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# Bay Creek Bulletin

## A Tree Falls in Bay Creek By Pam Gates

No big news after all the storms we've had, you say? Well, yes, it is big news. For one thing, it happened in early June, before all the storms. And it wasn't actually a tree, but rather a tree-size branch broke off the historic white oak in Betty Smith's yard, at the corner of Hickory and Pine streets. Betty's daughter and great granddaughter were standing in the yard near the tree, when it suddenly started to shake. The branch came down with an enormous thud, filling the front half of their side yard and reaching out into the street. Fortunately, Debby and Hannah were standing on the other side of the tree!

Betty and Debby recalled another branch that had fallen from this tree 30-some years ago, also during the summer. Neighbor Rob Summerbell had installed a prop under the branch that just fell, which worked for quite a few years. Not, alas, forever.

Many people asked for wood from the enormous branch, and there would have been plenty to go around to all who asked. But, much to the family's relief, the tree turned out to be on city property, which meant the city was responsible for cleaning it up. They did so the very next

day, but city ordinance wouldn't allow them to give any of the wood away.

The oak was old when Betty (pictured below) and her family moved to their house 67 years ago. It got a page in arborist R. Bruce Allison's book "Every Root an Anchor: Wisconsin's Famous and Historic Trees," published by the State Historical Society in 1982 and 2005. A 2005 State Journal article referred to the oak as "one of the oldest trees in Madison," and a 1974 Capital Times article said it was the largest white oak in the Madison area. "People said it was hundreds of years old when we moved here," Betty recalled.

Long live the Pine Street Oak, one of the prides of Bay Creek!



### Bay Creek Billboard

**Sat Aug. 26 1:00 pm** Annual BCNA Ice Cream Social By Bay Creek Orchard at Olin Ave. and Lake Ct. There will be dairy and vegan ice cream. Bowls & spoons are provided or bring your own. Toppings to share are welcome. Hope to see you there!

**Mon Sept. 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 Aug 13 and Sept 10 1:30 pm** Guided Nature Walks by Friends of Olin Turville (FOOT). Meet at the Turville Parking lot off John Nolen Dr. See page 8 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, phone: 258-1788 or 698-9708.

**Aug 9 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.

### Kids Bike Parade & Games on July 4th

A HUGE thank you to Gayle Worland and Emma Lowry for organizing a wonderful event before the BCNA 4th of July picnic. The fun started with decorating bicycles for a parade around Goodman Pool. The parade was followed by crafts and an impressive variety of games.

At least 70 people came to play and a good time was had by all. We are hoping this will become an annual event, maybe we'll see you next year.

## BCNA July 10, 2017 Meeting Summary By Kirk Elliott

Judy Robinson facilitated, and we began on time.

Report On BCNA Special Meeting, June 29, 2017: Several people helped report on the BCNA Special Meeting held on June 29 at the VFW. Karl van Lith of the City facilitated that meeting, and said at that time that the meeting was to help solve problems with the functioning of BCNA's Planning and Economic Development Committee (P&ED) and with uncivil behavior at BCNA meetings [all my wording].

Karl and City staff passed out papers that were about the size of post-it notes, and asked us to write down on separate papers, what we didn't like about Bay Creek, what we liked now, and what we would like to see more of in the future. We divided randomly into three groups, each group taking a pile of notes in one of the categories. We discussed the suggestions, and had more ideas for improvement of BC and BCNA. We didn't focus on specific suggestions for solving P&ED or uncivil behavior issues. Karl gave advice for improving BCNA and our BCNA meetings in his notes of the Special Meeting dated June 29, 2017, and in his Facilitation Meeting Ground Rules. [Editor's note: Kirk plans to post the City's notes from the June 29 Special Meeting and the City's Facilitation Meeting Grounds Rules on the Bay Creek listserv around August 15. To subscribe to the listserv, send a blank email message to baycreek-subscribe@yahoo.com. You'll receive a welcoming message back with instructions, usually within a day.]

### Committee Reports:

**Treasurer:** As treasurer, Judy R. said, "We're in good shape for the newsletter."

**Newsletter:** The deadline for copy for the August/Sept Bulletin is July 21st.

**Website:** Jim Winkle said the Bay Creek website is now using a Google calendar, and encouraged us to experiment with using it.

