



# Bay Creek Bulletin

## Update on Alliant Center provided by Vandewalle & Associates

### Master Planning Process Overview

#### Where are we in the process?

With the Market, Financial, Facility and Impact Analysis recently completed by Hunden Strategic Partners, the Oversight Committee will now guide a 6-month Visioning and community engagement process to identify the core uses and broad goals for the future of the Alliant Energy Center prior to undertaking development of a campus master plan beginning in late 2017.



#### What is the goal of the Vision Process?

To move from a wide variety of ideas and options to a strategic Vision and Redevelopment Framework that has strong political and community support.

The vision process will be assisted by Vandewalle and Associates. The vision process aims to:

- Raise public awareness of the planning and redevelopment process, timeline, and proposed Vision to create a common base of knowledge prior to decision making.
- Define the most important roles, functions and major facility needs, as well as community objectives that should shape the master plan.
- Gain public and stakeholder input on the objectives for the AEC redevelopment and general concepts to be included in the future master planning.
- Define the long-term Vision for the AEC grounds.
- Identify strategies for integrating the AEC grounds with surrounding properties, neighborhoods, and the downtown while minimizing negative impacts on area residents.
- Provide a redevelopment process framework and timeline for moving forward, including key considerations and milestones.

An initial draft Vision and Redevelopment Framework is expected to be released in early August with a public input session tentatively scheduled for September 11th.

#### How can I get involved?

There will be several public input opportunities for the Dane County community, surrounding neighborhoods, adjacent property and business owners as well as business and stakeholder leadership over the summer months. To stay apprised of those opportunities, please check the project website at <https://aecstudy.countyofdane.com> over the next several months or email Tom DeChant at [tdmadtown@charter.net](mailto:tdmadtown@charter.net).

### Imagine Madison

In addition to the Alliant Center, there is another planning process underway with a much broader scope. The City is asking for input on Imagine Madison which they are calling a 'unique public listening campaign'.

Please see article on page 5 learn more about changes proposed for our neighborhood. To find out about changes across the City, see the proposed timeframe and express your opinion, go to [www.imaginemadisonwi.com/](http://www.imaginemadisonwi.com/).

### Bay Creek Billboard

**Tue July 4 Noon to ? Meet at the oak trees near Goodman Pool.** Annual BCNA 4th of July Picnic. Please bring a dish to pass as well as your own plates, silverware and beverage. Hope to see you there!

**Mon July 10 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 11 and July 9 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.

**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](mailto:ninaj@wisc.edu), phone: 258-1788 or 698-9708.

**June 14 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.

## **BCNA May 8, 2017 Meeting Summary** **By Carol Medaris**

Jane Smith called the meeting to order and indicated that each presenter at the meeting would have 10 minutes for presentation followed by discussion. Increments of 5 minutes could be added upon agreement of those present.

**Communication at meetings and online:** Judy Robinson said adopting rules might be appropriate to discourage hurtful communication between neighbors and personal attacks, as surfaced at the last BCNA meeting and about which there have been complaints on our listserv, as well. She suggested that if disagreements become disrespectful, that person might be silenced for the rest of the meeting. We discussed whether ground rules were necessary, beyond emphasizing respectful conduct and listening to what others are saying. Jim Winkle said some other groups have found rules to be helpful, and asked for volunteers to work with him to discuss this both at BCNA meetings and online. In the meantime, it was generally agreed that it was appropriate for the meeting facilitator to be alert to and in control of people getting out of hand.

### **Committee reports:**

**TREASURER:** Judy passed out copies of her yearly report, which shows that even though our expenses for the year slightly exceeded our revenues, we still have a balance in the bank to cover expenses (most related to the newsletter) generally due to a carry-over from May 2016. It was suggested that the record show clearly the separation of income and expenses for the ash tree treatments, since that was not an official activity of the BCNA, but one to which interested individuals contributed.

Judy pointed out that few people paid dues (\$10 per year, with \$210 collected in the last year) and expressed some reluctance on the part of the newsletter committee to be continually emphasizing payment, since dues are completely voluntary. It was generally agreed that it was appropriate to continue drawing attention to the \$10 in the Bulletin, since some people needed the reminder.

