



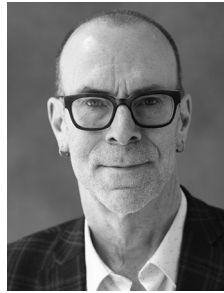
# Bay Creek Bulletin

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## ALDER UPDATE

By Tag Evers

“Winter is coming.” No, silly, it’s already here, with snow and frigid temps earlier than expected. I’m not a fan, but it’s here and we have to deal with it, so stoke up those wood stoves, get out the wool socks and the long johns, and enjoy it the best you can because this is us for the next several months.



Meanwhile, there are changes in parking restrictions for Bay Creek. You are now in the Snow Emergency Zone, which means you are no longer subject to alternate street parking except for declared snow emergencies.

Here’s the tricky part --- the specific parking restrictions that were imposed in the summer for the purpose of street cleaning

(to protect our lakes) are now year around. In other words, Bay Creek residents who minded the no parking signs for a four-hour period once a week up until November 15 will NOW BE REQUIRED to abide by that same restriction year around. Please sign up for email and text message alerts regarding snow emergency declarations at: <https://www.cityofmadison.com/residents/winter/>

Remember, it’s hard on many of us when winter starts. Look out for your neighbors. Offer to shovel for that friend who can’t. Be careful when driving, go slow and watch for pedestrians and bicyclists. Do snow angels, get your winter exercise by taking walks, feed the birds, cook up some hot soup, sip some hot tea, and grin and bear it until spring comes again.

**Grocery Store Update** – As you no doubt have heard, city staff have recommended that we select Rule Enterprises to build the grocery store complex on Truman Olson. I enthusiastically support this decision because this is our best bet at having a full-service supermarket in place before Pick ‘N Save closes its doors. A rough timeline would be for Rule to start construction in the Winter/Spring of 2021 with a completion date of Spring/Summer 2022.

Yes, it’s concerning that Rule has not yet identified a grocery store, which is why there’s a back-up plan in place. Gorman & Co. also had a strong proposal, with **(Continued on page 2)**

### BAY CREEK BILLBOARD

**Wed Dec 4, 4:30 pm** – Meet the Mayor at Lakeside Coffee. Satya Rhodes-Conway will be in Bay Creek and hopes to hear from residents.

**Sun Dec 8 and Jan 12 1:30 pm** – Guided Nature Walks by Friends of Olin Turville (FOOT). Meet at the Turville Parking lot off John Nolen Dr. See FOOT Notes on Page 4 for info on December walk.

**Thurs Dec 12, 6:00 pm** – BCNA Emergent Issues Meeting. See baycreekmadison.org for location.

**Tues Dec 24th** – 33rd Annual Holiday Blood Drive at Exhibition Hall in the Alliant Energy Center from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. For an appointment, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org. Sponsor code: HBDMadison.

**Thurs Jan 9 at 5:30 pm** – BCNA Annual Potluck followed by Bi-Monthly Meeting Bahai Center, 324 W. Lakeside St. Meeting will start at 6:30. Please bring your own beverage, plates, utensils, and a dish to pass. Children are welcome. 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 (not to Sara Richards).

**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.

**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.

**Tue Feb 18** – Spring Primary (if needed) for School Board seats 2, 6, and 7 and Supreme Court Justice.

## BCNA Meeting Minutes November 14, 2019

By Fred Turkington

Judy Robinson facilitated.

**Bylaw Clarification / Discussion** – Neighborhood Council We held a discussion about whether the Neighborhood Council can vote in forums such as email, without other neighborhood members present. The conclusion was ‘no’ - votes can only be taken at scheduled meetings of the Neighborhood Association.

We read some clauses in the bylaws: Article II Sections 3 and 4 which discusses who votes (all members of the neighborhood) and Article V Section 1 which establishes the duties of the neighborhood council.

We agreed we need a bylaw amendment to make it very clear how voting works. Points were made about urgent matters that arise and that need resolution in under one month, such that no regular meeting would be held **(Continued on page 2)**

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an identified grocer, but due to the particulars of their finance package, would not be able to break ground until Winter/Spring 2022, with a likely completion date of Summer 2023. Which is to say, if we end up with Gorman, we'll be hard pressed to avoid a grocery gap.

In summary, we have the latitude to move forward with Rule without negatively impacting Gorman's timeline. Nothing's set in stone, and there are no assurances, but I do feel confident this is our best path forward.

**Budget Redux** – We completed the budget, without the all-night meetings I'd been warned might happen. I sponsored an amendment adding \$500,000 to the city's Affordable Housing Fund, believing as I do that housing affordability is one of our biggest challenges. We have

historically low vacancy rates, which drive up rental rates. It's basically supply and demand, more people wanting to live here than we have room to house. And it's getting worse. Approximately 3000 individuals move to Madison every year and we need to plan for the needs of our growing population.