**Ice Cream Social:** The BC Annual Ice Cream Social will be Saturday, August 27, from 1:30-3:30, near the BCNA sign at Lake Ct. and Olin Ave. [Rain date is Sunday, August 28]

**Contact Person:** Jim Kreft said the Alliant Energy Center is now in a years-long visioning process for changes to the Center, and the Center is asking for neighborhood input. There will be all-community/neighborhood meetings, hosted by Vanderwall Associates. Ground breaking for new buildings at the Center will be in 2019 or 2020.

### The Road Home

Kristin Rucinski, Executive Director of The Road Home gave a cogent and heartfelt report on the good works of

The Road Home, of 128 E. Olin Ave. (but moving to 890 W. Wingra Dr. in early 2018). The Road Home helps homeless families, most with young children, find housing and work out problems with housing and other problems of daily living. The Road Home invites people to come to their office for a short tour. The Road Home office gratefully accepts donations of diapers, wipes, detergent, toilet paper, shampoo, soap, etc.; the purchased stuff of everyday life for young families.

The meeting adjourned at about 8:00.

## Baha'i Birthday Party

For many years, BCNA has benefited from being able to hold bi-monthly meetings and other events--like candidate debates and forums--at the Baha'i Center on Lakeside Street. They charge no rent, volunteers come to open the building, their bylaws even preclude them taking donations from us. But at the very least perhaps we can help them celebrate their founder's 200th birthday.

Here is a press release about the event which has garnered a proclamation from the Mayor.

The Madison Baha'i Community will be joining their friends, neighbors and colleagues at the Olbrich Botanical Gardens, 3330 Atwood Avenue, on Sunday, October 22, from 2-4 PM, to celebrate the 200th anniversary of Baha'u'llah, the founder of the world-wide Baha'i Religion.

The public is invited to the free event and will be treated to colorful exhibits, tasty refreshments, uplifting words and music, and performers representing the essence and beauty of cultural diversity.

Baha'u'llah (1817-1892) was a spiritual teacher Who announced in 1863 that He was the bearer of a new revelation from God. His teachings have spread around the world, forming the basis of a process of social transformation and community building which is unique in its global scope and the diversity of participants.

The Light of Unity Festival is a celebration of the transformative impact of Baha'u'llah's teachings on the lives of families, neighborhoods and communities around the country and the world. Baha'u'llah's vision of the oneness of humanity is an antidote to the racial prejudice and materialism that are corroding American society.

[For more information on the Baha'i religion, please see a feature article in the August-September 2011 Bay Creek Bulletin available at baycreekmadison.org].



## Jody Clowes, Gallery Director

By Sara Richards

Bay Creek resident Jody Clowes is director and curator of the James Watrous Gallery. The Gallery, located on the third floor of Overture Center, is a program of the nonprofit Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts & Letters.

Jody has been the Watrous director since early 2015 and before then was the Watrous exhibitions coordinator for almost five years.

She says, "Although my title is director, I'm really a jack of all trades: I work with artists to curate and design exhibits, plan our schedule, raise money through grants and donations, write and edit interpretive material and press releases, install the shows, and generally keep the lights on and the crowds coming through. Sometimes I mop the floor, too. And I don't do it alone: I rely on my partners at the gallery as well as my wonderful colleagues at the Wisconsin Academy."

And what exactly does she do in her role as curator? Jody's official biography states "...her goal is to offer accessible, jargon-free context that helps visitors engage with the art on view, while leaving space for individual discovery and reflection. Her exhibition projects emphasize connections between contemporary art and other disciplines and issues."

How does one get into this kind of work? Jody has a BA in Art History and Studio Art as well as an MA in American Material Culture. She has held positions at Milwaukee Art Museum, the UW-Madison's SoHE Design Gallery, and Detroit's historic Pewabic Pottery. She's also been a guest curator for exhibits at the Chazen (formerly the Elvehjem) and Philadelphia Art Alliance, and used to write about art regularly for Isthmus Weekly and American Craft magazine.

When asked about the favorite part of her work, Jody says, "I really enjoy working with artists to design their exhibitions. Although we try to map the shows out ahead of time, it's always different once you get the work in the space and see how the pieces interact with each other and the architecture of the gallery. The focus is solo shows by Wisconsin artists, which are selected through a jury process. I also curate shows with specific themes once or twice a year."

The themes of the shows might be surprising to find in an art gallery: the health of Upper Midwest forests (Logjam, 2015) and Wisconsin's water resources (Waterways, 2015), preservation of heritage crafts (Vital Skills, 2013), and the art of camouflage (Deceptively Simple, 2008 at SoHE Design Gallery).

