



# Bay Creek Bulletin

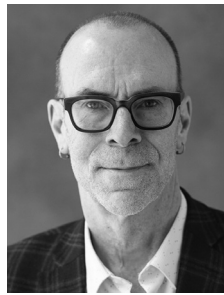
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## ALDER UPDATE

By Tag Evers

Change is difficult. Some of you have been getting parking tickets as the neighborhood has transitioned to the Snow Emergency Zone (SEZ). Some of you have even asked if I could help you with your parking tickets.

The answer is, quite simply, no. I'm not a judge.



But there is a process to appeal. Here's the link to the city's dispute form: <https://www.cityofmadison.com/parkingtraffic/parkingDispute.cfm>

I don't like parking tickets either. I just got zonked with a \$35 ticket for parking in a Clean Streets Clean Lakes (CSCL) zone, those zones that have restricted parking four hours per week to clean streets in the summer and remove snow in the winter. This is the second time this year that's happened! What did I do? I cussed a couple of times under my breath, not at the city but at my own tunnel-vision and lack of awareness, and then I took care of it without delay. I figured if I put it off, nothing good would come of it. Take a deep breath, I told myself, practice some old-fashioned acceptance, and pay the damn fine.

If you're still befuddled about where you can park during a snow event, please sign up for email and text message alerts regarding snow emergency declarations at: <https://www.cityofmadison.com/residents/winter/>.

**Grocery Store Update** – The one change you've heard about, I'm sure, is that Rule Enterprises has entered into an agreement with Luna's Groceries to operate the grocery store portion of the Truman Olson site development. Rule is also partnering with Movin' Out on the project to provide housing services. Movin' Out has 25 years of experience **(Continued on page 3)**

### BAY CREEK BILLBOARD

**Thurs Feb 13, 6:00 pm** – BCNA Emergent Issues Meeting at 6:00 pm. See baycreekmadison.org for location.

**Tuesday Feb 18** – Spring Primary for Supreme Court Justice and Madison School Board. You can register to vote at the polls on Election Day. Bay Creek residents vote at Romnes Apartments 540 W Olin Ave. Polls are open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. Union Cab offers free rides from home to polls and back on Election Day, call (608) 242-2000 for info or to schedule a ride. If possible, please call before Election Day to schedule a ride. See article on page 7 for more info about voting.

**Thurs Mar 12, 6:00 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 (not to Sara Richards).

**Tues Apr 7** – Wisconsin Presidential Primary plus Supreme Court Justice and Madison School Board. You can register to vote at the polls on Election Day. Bay Creek residents vote at Romnes Apartments 540 W Olin Ave. Polls are open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. Union Cab offers free rides between home and the polls on Election Day, call (608) 242-2000 for info or to schedule a ride. If possible, please call before Election Day to schedule a ride.

**Sun Feb 9 and Mar 8 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 details.

**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.

**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 Meeting January 9, 2020

By Fred Turkington

Linda Baumann facilitated.

**Development at Emerson & S Park (Jade Garden Site)** – The developer and architects (Kevin Burow, Knothe & Bruce) planning new construction on the corner of Emerson and S Park (former Jade Garden site) presented to the neighborhood. The site includes four lots that are currently commercial space. The developers intend to convert the site to mixed-use commercial on the ground level with two stories of market-rate apartments above. The plans include a lower level with 41 covered parking spaces that is exposed to the alley off Emerson St and concealed from Park St, following the hilly grade of Emerson St. Nineteen parking stalls and six bike stalls are available outside for visitors to the commercial space. The ratio of parking to apartment units is greater than 1:1. The upper floor on the side of the building facing existing houses on Emerson St is stepped back to give neighbors privacy. Neighbors commented on **(Continued on page 2)**

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how conscientious the developers have been of the wishes of immediate neighbors, meeting with them several times. The developers hope to start construction this summer and to open the building in 2021. The neighborhood voted to approve a letter of support for the building as presented, addressed to Colin Punt in the city Planning Department and to planning-related city committees.