The amendment passed, thankfully, and so did an amendment I sponsored increasing funding for the Focused Interruption Coalition (FIC), a peer-support network of "violence interrupters" based out of Madison Urban Ministry and Nehemiah Community Development Corporation. FIC's work has contributed to a drastic reduction in homicides, another indication that investments in our public health and the social determinants of crime can lead to increased public safety.

That's all for now. Best wishes for a safe, peaceful, and happy holiday season. ❖

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before an action was necessary. We agreed that we likely need a bylaw amendment to handle these cases, and cases where general members are unable to attend meetings and wish to cede their vote to a representative. No such amendments have yet been proposed.

**Truman-Olson Site Update** – Yesterday, the selection committee gave their recommendation on which proposal to accept for the Truman-Olson site, choosing Rule Enterprises. While the Rule proposal doesn't currently include a grocery store, the selection committee has given Rule until January to find a grocer to join the proposal. Discussion was held, with many upset that the selection committee ignored recommendations from South Madison Unite and others. For example - the other developers who replied to the RFP have more Madison experience than Rule. If you want another opportunity to voice your opinion, the recommendation goes before the Finance Committee on Nov 25. If it passes out of Finance, it will come before the whole Common Council on Dec 3.

**Use of Ad Space in Newsletter to Support South Madison Unite** – Discussion was held regarding the donation of a half-page of advertising space in the Bulletin to South Madison Unite. By unanimous vote, we agreed to instead allow P&ED to change their usual column from a text layout to a half-page layout and not donate space to SMU.

### Committee Reports:

**Web** – Many of us received an email from Yahoo! Groups about the service changing. To be clear, Yahoo Groups is not going away - just the archival feature which is not in use by BCNA. We'll remain on Yahoo! Groups for the foreseeable future.

**Friends of Olin-Turville** – This winter, the city will be subcontracting brush removal in 3 areas along the railroad tracks and the lakeshore in the park. The city is also starting a new citywide plant life survey, including 2 areas in the Olin-Turville woods and 1 in the prairie area. The city is looking for volunteers to help with plant identification.

The nature walk on December 8 will be about owls.

**Planning & Economic Development** – Mattie Reese intends to open a soul food restaurant at 1610 Gilson St, and has notified us per city regulation about the restaurant and plans to apply for a conditional-use permit. We plan to invite Mattie to the next BCNA meeting to discuss the restaurant.

The city is redeveloping the Oscar Mayer site on the north side. A wetland/green space is located on the property called Hartmeyer Natural Area is over there. Look out for future opportunities to comment on city plans for the site and if the greenspace is kept separate.

**Friends of Monona Bay** – The entire bay was covered by ice during the full moon! It was beautiful, and the earliest in memory that the bay was iced over. A hardy ice fisherman was seen testing the depth with an ice auger.

The next emerging issues meeting of the Neighborhood Association will take place December 12. Reminder that the January 9 meeting is a potluck! ❖

# City Staff Recommends Development Proposal Without Grocer For Truman Olson



By Jesse Laz-Hirsch

City staff recommended Rule Enterprises for development of the Truman Olson site. Unfortunately he does not have a grocer. A supermarket was the primary purpose of the Truman Olson development. The City is allowing Rule Enterprises until January 16, 2020 to find a grocer.

If Rule does not find a grocery, the City will negotiate with Gorman & Company. Gorman has an agreement in place with Maurer's Markets to build a 24,000 sq. ft. supermarket.

Rule's development will also include up to 150 affordable housing units and 80 workforce housing units that will house about 555 people, including 210 children.

Gorman's proposal includes 79 affordable housing units with 14 market rate units that will house about 190 occupants, 72 of them children.

Rule's proposal will go before the Finance Committee on November 25, 2019 for review and before the Common Council on December 3, 2019. Both of these are public meetings. If you are concerned about the lack of a grocery store, we encourage you to come and share your opinion.

You may also write the Common Council at [allalders@cityofmadison.com](mailto:allalders@cityofmadison.com). ❖

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## Neighborhood Notes

**January Potluck** – The annual BCNA potluck will precede the Thursday, January 9, 2020, meeting at the Bahai Center, 324 W. Lakeside Street at 5:30 with a meeting to follow at 6:30. Please bring your own beverage, plates, utensils, and a dish to pass. Children are welcome.

**BCNA Elections** – Interested in becoming more involved in BCNA? At the January meeting candidates are nominated for March elections. One confirmed open position is that of newsletter managing editor. Other elected offices are contact person, treasurer, secretary, and committee heads. All offices and incumbents are listed on the last page of each Bulletin. If you are interested and cannot attend the meeting, feel free to contact any of the current position holders for further information and/or to put your name in nomination.

