



Bay Creek Bulletin

Beauty Heart and Soul: New Neighborhood Business By Pam Gates

Natasha McShan has opened a beauty salon in what used to be Rick's Roffler, at the corner of Spruce and South Park streets, right across Park Street from Copps. She opened on January 15 and does all kinds of hair: African American, Caucasian, Asian, men's, women's, and children's.

Her services include braids, haircuts, quick weaves, dreadlocks, sew-ins, coloring, relaxers, Brazilian blow-outs – whatever you want, she assures me, you can get done here!

Tasha was born and raised in Madison, went to cosmetology school in Madison, and is now Madison's only licensed locktician, she says, which means she is certified in the skill of creating dreadlocks, her specialty at the salon. She earned her license in Atlanta.

Beauty Heart and Soul has a total of four staff persons. Stylist Charity Jackson is co-owner with Tasha, Simone Howard is a stylist, and LaMar Skinner is the barber.

Beauty Heart and Soul is Tasha's first business venture. She worked for another salon, Vernee Nycole's just a few blocks down Park Street, but, "I wanted to branch out on my own, and I'm loving it!" she says. "It's what I do; I've been doing it seriously for about 12 years. It's my happy place."

Beauty Heart and Soul seems to be many people's happy place; the business is booming with customers and has a very positive energy. Tasha explained that part of the reason they got so many customers so quickly is that all the staff were previously employed at other salons, so they all already had a following. But they've also got to be pleasing their customers and keeping them comfortable!

Beauty Heart and Soul is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., and Sunday and Monday by appointment only. The phone number is 284-7900, and you can find the salon on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

Welcome to the neighborhood, Beauty Heart and Soul!

Bay Creek Billboard

Mon May 8 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 Apr 9 and May 14 1:30 pm Guided Nature Walks by Friends of Olin Turville (FOOT). Meet at the Turville Parking lot off John Nolen Dr. See page 9 for info on who will be leading each walk.

Sun Apr 16 1:00-4:00 pm Bird and Nature Festival Warner Park (in the 'rainbow' shelter). For more info see page 9 or go to www.cityofmadison.com/calendar/bird-nature-festival

Thurs Apr 20 and Apr 27 6:00 pm Lakeside Coffee House 402 W Lakeside St. FREE Estate Planning Seminar with Maggie Premo. See ad on page 2 for info. To RSVP e-mail sbreunig@neiderboucher.com or call (608) 441-7278

Sun May 21, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm Family Food Fest Lincoln Elementary School 911 Sequoia Trail. For more info go to www.reapfoodgroup.org/events or see ad on page 8.

Tue 10:00 am to noon and Thurs 5:45-7:45 pm, Food Pantry open at St. Mark's Lutheran Church 605 Spruce St.

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.

Apr 12 and 2nd Wed of every other month) 6:30 pm Friends of Monona Bay meeting at Barriques on Park St. Call Lisie for info: 266-5248.

Compost Bin and Rain Barrel Sale

Eco-cool rain barrels and compost bins are great way to naturally boost your gardens productivity. Harvesting rainwater and recycling grass clippings and leaves also help prevent waterways from getting green and smelly.

For more than 20 years, Madison has hosted this annual event which has provides discounted compost bins and rain barrels to tens of thousands of area homeowners. This year's event is on Saturday, May 13, at the Alliant Energy Center from 10am to 2pm. Pre-order using the promo code MAD17 before May 1 and save an additional \$10.

See www.cityofmadison.com/streets/compost/CompostBinSale.cfm for more information.



SMALL ACTIONS MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE!

BCNA March 13, 2017 Meeting Summary By Carol Medaris

Kirk Elliott called the meeting to order a bit after 6:30. He announced that Jane Smith has volunteered to facilitate our next meeting.

Committee reports:

Contact: Bob Stoffs reported that Make Music Madison is scheduled for Wednesday, June 21. Neighbors are encouraged to participate and to provide venues.

SMPC Liaison: Carrie Rothburd reported on the visioning process that took up much of the the last SMPC meeting, and said she felt that an expanded public input process was needed.