**Idea for Mural on Exposed Walls of 1202 S Park** – Neighbors are trying to organize a mural to be painted on the now-exposed walls adjacent to 1202 S Park St. The building is owned by Erica and Brian Ni, Ramen Station is the current tenant. A neighborhood mural artist, Alder Evers, and Karin Wolf of the city's art commission have been contacted for their ideas on how to get a mural painted on that wall. If you have ideas or experience in mural artwork in Madison, contact the neighborhood contact email. Those assembled agreed the neighborhood would support a mural on this wall.

**Truman Olson Site Update** – As discussed at past meetings, Rule Enterprises was selected by the city to develop the Truman Olson site, provided they find a grocery store to work with. The city is working with the developer to get a grocery tenant organized and to help submit paperwork to WHEDA by January 17th. The current guidance from Common Council is that if Rule can't find a grocer to work with, the bid will go to Gorman & Co working with Maurer's grocery stores.

**P&ED Meeting with Mattie Reese's Soul Food Restaurant** – Members of P&ED met with Mattie Reese to discuss her plans for a soul food restaurant at the corner of Beld St and Gilson St. Mattie intends to apply for a conditional-use permit. The restaurant plans to have around eight tables, cater to family-style dining, and have no onsite barbecuing/smoking or alcohol.

**Cannonball Path** – Because of neighborhood interest, the city is starting to re-investigate continuation of the Cannonball Ped/Bike Path from its current terminus at Fish Hatchery Road to connect to the Wingra Creek Path. There are two options: follow the existing railroad track part way and come out alongside Wright Middle School or follow Fish Hatchery Road. They will pursue the first, but if it's too challenging, opt for the second. Neighbors expressed interest in improving bicycle crossing at Wingra Drive and Fish Hatchery.

**Upcoming Meetings on S Park Needs Assessment Survey** – The South Madison neighborhood needs assessments have been completed; the executive summary was drafted in early January. There will be two facilitated meetings within South Madison to discuss the output of that survey, for the team to get feedback on the results. The meetings are not yet scheduled.

## COMMITTEE UPDATES:

**SMPC Liaison** – SMPC discussed a shooting in a car on Spruce Street and found no danger to the general neighborhood.

**P&ED** – Recently a front page story was published in the State Journal about the SSM Health project on S Park St, which offers a good summary of events so far. SSM will be appearing at the Feb 24th Plan Commission meeting. P&ED has been involved with the 1204 S Park St redevelopment as well. The owners of Double Ten Mini Hot Pot are negotiating their exit from the current location to possibly relocate or close.

**Friends of Olin-Turville (FOOT)** – Nature walks continue through winter on the second Sunday of every month at 1:30 pm in Olin Park.

**When We All Vote** – A nonpartisan initiative to get people out to vote called When We All Vote is organizing in Madison. The goal is to get people you know at work, church, other organizations to pledge to vote. Judy Robinson is trying to organize a voter drive at the Madison Concourse hotel for employees there. If anyone would like more info, contact Judy or visit <https://www.whenweallvote.org/>

**Newsletter** – There is a vacancy in newsletter delivery! We are seeking a volunteer to deliver the bulletin every other month. The time commitment is about 1.5 hours once every two months. Contact Kirk Elliott for more information.

Jesse Laz-Hirsch will facilitate the February 13 meeting and Judy Robinson will facilitate on March 12. ❖

## Spring Elections

Wisconsin will hold a primary election on Tuesday, February 18. On the ballot statewide will be three candidates for Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice: Daniel Kelly, Jill J. Karofsky, and Ed Fallone. This is considered a non-partisan office. No political party will be listed for candidates on the ballot.

Voters in the Madison Metropolitan School District will also have a school board primary on their February ballot. Seat 6 of the Board of Education has three candidates: Maia Pearson, Christina Gomez Schmidt, and Karen Ball.