**Red Cross Holiday Blood Drive** – The 33rd Annual Holiday Blood Drive will take place on Tuesday, December 24, at Exhibition Hall in the Alliant Energy Center between 7 a.m. and 2 p.m. You can make an appointment ahead of time by calling 8-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or be going to the website [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org). The sponsor code to enter is HBDMadison.

**Meet the Mayor** – Madison Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway will be at Lakeside Coffee on Wednesday, December 4, at 4:30 p.m. and looks forward to meeting Bay Creek residents. Please feel free to drop by to say hello and tell her of any concerns.

If you are unable to make it in person, the Mayor can be reached at [mayor@cityofmadison.com](mailto:mayor@cityofmadison.com) or 266-4611. ❖

# FOOT Notes

By Andria Blattner

I hope you had a chance to enjoy the woods this fall. It is a beautiful time of the year.



There are two interesting projects in Turville

Conservation Park scheduled for the coming year. The first is to clear out the invasive woody plants from 3 areas (total of 14 acres) of the woods. This is part of a continuing project to restore the oak woodland. The Parks Department has a contract to have this work done by spring.

The second project is to begin a long-term plant survey that will be important in measuring any changes in the predominant plant species. This is done by recording all the plants in square meter every 50 meters along a marked transect. That is, on a line between two posts so the survey will be done in the same place each year. The first step is to mark the ends of the transects. We hope to have that done this fall. Starting in the spring there will be surveys along each line. Anyone interested in learning about our plants or helping--like recording what was seen, placing the plot squares, or identifying plants--please let me know at [ablattner@charter.net](mailto:ablattner@charter.net)

On the October walk we saw a small bird flapping near the ground. It turned out that the bird was caught in stickseed burrs. This is the plant that will leave lines of very small burrs on the sleeve of your fleece jacket and will really mess up a dog. The bird, probably an Eastern Phoebe, was struggling so we picked it up (that was easy, it was really trapped) and removed the burrs. It was quiet for a while then flew off. Hopefully to continue a happy life. I had never heard of such a thing. I have seen pictures of bats caught by burdocks. Two weeks later there was a report that on the Nature Walk at Cherokee Marsh that they had rescued a Golden-Crowned Kinglet from a thistle. (That little guy got 5 days in a rehab center before he was sent off.) What a coincidence!! The Bird and Nature walks can be exciting.

I reached out to the Wisconsin birding network for more information. Of the four responses, one reported that the bird freed himself; the others were found dead. Two were kinglets! So, it seems to be a very uncommon event.

The next walk in Turville Point Conservation Park is on December 8th from 1:30 to 3:00. Bev Cann will lead. The topic is "Who's That?" There is a good chance of hearing a Great Horned Owl. Of course, we hear them very frequently in our neighborhood, but a walk on a winter day is always a good thing. The first walk of 2020 will be on January 12. There may be snow to talk about. Make it a New Year's resolution to take more walks in our beautiful parks and green spaces.

Happy Holidays to all. ❖

# Senior Notes

**Senior Lunch Program:** NewBridge Madison invites older adults to come enjoy a nutritious lunch at Romnes Apartments, 540 W. Olin Avenue, at 11:30 am Monday through Friday. 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 \$9.07. Meal reservations and cancellations must be made 24 hours in advance to NewBridge (608) 512-0000. Door-to-door transportation is also provided for South Madison seniors through Transit Solutions for a \$1.00 round-trip donation. Call Transit Solutions to set up a ride by calling (608) 294-8747. All transportation reservations and cancellations must be made 24 hours in advance. Call NewBridge at (608) 512-0000 for more information.

**Need Help with Home Chores?** Our Home Chore service volunteers to income-eligible seniors who need help with minor home chores. Areas of help often include: vacuuming, dusting, cleaning floors, organizing items, indoor/outdoor help, and friendly visitation. Volunteers are always needed as well. Call NewBridge for more information (608) 512-0000.

**Need Help Accessing Groceries?** Our Food Bridge service offers monthly food pantry delivery for Case Management clients at nutritional risk throughout Madison and Monona. This service is a collaboration between NewBridge Madison, the River Food Pantry, and RSVP of Dane County.

**Holiday Lights Outing:** Tuesday, December 17, Pick up starting at 4:00 pm & returning by 6:00 pm. Door-to-door service. RSVP (608) 512-0000 Ext. 2000. Limited space!

**Inclement Weather Policy:** For everyone's safety, if the Madison Metropolitan School District closes school due to weather conditions, all NewBridge programs and activities will be cancelled. School closings are announced on the major television and radio stations. We will re-open when the Madison Schools re-open. In the event of inclement weather when school is not in session, please call us at (608) 512-0000 and a message on the answering machine will announce any closings. If Madison Schools are closed, NewBridge is closed.