FOOT: Andria Blattner reminded us that the next Bird and Nature walk will be April 9th. There will be a Bird and Nature Festival on May 16th, starting at 1:00 with a variety of activities including a live raptor presentation beginning at 1:30. FOOT will have a table at the festival. The concerts in the park will begin a bit later in the season this year. Also, Ron Shutvet and Andria have begun meeting with the Madison Parks Conservation Committee.

Friends Of Monona Bay: Andria Blattner and Lisie Kitchel announced a meeting on March 30th regarding the dredging of the Bay near the Parr Street intersection. It will be at the Goodman Library from 6:30 to 8:30. The dredging was initially planned to make way for a second off-loading site for county weed-cutters. Now an expansion of the area is being discussed to address additional problems with sediment in an adjacent area. Anyone interested may attend.

Newsletter: Judy Robinson announced that the deadline for copy is this coming Friday, March 17, and delivery is scheduled for the first week in April. (In response to a report of a delayed delivery, Kirk said he would look into that.)

Treasurer: Judy reported that ad revenue for the year was \$2,573 and that for dues it was \$208. She will provide a written report at our next meeting for approval, as is now required by our by-laws. In response to a question about the ash tree fund, she said that there is currently \$221 left over from the last treatment which will be put toward the \$800 charge for the next treatment, due in three years.

Planning & Economic Development:

Carrie Rothburd began her report and Ron Shutvet raised the issue of adequate notice to those who had expressed interest in being on the committee. As we began to discuss how best to notify and then include all those who wish to participate, it became clear that this discussion required more space so we postponed the discussion until after election of officers.

Elections: In addition to BCNA officers, chairs of standing committees and area representatives are elected each year. Positions are usually filled by encouraging volunteers. Judy announced that the Area 3 Representative had moved out of the area; since no one volunteered for that position, it will remain open. Bob Stoffs announced that he wished to withdraw from being the BCNA Contact, and Jim Kreft volunteered for that position. There were no other volunteers for any position, and with those currently holding the remaining positions agreeing to continue, the entire slate was approved with the two changes. (See last page of the Bulletin for a current list.) A shout out to Bob Stoffs for all his years of service to the BCNA.

Planning and Economic Development Issues:

Carrie reported that the proposed supportive housing for homeless residents at 1202 S. Park St. was submitted to WHEDA in early March; no further action is expected until tax credits are decided. She also reported that the Jade Garden development is on indefinite hold.

Regarding Wingra II, Carrie described how T Wall's proposal was again at 5 or 6 stories, under pressure from the city to increase size and density. The developer's previous proposal—a four story structure with an entrance off Park Street--was more in line with what members had seemed to prefer when we discussed this at our last meeting. At that point Ron raised the issue of decision-making procedures as well as the notice and participation issues relative to the P&ED Committee that he raised earlier in this meeting. Subsequently, tempers flared and the P&ED report and discussion on Wingra II ended prematurely.

Alliant Energy Center Development: County Board Supervisor Richard Kilmer reported that a new AEC Strategic Design Study Committee, with Hunden Strategic Partners, has replaced the old AEC Commission, and is submitting new preliminary plans to develop the area with an estimated cost of \$250 million. Public meetings are anticipated. Richard will keep us apprised of these. Please see update on Page 2. (Continued on Page 3)

BCNA Meeting Summary, Continued

Review of Tax Incremental District (TID) #42: On March 11, Ron Shutvet met with Sara Eskrich, who has agreed to meet with city staff to inquire about establishing a committee to review TID #42, created in 2012, and covering the Park Street corridor from Delaplaine Court to the tracks south of Wingra Creek. Tom DeChant, neighbor and member of the City's Urban Design Commission was out of town, but it is hoped he can join them in further preliminary discussions. In broad outlines, the review would seek to preserve the best options for land use and transportation improvement in the coming years, with input from current businesses and landowners as to future plans and with an eye to various existing plans for this area.

The meeting was adjourned around 8:15.

Planning and Economic Development Committee Report

By Steve Davis & Carrie Rothburd

Jade Garden – There are no recent updates. The development team either is exploring options per its last response to P&ED about two months ago or has given up the project per its communication of the same time with the Wisconsin State Journal.