**NEWSLETTER:** Judy said that the next deadline for Bulletin copy is May 19th and delivery will be the 1st week in June.

**CONTACTS:** Jim Kreft said that he didn't have much to report since most contacts were still going to Bob Stoffs, but there was some indication that a "coffee with the cops" might be happening later in May or early June

which he would notify people about. Bob indicated that he had helped set this up for several years, but there did not seem to be much interest on the part of neighbors -- he was often the only Bay Creek resident there! There was a brief discussion about possibly changing the day to a week-end or the time to after work or just having an update by a police officer at a general meeting.

### **SOUTH MADISON PLANNING COUNCIL:**

Notices and agendas of SMPC meetings were requested to be sent out on the listserv, as happened in the past. Carrie Rothburd, our representative on the Council, who hadn't realized that people wanted them, will see that advance notices go out.

**WEB:** Jim Winkle announced that he will be shutting down his Events Galore site, which has been the basis for the neighborhood calendar on our BCNA website. James Kreft volunteered to help keep up the website neighborhood calendar.

### **PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**(P&ED):** Steve Davis described the Imagine Madison website ([imaginemadisonwi.com](http://imaginemadisonwi.com)), and its presentation of a major effort to rezone the city. Initial public comments have been gathered and may be viewed on the website. So far there are few changes in the plan for our neighborhood, which is mostly zoned low-density residential, but some changes are suggested for the medical society next to Olin park and residences nearby, for Romnes, and for Gilson Street. A major change near our neighborhood is an upgrade for Park Street south of Midland from six stories to up to 12 stories on both sides of Park Street. Carrie Rothburd said that Jule Stroick from the city could meet with us to talk about how to progress on issues in order "to get ahead of the curve" of city development plans.

Later in the meeting, Carrie gave a brief summary of ongoing developments we have been involved with. The next city meeting on the T Wall plan for Wingra II, at Park and Fish Hatchery, has been postponed and details of the most recent plans are available on the Legistar site, (<https://madison.legistar.com>) although there may be some changes. There are no new plans for Jade Garden at this point. The homeless housing proposed for 1202 S. Park Street is still in the hands of WHEDA so cannot move forward at this time. (After the meeting Carrie circulated information on our listserv that the application to WHEDA had not received financing, so the future is unclear.) (Continued on next page)

(BCNA Meeting Summary, continued)

**FRIENDS OF OLIN TURVILLE (FOOT):** Tom DeChant passed around hand-outs for the upcoming free concerts in the Olin Park Pavilion, featuring The Berymans (May 17), The Whiskey Farm (June 1), Frankie Lee (June 6), and Cris Plata (June 15). Note that they are not all the same day of the week as in the past.

Also, the guided bird and nature walks continue the second Sunday of the month, gathering at the Turville parking lot at 1:30.

For Bratfest, FOOT has 8 volunteer slots assigned for Friday, May 26, from 1:00 to 5:00.

**ORCHARD:** Judy said that volunteers would be very welcome to help with weeding – bind weed is particularly spreading its noxious self.

**Special Baha’i Events:** Dennis Jenkyns from the Baha’i Center brought to our attention a Baha’i sponsored program on Sunday, May 28, End of Life Issues and the Practical Components of Hospice Care. A part of Madison’s Agrace facility is reaching out to various religious communities. The public is invited to the regular Baha’i program beginning at 10:00, refreshments at 10:30, and the Agrace presentation at 10:45. The public is also invited to a special Baha’i gathering on October 22 at Olbrich Garden.

