public service can be provided by monitoring water and air quality. Agriculture and logging benefit by studying and protecting pollinators and natural predators of insect pests, especially bats.

Commitments can be one time per year like the Annual Midwest Crane Count, covering certain routes 2 or 3 times a season, or year round like reporting birding trip observations on eBird.

Studying birds has led the way in citizen participation. Cornell University has projects at every level from classroom to expert, most of them focusing on birds.

Check out <http://www.birds.cornell.edu/citscitolkit/projects> for ideas

National Audubon sponsors the Christmas Bird Count. It is geared to experts but amateurs are welcome because they add a pair of eyes and ears. The International Crane foundation has organized Sandhill crane counts for 41 years, now called the Annual Midwest Crane Count.

The National Phenology Network with Nature’s Notebook tracks the timing of almost every event in the lives of plants (budding through leaf loss) and animals (denning, birth to independence.) Setting up an account and choosing a subject are easy. One of their study campaigns is cloned lilacs. We have 2 of these lilacs in the Bay Creek Orchard – their bloom time can be compared with those across the country. The visualization tools are great.

DNR also has a great many monitoring projects. They can be found on their website, <http://dnr.wi.gov>, under the “Join DNR” tab, then “Volunteer Information”. Bat surveying is the project I’ve chosen. This includes both water and walking routes. I haven’t done a driving route yet.

Coyotes and foxes can be tracked in iNaturalist.org, another worldwide observation tracker that is easy to set up and use. This site has an overwhelming amount of information. Their Google maps presentation shows every neighborhood fox that has been sighted and reported.

Insects are studied too - the Southern Wisconsin Butterfly Association, will be participating in a count like the Christmas Bird Count around the 4th of July. Go to <http://www.naba.org/chapters/nabawba/> for more info. The Lost Lady Bug Project is great for kids. It involves sending in photos of ladybugs. The Arboretum has a program called Bumblebee Watch. They are especially interested in a rare species that has been found there.

Monarch Butterflies are of special concern since their wintering forests keep shrinking thus making the serious winter storms much more devastating. Monarch Watch is a major undertaking to keep track of the butterflies by tagging and recording sightings. They offer advice and encouragement to anything that will enhance their environment during their northern migration. We are all encouraged to have some milkweed in our yards; there are several kinds to choose from: Common, Marsh, Prairie and Butterfly Weed.

Here in Bay Creek there is a major effort underway to raise monarch butterflies. Lisa Haller is raising Monarchs for educational projects and to help increase the population. She would be glad for some help especially in collecting eggs. Contact her at [lisa.haller@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.haller@gmail.com).

There is plenty to do this summer! Actually, way too many options. Just pick one and see where it takes you.

The June Bird and Nature Walk in Turville Point on the 12th and will be led by Emily Steinwehe who is a School Forest Naturalist. She is very good on working with kids. On July 10 Sean Gere, our “tree guy”, will lead a walk helping us learn about our trees. He is also an expert on mushrooms and will point out any that are around. There will be yoga again this summer in the Pavilion Tuesday nights May 31st, June 7th and 28th and July 5th, 12th and 19th. Looking way ahead September will bring dancing in the Pavilion every Thursday evening.

Breaking News! There is one bluebird nest in a birdhouse box and a family of Sandhill cranes with two little ones in the marsh next to the Department of Revenue at 2135 Rimrock Road.

## **Are you ready to vote in 2016? By League of Women Voters**

Voter ID is now required. In the election on April 5th, 123 voters in the city of Madison were given provisional ballots because they did not have an acceptable voter photo ID on Election Day. Only 41 of those voters provided a photo ID in time for their votes to be counted. Don't let this happen to you. Be sure you are ready to vote in the upcoming elections on August 9 and November 8, 2016.

If your address has changed since you last voted, you will need to register to vote at your new address. You can register at your municipal clerk's office, with a Special Registration Deputy, or, if a Madison resident, at any Madison Public Library. Beginning twenty days prior to an election you can only register at the clerk's office or at the polls on Election Day. Registering early will save time on Election Day. You will need to show proof of residence whenever you register.

Voters are now required to show a photo ID when voting. You can use a US Passport, a Wisconsin driver license (DL), or a Wisconsin state ID card with expiration dates after November 4, 2014. You can also use a Veteran Affairs card that is unexpired or has no expiration date. If there is an address on your photo ID, it does not have to be current. Out-of-state IDs are not acceptable. For a complete list of acceptable photo IDs, go to <http://bringit.wi.gov/do-i-have-right-photo-id>.

If you don't have a Wisconsin driver's license or ID you can get a free ID at the Division of Motor Vehicle offices (4802 Sheboygan Avenue or 2001 Bartillon Drive in Madison). If you are sixty or older and need a ride, contact RSVP (in Madison call 608-441-7898). You will need to bring:

Proof of citizenship, name and date of birth (If your name does not match your birth certificate bring proof of name change. If you don't have all the proof you need, DMV will help verify your information.)

Proof of Wisconsin residency

Proof of identity

Your Social Security number

Full details are at <http://wisconsin.gov/Pages/dmv/license-drvs/how-to-apply/id-card.aspx>.

If you have a driver's license or ID from another state you will have to give it up to obtain a Wisconsin ID. UW-Madison students can get a special free ID for voting at the WisCard office at Union South. UW-Madison students will also need to show proof of enrollment at the polls.

Seniors and people with disabilities who vote by permanent absentee ballot are exempt from the voter photo ID requirement. For more information see <http://bringit.wisconsin.gov/are-there-exceptions-new-law>.

Nursing home residents can be visited by a representative of their local clerk's office. Check with care facility staff or your municipal clerk. Nursing home residents do not need a voter photo ID, as staff will vouch for their identity.

Talk to your friends and neighbors. Make sure every eligible Wisconsin voter has the documentation needed to vote!

For more information about voting in Madison, go to the clerk's office web site at [www.cityofmadison.com/election](http://www.cityofmadison.com/election).

For help in getting a free state ID for voting or to arrange a free ride with Union Cab to the DMV, please call the Voter ID hotline: 608-729-7720.

Union Cab will also continue their practice of offering free rides to the polls for the August 9 primary.



## Bay Creek Bulletin information

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