Heartland application for permanent housing for homeless individuals – The application to WHEDA was submitted on March 3, 2017, and WHEDA will likely make its selections available in early June. According to the city, there will be opportunity for neighborhood input on the plans for Heartland's proposed development only after they have been selected by WHEDA.

Alliant Energy Center -- Hunden Strategic Partners', planners for the AEC site, released their draft report for redeveloping the 164-acre site on March 9, 2107. The team has not included public input in its planning process. It anticipates doing so at some point in the future.

Park Street Corridor Planning Process – P&ED along some neighbors and Alder Eskrich have requested assistance from City neighborhood planning staff for future planning on South Park to avoid new developments creating "on-the-ground," facts that constrain future options. We have asked Alder Eskrich to join with us in stressing to the city that Park is a complicated street with totally different realities block by block that need to be taken into account when planning and that this is best achieved through proactive planning with neighbors.

Wingra Creek Residences – T. Wall Enterprises' development team will take its draft renderings to the Urban Design Commission on March 22, 2017 for feedback and not a vote. These plans show: 1) a 5+-story point structure that is largely glass; 2) a garage entrance located on South Street; and 3) reduction of the south building height to 4 stories; and 4) reduction of the plaza height at the north end of the building. Several neighbors submitted a place-making proposal to the city that included common space at the plaza and in the buildings' lobbies to reflect the site's rich history in Bay Creek as Bancroft Dairy.

Conversation with the candidate – A number of neighbors asked P&ED to bring questions to our alder who is running for reelection unopposed. We have passed those questions along to Sara and will post her responses either online or to the listserv/Facebook page about two weeks before the election.

Alliant Center Update by Richard Kilmer

Background: In 2016, the Dane County Board authorized a master planning process for the development of the Alliant Energy Center (AEC). The study was done by Hunden Strategic Partners, a Chicago consulting group. The plan by Hunden recommends adding hotels, commercial space and remodeling the existing coliseum building. This plan by Hunden would be less expensive than the earlier \$500 million plan by the Hammes Co. which recommended tearing down and replacing the Coliseum.

My concern as the County Board Supervisor for our neighborhood is that the plan done by Hunden does not include enough input from residents and should include more feedback from neighbors in Bay Creek and Bram's Addition.

To help accomplish that, there will be public meetings of AEC Strategic Design Study Committee. The Committee will invite community feedback before making a recommendation on the master plan. Information on the meetings will be posted on baycreekmadison.org and in the newsletter if the timing allows.

To see the draft plan, please go to dane.legistar.com and search for 'Alliant Energy'. The draft is included in the 3/9/17 meeting details.

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES

Leaf Removal

Please remember to pile raked leaves on the terrace not in the street. This prevents runoff into the lake which promotes the growth of algae. If bagging the leaves, the bags should remain open.

REAP Food Event

Join us at Capital Brewery for the 10th year of this rain or shine celebration of local burgers and delicious craft beer! Dane County's most popular chefs pair up with Wisconsin's talented brewers and farmers to serve unique, locally sourced burgers and satisfying Wisconsin craft brews. Each general admission ticket is redeemable for three quarter-pound burgers and three short pours of beer. You may purchase a ticket for either Saturday or Sunday, or live it up and buy a two day pass! See all 24 restaurants, 24 breweries, dessert partners and other beverage samples at www.reapfoodgroup.org/events/burgers-and-brew. Buy tickets today at reap.isthmustickets.com.

June 3rd, 4:30-7:30 p.m. and June 4th, 12:30-3:30 p.m.

Make Music Madison

Make Music Madison returns this year on Wednesday, June 21. Sign up as a performer or venue host for Madison's musical kick-off to summer! If you signed up last year, please sign in with the same email address to renew your account.

To register as a performer or as a venue, go to <http://matchmadison.makemusicday.org/>. There is no cost to register or to participate.

For assistance or questions, contact match@makemusicmadison.org

Donations To Legal Fund

There have been some questions as whether the BCNA hired Attorney Ron Trachtenberg to consult with the neighbors who worked to show the City why they shouldn't grant Barriquer's a conditional use permit to continue their roasting operation. BCNA did not hire the lawyer, that decision was made by the group of neighbors who worked on the issue. They were responsible for payment and were asking for help from neighbors, the BCNA was not requesting the donations. Judy Robinson tracked the donations in a personal capacity, not in her role as BCNA Treasurer.