**Alliant Energy Center (AEC) Master Planning Committee:** Tom DeChant, appointed by the county to serve on this committee, reported that the pre-feasibility study is done and the next stage of the master plan development, the Visioning process, is just beginning. Vandewalle, who is handling this process, will be reaching out to neighborhoods over the summer, with an initial presentation anticipated at a SMPC meeting. Additional information about the process will be available online. Please see article on Page 1 for more details

**Restructuring P&ED Committee:** Toward the end of the meeting, I suggested we consider structuring the committee into ad hoc groups focused on each development, as was the case before the P&ED Committee was reactivated a couple of years ago. This was in response to issues raised at the last meeting about the need for regular meetings with notice to everyone who has expressed interest on working on development issues, as required by the bylaws, and the sense that the number of developments, and the difficulty of getting people to participate, may be too much for one or two people to handle. It also might bring in more participants who have an interest in working together on a particular development proposal. There was some discussion, but due to time any further discussion will have to come at a later meeting.

The meeting was adjourned. Judy Robinson has volunteered to facilitate the July 10th meeting.

## **BIG Thank You to Carol**

Carol Medaris has decided to turn in her pen after serving as BCNA’s secretary for four years. She has done a wonderful job of recording the events at sometimes contentious meetings in a clear manner. She took pains to clearly record the ins and outs of complex issues, asking follow-up questions of presenters to make sure the facts were correct and complete.

Naturally her departure leaves a large gap in the BCNA line-up. Interested in becoming more involved in the neighborhood activities or want to know more about the position? If so, contact any of the officers listed on the back page of the Bulletin.

Thank you, Carol, for serving as secretary in such a stellar fashion and for such a long stint.

You will be greatly missed.

## **MadiSUN Brings Affordable Solar Energy**

The MadiSUN Solar Group Buy program will enable Madison and Middleton residents to “go solar” together. Through the group buy program, a team of community members requests offers from solar companies across the region. The program then pre-qualifies a price and service provider to make it as easy as possible for people to join the program. The City’s investment in marketing and competitive bidding will drive down the cost for each participant. The cost of installing solar has never been lower, and households can receive a Federal Tax Credit for 30% of the system cost, while Wisconsin’s Focus on Energy program offers up to \$2,000 in additional rebates.

The program, through its contractor RENEW Wisconsin, has begun recruiting interested households to participate. This summer, citizens can learn more and sign up at [madisunsolar.com](http://madisunsolar.com).

Six sessions are aimed at helping residents learn more about solar energy and the options available for installing solar. All events are free and open to the public. The dates, times, and locations information sessions are available at [www.madisunsolar.com/upcoming-events](http://www.madisunsolar.com/upcoming-events).

Sign up to learn more about the program at <https://madisunsolar.com>.



## P & D Update by Carrie Rothburd

After a slow winter and spring for development, things are speeding up again in Bay Creek. Here's an overview. Questions or concerns? Email Carrie or Steve.

**1) Peloton (formerly Wingra Point II) at Fish Hatchery and South Park.** Planning staff made it clear in early 2017 that they would not recommend less than 5 stories at the development's northern point to the Urban Design and Plan commissions. Proposed plans for the Peloton are now 6 stories at the point, replacing the 4-story plans that were positively reviewed by neighbors at January's BCNA meeting. Current plans are up for review at the UDC on June 21st. See them at <https://madison.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=5094135&G=UID=C810A30F-F55D-4A9A-A98E-8BD59153EA10>. These plans show an entrance to the parking garage on South instead of on Park which has the positive side-effect of taking the stress off the intersection at Park, Fish Hatchery, and Parr. Other changes include more commercial space, less of a margin between the development and the curb, no green roof, fewer plantings at ground level, and flex parking whereby residents' spots are open to commercial customers by day. It is unclear yet how Wall, Plan, or the Common Council will weigh in again on some of the chief requests concerned neighbors made in July 2015: A) No late night commercial establishment without additional parking (approved in 2015); B) 1:1 parking ratio and no on-street daytime parking permits for Peloton tenants in nearby 2-hour zones (approved in 2015); and C) Garage parking rolled into leases with opt-out option for tenants with no car (denied in 2015). P&ED will contact our alder to ask for her position on the now-submitted plans.