**For a complete list of programs, services and activities,** pick up a monthly NewBridge News newsletter at all Madison and Monona libraries. Phone: (608) 512-0000; Email: [info@newbridgemadison.org](mailto:info@newbridgemadison.org); Website: [newbridgemadison.org](http://newbridgemadison.org) ❖

# FREE Frozen Assets Festival!

By Clean Lakes Alliance

## FROZEN ASSETS FESTIVAL

The Edgewater & Frozen Lake Mendota  
Saturday, February 8th, 2020  
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Learn more: [cleanlakesalliance.org/frozen-assets](http://cleanlakesalliance.org/frozen-assets)

Join Clean Lakes Alliance on Saturday, February 8th for the sixth annual Frozen Assets Festival, presented by Lands' End! This fun community tradition is returning to The Edgewater with FREE, family-friendly activities on frozen Lake Mendota!

We'll have sleigh rides, curling, ice science activities, dance performances, Funny Faces face painting, and more. Take a picture with Bucky Badger and try out snowshoeing for the first time – this event has fun activities for all ages. Don't forget about the free s'mores and hot chocolate!

We're also excited to announce the return of Kites on Mendota! Wisconsin Kitters will be bringing back the big, colorful show kites to fly over Lake Mendota.

In the winter, our frozen lakes become our biggest public parks. Frozen Assets highlights the year-round value of our lakes, while raising money to protect our waters. With more than 6,000 attendees in 2019, Clean Lakes Alliance's Frozen Assets raised more than \$150,000 for our lakes!

## FROZEN ASSETS 5K RUN/WALK

The Edgewater & Frozen Lake Mendota  
Saturday, February 8th, 2020  
9 a.m. check in | 10 a.m. start  
Register: [frozenassets5k2020.eventbrite.com](https://frozenassets5k2020.eventbrite.com)

Take a break from the hilly pavement and bring your stride to the ice. In this 5K race, participants will run, walk, or snowshoe across the ice on iconic Lake Mendota with beautiful views of downtown Madison and the University of Wisconsin-Madison campus. The course will start and end at The Edgewater, right in the heart of the Frozen Assets Festival! As always, this race will raise funds for lake improvement projects, water quality monitoring, and lake education. ❖

### Planning & Development Opportunity

#### Get to know your Bay Creek Neighbors & Play a Role in Community Planning!

Mattie's Soul Food is proposing to open a restaurant at 1610 Gilson Street, with eat-in and take-out. Contact [baycreek.contact@gmail.com](mailto:baycreek.contact@gmail.com) to get to meet with proposed new restaurant owners. This meeting will be scheduled in the next 2 weeks.

## VOTER IDENTIFICATION AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION

### Call for information on Photo Identification Card and Registering to Vote:

- Wisconsin Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Hotline, (844) 588-1069
- Dane County Voter ID Coalition Hotline, (608) 285-2141
- Wisconsin Elections Commission (WEC), (866) 868-3947 or (608) 266-8005

### Online Information about getting a photo ID card:

[wisconsin.dmv.gov](http://wisconsin.dmv.gov) or [bringit.wi.gov](http://bringit.wi.gov)

**Free rides get a photo ID:** Union Cab can take you to the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) where someone from the Voter ID Coalition can meet you and help you through the process.

### For more information:

- League Of Women Voters Of Dane County  
608-232-9447, [www.lwvdanecounty.org](http://www.lwvdanecounty.org) OR [office@lwvdanecounty.org](mailto:office@lwvdanecounty.org)
- South Madison Voters (SMV) James Kreft at [james.kreft@gmail.com](mailto:james.kreft@gmail.com) or Renee Sandler at [jwarenee@gmail.com](mailto:jwarenee@gmail.com)

### TO REGISTER TO VOTE

#### City of Madison

- City Clerk's Office, 210 MLK Jr. Blvd  
Room 103, from 8 am 4:30 pm  
(until the Friday before election)
- Any public library
- Online at [myvote.wi.gov](http://myvote.wi.gov) (20 days before election) or [cityofmadison.com/clerk/elections-voting/voter-registration](http://cityofmadison.com/clerk/elections-voting/voter-registration)

#### Town of Madison

Town of Madison Town Hall  
2120 Fish Hatchery Road, Madison, WI

#### City of Fitchburg

5520 Lacy Road, Fitchburg, WI

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The **Bay Creek Bulletin** is published every other month by the Bay Creek Neighborhood Association (BCNA). The Bulletin provides news and information about our neighborhood and helps connect neighbors to one another. We welcome your contributions: comments, articles, drawings, photos, poetry, announcements, book and restaurant reviews.

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