Jody aims to give visitors a positive experience, share information about the art, offer tours and other

public events, and show the artists' work to best advantage. "We have had very good working relationships with almost all the artists who show with us--the only real frustrations I can remember relate to placing artwork for safety reasons: to keep a fragile piece out of reach, for example, when it might actually look better elsewhere. The biggest challenge is finding time for creative brainstorming, problem-solving, and daydreaming. Just keeping the doors open and the shows cycling through takes most of our time; and with the current funding climate at the state and federal level, I've been spending more energy every year raising money.

Jody and her partner Dave Driscoll moved to Bay Creek in 1994. "When we moved from Detroit in late '92 we started ...on the near east side, but we couldn't find a house with enough garden space...within our budget. Our little one-and-a-half story place can feel small when both teenagers are home, but we've been really happy here.

"This has been a terrific place to be parents... We've had great neighbors and love being able to bike, walk, or bus to work. Sometimes...I wish we'd bought a place just a little further from John Nolen Drive. But I don't have any real regrets!"

More information about the Gallery can be found at <https://www.wisconsinacademy.org/gallery>.

### In Memoriam



We are very sad to report the passing of Scott Novotny, owner of our wonderful neighborhood Quality True Value Hardware store at Park St. and Olin Ave.

Our deepest sympathy to Scott's family and friends. He will be greatly missed by his Bay Creek customers.

### 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.

# Planning and Economic Development Committee Report

By Carrie Rothburd & Steve Davis

Wingra BUILD Triangle: The June 25th development meeting, at which Planning staff presented its ideas for developing Park Street from Parr to West Wingra Drive, made it clear that Bay Creek will soon be at the center of a storm of activity, including Cedar Street's extension to Fish Hatchery, the Truman Olsen site development, the Dean clinic expansion, and the possible Heartland Housing development. (Please see the Alder update on Page 5.) Please join P&ED in its efforts to insert the voices of neighbors into discussions whose outcomes will have an impact on us. Contact Carrie at 467-7170.

BCNA Planning Session: To facilitate neighborhood involvement, P&ED organized a meeting on June 29th to discuss how to improve communication among neighbors.

At the meeting, facilitated by City of Madison staff, participants listed what they would like to see "more of," "less of," or "continue as is" within BCNA. After testing out themes in small groups, they brainstormed actions to undertake. Possible next steps include addressing: the structure of BCNA meetings, communication outside meetings, member outreach, and BCNA's interaction with the city. In general, meeting participants were positive about BCNA's work over the years and want to build a voice that is more inclusive, more representative, and more acknowledged by city staff and elected officials. (See planning notes at baycreekmadison.org.) Thanks to staffers Karl, Jule, and Angela for their time and commitment to neighborhood process! P&ED will call another meeting as soon as possible. All are welcome.

Peloton: On July 3, the Plan Commission referred its decision on the Peloton (formerly Wingra Point II) after neighbors shared concerns about its impact on nearby residential blocks. These include: overflow parking, traffic and pedestrian safety, height at the point and overall density. Neighbors requested the referral on Plan's decision to allow time for a neighborhood informational meeting. Although Alder Eskrich and Planning staff opposed the referral, Plan added its own concerns about on-site parking for cars and bikes, green space, and setbacks, and sent Wall's team back to the drawing board.

P&ED has requested a meeting with T. Wall and Alder Eskrich to be able to convey changes to the Peloton to neighbors in a timely manner. An online survey being conducted by P &ED to gather input from neighbors is available at baycreekmadison.org. Peloton returns for review on August 28th, please complete the survey by

then if possible. If you do not have online access, please call Lisie at 220-5180 or Judy at 469-1218 to get a paper copy.

Imagine Madison: An amazing 175 out of the 200 online comments by neighbors on the proposed new land use plan were about Park Street! As a result city planners scaled back on height and mass along the urban corridor where it abuts residential areas and returned its designation to "neighborhood mixed use," which calls for up to 4 story-buildings.