**2) Heartland Housing's permanent affordable housing at 1202 South Park.** WHEDA, the financing entity for Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC), denied funding for Heartland's proposal. According to city staff, only two projects in Madison out of five received the needed LIHTC funding to move forward. City Planning staff and Heartland are re-evaluating to decide if they want to try again for LIHTC this fall. P&ED asked to learn what aspects of the 1202 project did not rank high enough to receive funding and was told only that the process was very competitive. We will contact Alder Eskrich to ask to inform neighbors fully and in a timely manner of the process moving forward so we can have meaningful input into the re-evaluation process.

**3) Imagine Madison.** The city is embarking on a revision of its 2006 land use code and asks for your input until June 21, 2017 at: <https://imaginemadisonwi.com/workbook-comparison-map>. You can compare the old and new maps. To comment on a specific site, drop a pin on the map and scroll down the page for the comment box. The proposed changes that affect Bay Creek include:

Where	2006	Proposed Change
Park St east side (W Wash to south of Emerson)	3-5 stories/ 60 units/acre	Up to: 6 stories/130 units/acre
Park St east side (south of Emerson to Midland)	3-5 stories/ 60 units/acre	Up to: 12-stories/>130 units/acre
West and east sides of Park (Midland to RR tracks)	Up to 4 stories 60 units/acre	4-12-stories/ No units/acre specified *
Romnes Apartments	Up to 40 units/ acre	Up to: 5 stories/90 units/acre
300 block of W Lakeside	Up to 40 units/ acre	Up to: 4 stories/ 80 units/acre
Gilson St (north of Cedar to Pine)	0-15 units/acre	Employment (No units/ acre specified)
Gilson St (Pine to Wingra Creek)	16-40 units/ acre	Employment (No units/ acre specified)

*\*The change along Park from south of Emerson to Midland to allow for up to 12 stories abutting a low-density residential area is significant because nowhere else in the city does this occur.*

4) Karl von Lith, Organizational Training and Development Manager, along with a City neighborhood long-term planner have offered to work with Bay Creek neighbors re: conflict resolution and how to address different opinions in a respectful manner. We will also look at the ways in which other NAs manage their communication process with respect to development internally, with the city, and with developers. The meeting is June 29 from 6:30 to 8:00. Location to be posted on the BCNA website. Please RSVP via e-mail by June 19 to [friendsofparkstreet@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofparkstreet@gmail.com) if you plan to attend.

# NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES

## **4th of July Picnic**

The annual Bay Creek potluck picnic will take place on July 4th, go figure. 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.

## **Neighborhood Dues**

During the annual review of the Treasurer's report at the May 8 meeting, several people suggested reminding Bay Creek residents that there is a provision in the BCNA bylaws for neighborhood dues. These are entirely voluntary and not mandatory in any way. Anyone wishing to donate the suggested \$10 per year can mail a check to Sara Richards, 710 Spruce, 53715. Money is used to defray incidental expenses like ice cream for the Ice Cream Social held each August, underwriting shortfalls in the newsletter budget, annual corporation fees. Donations in any amount are appreciated. Thank you in advance.

## **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.

## **Rummage Sale at Trinity United Methodist**

Trinity United Methodist Church, 1123 Vilas Avenue, is having a rummage sale on Saturday, June 17 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be a wide range of home and garden items, clothing, jewelry and more. Baked goods and snacks will be for sale. Most items are for sale on a "free-will offering" basis, with the exception of antiques and high-end items in "Grandma's Attic." For more information, call the church at 257-4591.

## **Library Book Sale**

New or good-as-new books, DVDs, CDs and more, plus delicious baked goods - all at bargain prices. Great for gifts! Two day sale hours are Friday, June 16, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m., and Saturday, June 17, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday bag sale – all you can fit in a paper grocery bag for \$5.00. The sale is sponsored by the Friends of South Madison Library.

## **BCNA Secretary Position**

After doing a great job for years, Carol Medaris has resigned as BCNA Recording Secretary. BCNA is looking to fill this critical role. Duties are taking minutes at BCNA meetings and summarizing them for the newsletter. If you are interested in becoming more involved with BCNA, this would be a great opportunity to learn about the neighborhood. If you aren't able to commit to attending every meeting, please consider being an alternate or rotating secretary so that one person doesn't have to do it all. It's a great way to try out the position before the next election in March. For more information, please contact any of the officers listed on the

back page of the newsletter.