Enough contributions were received to pay the bill in full. Sincere thanks to all who donated.

Bay Creek Email List

Read or post neighborhood news and announcements, or discuss neighborhood issues through the Bay Creek discussion list. It's free! To subscribe send a blank email message to baycreek-subscribe@yahoo.com. You'll receive a welcoming message back with instructions, usually within a day, with a confirmation request to which you should respond. If you aren't approved within a day, contact Jim Winkle at JimEventsGalore.net

Thank you to Pastor Lori and St. Mark's

Many thanks to Pastor Lori for generously allowing the BCNA to host our recent School Board candidate forum at St. Mark's. The forum provided an opportunity to hear in-depth answers from the three candidates.

Ali Muldrow and Kate Toews are running for Seat 6. Nicki Vander Meulen is running unopposed for Seat 7; Ed Hughes withdrew his candidacy due to family illness.

Senior Notes

Spring 2017 Volunteer Opportunities for Those Who Care About Older Adults

VOLUNTEER for a SHIFT at BRATFEST on our team, and have fun while you raise funds for the South Madison Coalition of the Elderly.

Bratfest is staffed by teams of volunteers from area non-profits, and for each hour a volunteer helps out, their organization earns about \$8.00. Each organization recruits and coordinates its own group of volunteers. Various jobs are available, such as bag opener, grilling, golf cart driver, green team/zero waste, sparkle patrol, wrapper. Shifts are a minimum of two hours. Each volunteer gets a free brat, ice cream and a t-shirt. Sound like fun? To learn more or sign up, please call us at 251-8405. The “best” shifts are spoken for by early May.

VOLUNTEER as a SUMMER HOME CHORE HELPER, to fill in while our student volunteers are gone.

Our Home Chore Volunteer Program relies heavily on UW students, and many leave us at the beginning of May. Would you be willing to fill in just for the warm months? We would love to have your help for an hour or two weekly, bi-weekly or just once or twice!

As one of our Home Chore volunteers, you would assist a frail, limited-income older adult who lives in south Madison to maintain their home. Our volunteers help with household chores such as cleaning floors, doing dishes or laundry, taking out garbage; etc. Our volunteer coordinator will match you with a senior based on your schedule and preferences. Give us a call for more details; 251-8405.

THANK YOU!

Women’s March Book By Amy Atalla Hill

On January 21, 2017, people gathered on seven continents to make their voices heard as they protested the incoming administration. I came to march with over 75,000 others in Madison. I was so touched and amused and heartened by the signs people carried. The march was not owned or co-opted by one particular cause or another. It was a gathering of people who care about our community and so many issues relating to human rights. I captured all the signs I could find as a record for our children, our grandchildren and their grandchildren. I hope this photo memoir can buoy you in times of trouble and remind you that we did not sit idly by.

Some of my favorite signs read: “Rage is good”, “Chill with that misogyny”, “I will not go quietly back to the 1950’s”, “Let’s work together to keep America kind”, “Women’s rights are human rights” -- my all-time favorite: “Let’s make America THINK again”.

I published a book titled Rise Up which is available in paperback and hardcover at blurb.com. please contact me at amy@shinephotografx.com if you are interested in re-selling or purchasing 10 or more copies.

To preview the book, go to <http://www.blurb.com/books/7761293-rise-up>. Be sure to see the beautiful final photo by Bay Creek neighbor Kenton Fowler (who is a Franklin Elementary crossing guard) of the Capitol taken at 4 a.m. on the morning of the march at this site.

Free Trees for Bay Creek By Jeremy Kane

The Urban Tree Alliance (UTA), a Madison based not-for-profit, is offering free trees to residents in the Bay Creek neighborhood. This effort is part of the ongoing Madison Canopy Project, a program intended to grow and diversify Madison’s urban forest canopy. Approximately 15 varieties of trees are available to suit diverse growing conditions. Trees are generally two years old and range from 4 to 7 feet tall.