Alliant Energy Center Visioning: On July 18 and 19, Vanderwalle Associates held two public visioning sessions with neighbors as part of the AEC Master Planning Process. The purpose of the meetings, which were attended by about 20 people overall, was to brainstorm with Bay Creek, Bram's Addition, Capitol View Heights, Moorland-Rimrock neighbors about the appropriate role and function of a redeveloped AEC, how to ensure equal access, and how to build connections to and control negative impacts on nearby neighbors. Themes that emerged at both meetings include: avoiding redundancy on the site by creating connections with hotels, restaurants, and resources elsewhere in the city; protecting, preserving, and enhancing the natural resources immediately adjacent to the AEC and on the site; and ensuring physical and financial access to the facility by South Madison residents of diverse incomes, cultures, and ages. Notes from these meetings will be at <https://aecstudy.countyofdane.com/>. If you did not attend, and want to provide input, go to <https://polco.us/groups/county/dane-county-wi> by August 7th. To add your comments rather than simply respond to multiple-choice options, you need to answer at least one question first. You may also forward comments to neighborhood representative Tom DeChant at [tdmadtown@charter.net](mailto:tdmadtown@charter.net). A public hearing on the AEC will take place on September 11 and the visioning phase will wrap up in October.

# NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES

## **BCNA Ice Cream Social**

The annual Ice Cream Social will be held on Saturday, August 26, 1-3 p.m. with a rain date of Sunday, August 27. Join us at the site of the sign across from the Goodman Pool between Olin and Van Deusen. There will be vanilla, chocolate and vegan ice creams. Bowls and spoons are provided or you can bring your own.

If the spirit moves you, feel free to bring a topping to share.

## **Thanks for Neighborhood Dues**

Many thanks to all those who responded to the information about neighborhood dues. Over \$600 in donations was received putting BCNA in good fiscal shape. There will be ice cream at the Ice Cream Social! Some of the one-time donations we received were quite generous and we are very grateful for the support.

Those still interested in making an entirely voluntary donation (\$10 is suggested amount) can send it to Sara Richards, 710 Spruce 53715.

## **Email Changes**

Jim Kreft, the new contact person for Bay Creek has set up an email address, baycreek.contact@gmail.com. The plan is to pass this email address on to future contact people for their use as well.

Jim Winkle of the Web Committee also has a new e-mail address: jimwink-madison@yahoo.com

## **Sidewalk Planting Guidelines**

The Madison Food Policy Council and the City of Madison announced an illustrated guide to planting in yards and city-owned street terraces. The guide is meant to assist homeowners, renters and others with navigating the city's Terrace Treatment Policy, while also addressing the goals of other recent initiatives around the planting of edible and pollinator-friendly plant species. The guide is available online at <http://www.cityofmadison.com/sites/default/files/city-of-madison/mayor/documents/TerracePlantingFlyer.pdf> and in hard copy at libraries citywide.



## **Update on Park Street Projects**

**By Sara Eskrich, Alder**

*Editor's note: this is a summary of information presented at a July 25 meeting hosted by Alder Eskrich.*

*As new information becomes available, it will be posted at <http://www.cityofmadison.com/council/district13/updates/>. Please see last page for Alder Eskrich's contact info.*

- Jade Garden – No new projects submitted.
- Olin Avenue Extension – City Engineering deemed this not feasible; will propose a pedestrian and bike connection.
- Heartland Housing (1202 S. Park) – Federal tax credits denied in May. City Council will explore purchasing the site in an August resolution.
- Copp's – Owner is interested in redevelopment but intends to maintain a grocery on-site.
- Truman Olson (vacant field next to Copp's) – City is considering options for redevelopment including extension of Cedar Street.
- Dean – SSM Health Dean/St. Mary's is in early stages of planning to redevelop their current site.

# *Senior Notes*

## **Help Frail Seniors Keep a Clean House**

For many years, the South Madison Coalition of the Elderly has coordinated a volunteer program to assist frail, limited-income older adults with household chores. Volunteers stop in once or twice a month to help with chores like cleaning floors, doing laundry, cleaning bathrooms or washing windows. In the course of this one-on-one help, friendships often form. This combination of social contact and practical assistance really helps local older adults maintain independence and a sense of connection to our community.

At this time, we have 80 plus older adults signed up for this program. In recent years, we have seen a decline in the number of community members willing to serve as volunteers for the Home Chore Program. College students help, but only during limited academic periods. To meet the need, we would really like to find at least 20 local volunteers who could help us get this program on firmer footing.

Could you commit to a couple of hours a month? Our Home Chore Volunteer Coordinator will match you with an older adult based on mutual preferences and time constraints. Please call us at 251-8405 to learn more.

## **Are You an Entertainer Looking for an Audience?**

Do you play an instrument, sing, dance or perform magic tricks? We would love to find some new talented locals, who are eager to bring a smile to the faces of the residents at Romnes and Fisher-Taft Apartments. Volunteer performers are especially sought. The Romnes community room is equipped with a piano. Please call the coalition at 251-8405 to discuss the possibilities.