*The 4th Annual Make Music Madison is on June 21. For info on venues and performers, go to [makemusicmadison.org/listings](http://makemusicmadison.org/listings).*

## *Senior Notes*

The South Madison Coalition of the Elderly invites you to enjoy a nutritious lunch at Romnes Apartments, 540 W. Olin Avenue, at 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. In the summer months the menu includes summer favorites like brats, burgers and barbecue, as well as pasta salads and an occasional soup and sandwich lunch. Each day there is an alternate vegetarian entrée and, on Wednesdays, you can choose the main dish salad or the regular main dish. Menus are published for a month at a time in our free SouthSide Senior newsletter. Please call our office if you would like to receive the newsletter.

Our lunches are provided on a donation basis for persons age 60 and older, with a suggested donation of \$4.00. Other persons who attend the meals are asked to pay \$10.23. 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.

### **Celebrate Flag Day with Popular Michael Gruber**

Come share lunch and enjoy good music for Flag Day on Wednesday, June 14. The menu includes tomato barley lentil soup, ham & Swiss on a croissant, a fresh apple and a lemon bar. Or opt for the alternate main dish salad. On this day, it is the Chicken Ranch Salad with shredded lettuce, diced chicken, tomato, cucumber, peas, green onion and bacon crumbles, with Ranch Dressing. At 11:45, sit back as one of our favorite performers, Michael Gruber, plays his guitar and sings lots of favorites and his own original tunes.

### **Enjoy Barbecued Chicken as You Remember Fathers**

Get an early start celebrating fathers and all men who have had a positive impact on our lives, on Friday, June 16. Join us for barbecued chicken, a roll, potato salad, cucumber salad, tropical fruit salad, and a banana bar. Stay afterwards to play dominoes and games.

### **Bingo, Dominoes, Cards, and more!**

Come for lunch, and stay, or just drop in to play. We have something to do most weekday afternoons in the Romnes Community room.

Play dominoes Monday-Friday at 12:30 pm.

Play cards and other games of your choice on Monday, Thursdays and Fridays at 1:00 pm.

Play bingo on Wednesdays, June 7 and 21 at 1:00 pm.

## Madison Gas and Electric Proposes New Wind Farm From: Madison Gas and Electric

Madison Gas and Electric (MGE) is seeking to expand the amount of electricity it generates from renewable resources. In April, MGE filed with state regulators an application to construct, own and operate a 66-megawatt wind farm about 200 miles west of Madison near Saratoga, Iowa.

If approved, the Saratoga wind farm would be MGE's largest to date, with enough energy to serve about 47,000 homes. The Saratoga project is a cost-effective, clean energy option for powering Madison-area homes and businesses for years to come.

It's all about location. MGE began scouting locations for a new wind farm more than a year ago. Considerable research goes into selecting a site for wind generation. MGE engineers selected the Saratoga site for a number of reasons, including its strong wind speeds and proximity to transmission infrastructure to deliver the power. If approved by regulators, construction could begin in spring 2018 and be complete by the end of 2018.

MGE is committed to cleaner energy sources. Under MGE's long-term framework, Energy 2030, the Company has committed to reducing carbon dioxide emissions and increasing its use of renewable resources. MGE has a goal of 30% renewables by 2030. Our interim goal is 25% by 2025. We know renewable energy is important to many of our customers and surrounding communities.

Energy 2030 continues MGE's long-term direction toward cleaner energy sources. In 1999, we built what was at the time the largest wind farm east of the Mississippi River, our Rosiere wind farm in Kewaunee County, Wisconsin. In 2008, our Top of Iowa 3 wind farm in Kensett, Iowa, became operational.

The Saratoga project will host turbines taller than those at either of MGE's earlier wind farms. If approved, Saratoga's turbines would stretch nearly 500 feet high. Taller turbines with larger blades take advantage of faster wind speeds aloft, resulting in more energy produced per turbine.

To see additional features about how MGE is transitioning to greater use of renewable resources, visit [energy2030together.com](http://energy2030together.com).