The UTA will distribute information about the Madison Canopy Project door to door over the coming months. Anyone interested in the program can find more about the program, or request a tree, by visiting the UTA website (urbantreealliance.org) and searching under the Programs heading. Residents can also call 608-556-5331. The first step is to make a formal tree request. We then follow-up to visit the property and confer with the landowner about which trees would be appropriate and preferred. We can either provide the tree or plant it.

The Madison Canopy Project is focused on increasing canopy coverage on private properties, but the UTA is a resource for a wide array of urban forestry issues. Please feel free to contact us with questions or thoughts about the program. Meanwhile, keep an eye out for us over the coming months. We look forward to working in Bay Creek and planting some trees.



FOOT Notes By Andria Blattner

So far this year has been a blur and a jumble and the weather has been no exception. One victim was the traditional Candlelight Ski – no snow and the ground was a muddy mess. This was something we never expected to deal with in February. It is really hard to know what effect this erratic weather is having on our native plants and wildlife. But the overall warming is allowing many southern species, like the Opossum to move north.

There will be some interesting consequence of these migrations. Some might actually be good, such as the regulation of diseases spread by ticks, like Lyme's. Opossums are much more efficient than mice at keeping ticks from attaching; 50% will attach on mice but only 3.5% will attach on opossums. And moreover while grooming they eat all the ones that don't attach. It is estimated that opossums can remove up to 5,500 ticks from the population. (Who can't love a critter that said "We have met the enemy and they are us".) This is enough to effectively keep down the transmission of diseases to people, dogs and other animals. Any migration and change of populations will definitely cause changes to the existing balance, usually causing harm, like the many invasive species we are experiencing.

The next nature walk in Turville Point will be on Sunday, April 9. It will be led by Chuck Henrikson, a very enthusiastic and knowledgeable birder. The wild flowers will be making their first showing. There was a big patch of Snowdrops and a few blue Scylla already blooming in Turville. The May 14 walk will be led by Paul Noeldner.

Sunday, April 16, from 1-4 p.m. is the Bird and Nature Festival. This event celebrates birds, nature and the fact that Madison is a "Bird City". The featured presentation is "Wild Birds of Prey" with live Raptors. The speaker is Elise Schuler of the Raptor Education Group, Inc. (REGI) in Antigo, WI. The event is in Warner Park at the "Rainbow" Shelter. This event is sponsored by the Friends of Urban Nature and cosponsored by City Parks. There will also be Tree climbing, Hayrides, Food Carts, Music, Bounce House, Arbor Day Tree Planting, face painting, Nature Group Exhibits, Kids Games and Nature Activities and of course an Easter Egg hunt!

Well, let's hope for a good spring and no late freezes to kill the blossoms and thus fruit. Hope you can get out and walk around the neighborhood.

Spring concerts at Olin Turville



FOOT is planning to host our FREE spring concert series at Olin Pavillion in 2017. We have submitted the dates to the City and are waiting for confirmation.

Please check olin-turville.org or baycreekmadison.org for updates. You can also call Judy at (608) 469-1218. Hope to see you there!

Rain Garden Initiative (Courtesy of Friends of Lake Wingra)

It's almost spring; which is a lovely time of year to appreciate the birds and the bees and maybe spend some time in the garden. If you love your garden – or the local lakes for that matter – you should consider installing a rain garden this spring.

A rain garden is specially designed to collect rain water and clean it before it reaches the lake. When rain water washes through streets, parking lots, and over roofs it collects all kinds of dirt and chemicals. If that water goes directly into the storm drain, then it ends up right in the lake – along with all that grime. A rain garden filters the water so that by the time it reaches the lake it's fresh and clean. What's not to love – fresh flowers and fresh water!

At Friends of Lake Wingra, our goal is to install 1,000 rain gardens in neighborhoods where storm drains lead to Lake Wingra. We know that clean water is key to maintaining the health of all the plants and animals that live in the area. Not to mention, to keeping the lake a place that is pleasant for boating, fishing and swimming.

With that goal in mind, we are here to support you in your own rain garden initiatives. If this sounds like a project that might interest you, or if you simply want more information on how a rain garden works, please let us know. We would be happy to provide you with any information or assistance that we can.

Feel free to contact us at: info@lakewingra.org.



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