## **Senior Lunch Program**

The South Madison Coalition of the Elderly invites older adults to come enjoy a nutritious lunch at Romnes Apartments, 540 W. Olin Avenue, at 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. Menus are published for a month at a time. Each day there is an alternate vegetarian entrée and on Fridays you can choose the main dish salad or the regular main dish. Please call our office if you would like a copy of the menu.

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.

Door-to-door rides are available to lunch for a suggested donation of \$1.00 round trip. Call the coalition at 251-8405 for more information or to reserve meals.

## RSVP Volunteer Opportunities

Community Connections is looking for volunteers for many jobs. Here are some examples:

- Habitat Restore cashier, stocker, or unloading donated materials to be sold.
- St. Marys Hospital needs volunteers to deliver mail and flowers and to staff the morning Beverage Cart to visitors in waiting areas; also to print and deliver E-cards to patients.
- Second Harvest Food Bank needs volunteers to sort, label, or package food into family-friendly portions for distribution throughout the 16 county service area.
- Schumacher Farm Park in Waunakee, a farm museum, needs volunteers for Heirloom gardening, maintaining prairie and woodland, and administrative support.

For more information contact Jan Karst at [jkarst@rsvpdane.org](mailto:jkarst@rsvpdane.org) or 608-441-7891.

Driver Services needs drivers to take seniors (60 yrs. and older) to medical appointments or veterans (of all ages) to appointments, or to deliver meals to seniors in Dane County communities outside of Madison. Set your own schedule, no minimum hours required. RSVP provides mileage reimbursement and extra liability insurance. For more information about driving seniors/delivering meals contact Gene Kundert at 608-441-7896 or [gkundert@rsvpdane.org](mailto:gkundert@rsvpdane.org). For more information about driving veterans and their families contact Jamie Johnston at 608-238-7901 or [jjohnston@rsvpdane.org](mailto:jjohnston@rsvpdane.org).

Do you love working with children? Do you have some time to spare? The Foster Grandparent Program is looking for seniors to be mentors in the classroom. A small tax-exempt stipend is available for volunteers who meet income eligibility criteria. For more information, contact Daniela Sponseller at [dsponseller@rsvpdane.org](mailto:dsponseller@rsvpdane.org) or 608-661-4271.

Group Projects/Homeworkers Program needs Group Liaison volunteers to visit sewing/knitting groups once monthly. Deliver fabric/yarn; pick-up finished items. Enjoy a few hours a month volunteering. For more information contact Mary Schmelzer, Group Projects/Home-workers Coordinator [mschmelzer@rsvpdane.org](mailto:mschmelzer@rsvpdane.org) or (608) 310-7280.

Triad Program is looking for volunteer committee members to serve on local Triad groups in Verona, West Madison, and Cottage Grove. Some committees meet monthly, others quarterly. Volunteers design surveys, flyers, assist in planning programs related to crime prevention and safety for seniors. They are needed to assist with free car checks, attend and facilitate programs, give presentations, chair and plan meetings. For more information, contact Mary Stamstad [mstamstad@rsvpdane.org](mailto:mstamstad@rsvpdane.org) or at 608-441-7897

## Good luck, Marc.

Marc Wolfman has moved his Insty Prints business to the Square. He is joining another Insty Prints location at 2 E. Mifflin St. He can still be reached at (608) 274-7299 or [marc@printmadison.com](mailto:marc@printmadison.com).

We will continue to use Insty to print the newsletter and look forward to working with Marc in his new location.

## Solar Eclipse on August 21

By Judy Robinson

On August 21, 2017 all of North America will experience a total solar eclipse. This will be the first total solar eclipse since February 26, 1979.

How much of the eclipse is visible will depend on where you are; you will need to be in the 'path of totality' to see the entire sun blocked by the moon. In Madison, we'll see a maximum of 85% blocked at 1:15 p.m.,

The path of totality will begin in Lincoln Beach, Oregon, and stretch to Charleston, South Carolina. One of the best places to view the eclipse will be in Carbondale, Illinois, which is less than a 7 hour drive from Madison. Carbondale will have the longest duration eclipse, the sun will be completely covered for 2 minutes and 40 seconds.

There are events being planned in several communities that are in the path of the eclipse. You can find more info at <https://eclipse2017.nasa.gov/event-locations>.

It is very important that you never look directly at the sun while viewing the eclipse. There are many websites that explain how to watch the eclipse safely including <https://eclipse2017.nasa.gov/eclipse-who-what-where-when-and-how> and <https://www.greatamericaneclipse.com>. The Great American Eclipse website sells eclipse viewers and other merchandise.