## Universe In The Park From [www.astro.wisc.edu](http://www.astro.wisc.edu)

Universe in the Park (UitP) is a popular outreach program of the Department of Astronomy at the University of Wisconsin - Madison. UitP is predicated on a very simple idea: the best environment in which to introduce the general public to astronomy is outside under dark skies.

Since 1996, we have taken UitP to state parks throughout Wisconsin during the summer camping season, giving talks and slide shows, answering questions, and letting the general public view astronomical objects through one of the UitP telescopes.

A typical UitP session begins just after sunset with a 30-40 minute talk and slide show about astronomy. While particular topics are left up to the presenters, they usually give a broad overview of one or two astronomy topics. The talks are presented for audiences of all ages.

At the conclusion of the talk, weather permitting, we set up a moderate aperture (8"-10") telescope and provide park visitors the opportunity to view available astronomical objects. UitP sessions run as long as there are people interested in looking through the telescope, and the parks typically close before the interest has been sated.

The statewide Universe in the Park program of the UW-Madison Astronomy Department is funded, in its entirety, by the generous support of Jere and Anne Fluno.

*Editor's Note: There are many UitP sessions within an easy drive of Madison this summer. Please go to [www.astro.wisc.edu/the-public/universe-in-the-park](http://www.astro.wisc.edu/the-public/universe-in-the-park) to see this year's schedule.*





## Avoiding Ticks

From Public Health Madison & Dane County

<http://www.publichealthmdc.com>

Lyme disease is on the rise in Dane County. Untreated Lyme disease can produce a wide range of symptoms, including fever, rash, facial paralysis and arthritis. Symptoms of the other diseases spread by deer ticks are very similar and all may occur anywhere from 3 to 30 days after a bite. When treated with appropriate antibiotics in the early stage of symptoms, recovery is usually rapid and complete.

There are steps you can take to protect yourself from tick bites: (1) Avoid wooded and brushy areas with high grass, and walk in the center of trails if hiking. (2) Use repellents containing 20 to 30% DEET both on exposed skin and clothing, carefully following product instructions. (3) As soon as possible after coming indoors, bathe or shower, conducting a full-body tick check using a mirror. Remember: ticks can be as small as a poppy seed or sesame seed. (4) Tumble clothing you've worn outdoors on high heat in a dryer as well, to kill any ticks you've missed.

Dogs also are very susceptible to tick bites and the diseases they cause, and ticks might be hard to notice on them. As with humans, prevention is the best defense. Use a tick preventive product on your dog and check it daily for ticks.

## Food Ministry at St. Mark's by Pastor Lori

The Food Ministry of St. Mark's Lutheran Church serves about twenty families each week through the Food Pantry. There are different guidelines regarding whether one qualifies to use a food pantry. Under the old rules, a family of four qualified to visit a food pantry if their income was less than \$2500 a month. However federal guidelines suggest that some families who make less than 185% of the poverty level, for example, a family of 4 that earned less than \$3792 monthly are welcome to visit food pantries! Medical debt as well as student debt often get in the way of families in this income bracket making ends meet.

We are open Tuesdays from 10:00 AM to noon and Thursdays from 5:45 PM to 7:30. Guests should live in Dane County and have a valid form of ID. A referral or appointment is not necessary. Just walk in the door! New Tuesday morning volunteers are often needed. Please contact Pastor Lori at 256-8463.

Every Friday the Food Ministry of St. Mark's offers a free community meal. The Friday Meal is open to ALL! Through this meal people can develop new relationships and a stronger sense of community. It is open on Fridays from noon to 1:00 PM. Come and join us!

*Editor's Note: When children are out of school and don't have access to school-provided breakfast and lunch, grocery costs increase greatly for low-income families. Please consider donating to St. Mark's food pantry over the summer months to help families in need.*

Want to tell us about a trip, your volunteer work or an interesting neighbor?  
Are you a long time resident with a memory of our neighborhood in earlier days?  
To tell us about your idea, please contact Sara at [leftpaintedtoenail@hotmail.com](mailto:leftpaintedtoenail@hotmail.com) or Judy at (608) 469-1218.



## FOOT Notes

By Andria Blattner

*Pseudogymnoascus destructans*, *Agrilus planipennis*, *Amyntas agrestis*. What are these things? What do they have in common? They are all invasive species that have made it to Madison and are causing serious problems for our environment and wildlife.

*Pseudogymnoascus destructans* is the fungus that infects bats, causing White-nose syndrome which is usually fatal. It was first seen in the U.S. in 2007 and first seen in Wisconsin in 2014. Unfortunately the effect of the disease is following the usual pattern. This spring DNR reported a 40 to 60 % population decline in 2 of the largest hibernacula (winter quarters). These locations account for 2/3's of the Wisconsin bat population. Some sites are even harder hit. Can you help? Yes, if you see a survivor or have bats that have returned or if you are missing bats that usually roost nearby please report it to the DNR <http://wiatri.net/Inventory/Bats/Volunteer/Roosts/RoostForm.cfm>. They are trying to investigate why some hibernacula have better survival rates and to find out if some individuals are resistant to white-nose syndrome.

If you are interested in joining a major bat count at Yellowstone Lake, please contact me via e-mail: [ablattner22@charter.net](mailto:ablattner22@charter.net) or Heather Kaarakka at 608-266-2576. Heather is the DNR person monitoring the roost counts. There are 31 bat houses at Yellowstone, and in past years over 4000 little brown bats used them as nurseries.

*Agrilus planipennis* is a beetle that has caused great havoc on our streets and landscape. It is the Emerald Ash Borer, the carrier of a fungus that kills ash trees. We have all seen the devastation they are causing.

*Amyntas agrestis* is the crazy worm or jumping worm. It has been around Madison for about 3 years. This worm is much different than the red wiggler and even more active. It lives very near the surface and removes leaf litter. It seriously degrades the soil by completely removing all the organic matter and producing castings that are insoluble. The soil they produce looks like coffee grounds. So far there is no efficient way to control it. Great care should be taken when trading plants; if there is any chance of infestation, all the soil should be rinsed off the roots to remove the cocoons and tiny worms, and the plants should be repotted in potting soil. By mid-summer the worms are big enough to see.

If you have or think you have these worms please contact me. There will be a study of their distribution around Madison this summer by a University student. I would like to have our neighborhood included. On a happier note, June and July are beautiful in our parks. The prairies are beginning to bloom, birds are nesting and there are many little animals exploring their new worlds. All the birdhouses in Olin and Turville Point have occupants, although mostly by tree swallows (47 eggs), only 2 have bluebirds (2 eggs, 3 chicks). A Quann birdhouse has 6 baby chickadees. All these are welcome to the neighborhood.

There are many ways to enjoy our parks:

- \* The Bird and Nature Walks in Turville Point are on June 11 led by School Naturalist Emily Steinwehe, a good walk for kids to see the prairie; July 9 and August 13 led by Sean Gere. Sean is an arborist and forager who knows every tree in Turville Woods.
- \* The remaining concerts are on Thursday June 1, Tuesday June 6 and Thursday June 15. A great occasion for a picnic!
- \* There will be yoga in the Pavilion on Tuesday nights. The dates are May 23, Friday, May 30, maybe June 6, (there is a concert in the pavilion that night so a different location will have to be found), June 13 and June 20.

### Spring concerts at Olin Turville

FOOT has hosted our FREE spring concert series at Olin Pavillion and we have two more shows coming up. Hope to see you there!

Tues., June 6: Enjoy the wailing blues and mean harmonica of Frankie Lee & The Maintainers.

Thurs., June 15: Cris Plata & Extra Hot end our season with their sizzling original country folk and Mexican roots music.



# Bay Creek Bulletin & Neighborhood Contacts

Next Bulletin to be delivered: First week of June  
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The Bay Creek Bulletin is published every other month by the Bay Creek Neighborhood Association (BCNA). The Bulletin provides valuable news and information about our neighborhood, and helps connect neighbors to one another. We welcome your contributions: comments, articles, drawings, photos, poetry, announcements

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