Whether you view it from Bay Creek or make a trek to watch it from the path of totality, this is an opportunity you won't want to miss. The next solar eclipse won't be until April 8, 2024.



## FOOT Notes By Andria Blattner

Well, this summer has really been a challenge for all of us with the excessive heat and overabundant rain. Our gardens and their weeds have grown to jungle proportions. Unfortunately many trees and garage roofs have taken a hit. I am always glad to see how many yards have native plants that are used by our native pollinators. Lots of milkweed is around to make the Monarchs happy.

I had a very pleasant surprise while I was scouting out the trails for the July nature walk.



I came across two clumps of beautiful flowers, the Michigan Lily (pictured). They are native around here, so what's the surprise? Well, they are prairie plants mostly – mesic to wet prairies. Here they were growing along the trail in the woods. These are very tall up to 6 feet, beautiful red-orange

petals with maroon spots that curve inward - recurved. This showy plant attracts many pollinators – humming birds, hummingbird moths, Monarchs, swallowtails and many other colorful butterflies. I hope that some of these plants make it to the low part of the Prairie. It is interesting to know how many things occur that aren't in the guide-books. Your mind is tuned to see what you expect to see. Remember to keep your eyes open and pay attention. You will see something beautiful and unexpected for sure.

The House Wrens are concluding the nesting season on the Olin-Turville Bluebird trail by building their nest in the on top of the empty nests of Tree Swallows in 5 of the nest boxes. Looks like there will be 19 wrens fledging. There were 40 Tree Swallows but only 4 Bluebirds. I'd really like to figure out how to improve that ratio. Thanks to Jane and Kirk for fixing some of the houses and clearing out the area around the poles. And also thanks to Radhika and Meera for taking over the Quann–Goodman Trail this summer. Happily, they had successful bluebirds in one nest box, with 4 chicks fledging.

Our Bird and Nature Walks are on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 1:30. Our next walks will be on August 13 and September 10 will be led by Sean Gere. Sean is an expert on trees, edible and not-so-edible plants and mushrooms. As always the walks will also try to identify the plants and birds that we see. On October 8, Ron Shuvet will lead a walk emphasizing the history of the Olin and Turville Parks from geological times through prehistory to the settling the land by the Turville family in the 1850's.

Remember the FOOT sponsored dances in the Pavilion during September (schedule is below).

It should be cool enough by then to do some dancing!!

### FOOT-Loose dances at Olin Turville

The fall dance FOOT-Loose series is returning to to the Pavillion at Olin Park.

This is our line-up to date:

Thurs, Sept. 7: Madison Scottish Country Dancers

Thurs, Sept. 14: To Be Determined  
(Possibly Madison Tango Society)

Thurs, Sept. 21: Dairyland Cowboys & Cowgirls

Wed, Sept. 27: Ladies Must Swing band

These FREE dances start at 6:00 a p.m. and instruction is provided. Come join the fun!

### Candlelight Tours at Milton House

By Judy Robinson

I finally made the trip to The Underground Railroad Museum at Milton House and it was well worth the wait. The docent was wonderful, you really got a sense of how the town joined forces during this tumultuous time. The Milton House is offering fall candlelight tours on Sat., Sept. 16, admission is just \$5. This info is from their website: <http://www.miltonhouse.org>: "Event goers will likewise witness the secrets the inn held as it served as a station on the Underground Railroad. While on tour, guests will meet members of the Goodrich family, ...and some prominent Miltonians as they make their way through. Most importantly, those on tour will interact with one of the most significant of the Goodriches' guests- an escaped slave seeking shelter at the Milton House on her path to freedom."

Please call the musuem at (608) 868-7772 or see <http://www.miltonhouse.org> for more details.

### Energy-Saving Tip: Smart Thermostat Incentive Offer From: MGE

Focus on Energy is offering an incentive for eligible customers to save \$75 on a smart thermostat.

If you've been thinking about upgrading your thermostat, smart thermostats are now an even smarter purchase with a \$75 incentive from Wisconsin's Focus on Energy program. The smart thermostat incentive offer is available to Madison Gas and Electric (MGE) customers with some qualifications.

To learn more, visit [focusonenergy.com/smart](http://focusonenergy.com/smart).





# Bay Creek Bulletin & Neighborhood Contacts

Next Bulletin to be delivered: Second week of October  
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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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