The Wisconsin Presidential Primary will take place on Tuesday, April 7. In addition to the Presidential candidates, the final vote for Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice and two open Madison School Board seats will be on the ballot.

Bay Creek residents vote at Romnes Apartments, 540 W. Olin Avenue. Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Check your voter registration status: Recent controversy about purging voters from the polls makes it worthwhile to go to [myvote.wi.gov](http://myvote.wi.gov) to check your own registration status. ❖

## BCNA Minutes December 12, 2019

By Cindy McCallum

Meeting facilitated by Lisie Kitchel.

**Multi-family mixed-used on S. Park St. between Jade Garden and Card Shop** – Kevin Burow, Dave Diamond and Randy Christianson from Knothe & Bruce presented their vision for a three-story building containing market-rate apartments on all three floors and commercial space with adjoining patio on the first floor. The apartments will range from studios to two bedrooms. The plans are on Alder Evers site and a link is on the Bay Creek website.

The developer has developed other properties in Madison and is currently building a five-story multi-family on Wilson St. The developer and architect have been working on this project for a year. Randy and Dave have known each other 8-9 years. Knothe & Bruce have been around for 30 years.

There will be 19 outside parking spots and 40 underground. The outside spots are intended for customers of the commercial space and for overflow for the residents. There will be 44 apartments.

They appreciated neighbor's input: triple pane windows on Park St. and alongside the gas station; trellis or some kind of blocking above the fence height between the gas station and the building; planting vegetation that will survive the snow piles and salt.

They will hire a management company that is already in Madison; they don't have a contract yet. The building is set back six feet from Park and Emerson Sts. It will be 34 feet high with other elements making it a total of 38-40 feet high.

They've met with Alder Evers and nearby residents and are hoping to break ground in June 2020. The meeting attendees unanimously supported this project.

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as a non-profit developer in Wisconsin, and welcome their participation moving forward.

I'm very encouraged by this progress. I know that some of you are less than excited, however. Those for whom these changes are unsettling, those who doubt that Rule, Movin' Out, and Luna's will serve the long-term interests of Bay Creek, I ask for your patience. Be mindful the City has placed a very high priority on avoiding a grocery gap and ensuring the ultimate success of this project.

A tremendous amount of work remains, but we are making definite strides toward our goal of a new grocery store serving South Madison for years to come.

**New Developments** – A number of projects are moving forward in Bay Creek. SSM unveiled their plans for their new clinic. A promising mixed-use development is slated for the

**Mural on the side of the building adjacent to the empty lot at 1202 S. Park** – Stanley would like to work with others to create a mural on the side of the Ramen Station building. There has been a lot of interest in this on the Bay Creek listserv. ❖

# thank you

to Pam Gates & Andria Blattner

By Sara Richards

For more than a decade Pam Gates has contributed articles to the Bay Creek Bulletin. These have included interviews with new and established businesses like the Oriental Shop (Dec15-Jan16), profiles of local residents, highlights of volunteer groups. She has written engagingly about the Road Home and Trash Talkers as well as about the Odyssey program at Goodman Library. She established two series featuring neighborhood residents, Artists Among Us and Volunteers. Some of those featured were Jay Adams (Dec 2008-Jan 2009), Clarence Cameron (Feb-Mar 2009), Rob Summerbell (June-July 2009), Martin Saunders (Oct-Nov 2009), Richard Davis (Dec 2010-Jan 2011 and Alisa Toninato (Feb-Mar 2014).

Another long-time contributor is Andria Blattner who writes the engaging FOOT Notes column in the Bulletin. Andria graciously agreed to start the column at the suggestion of a reader several years ago. She tells us of seasonal changes, how wildlife copes with those changes as well with climate change, the unexpected joys to be found in nature even in the middle of a city.

There are many regular contributors to the Bulletin, of course, and all their work is appreciated. But I'd like to extend a special thank you to Pam and Andria for enlightening and entertaining us over the years. ❖

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Jade Garden site on South Park. There's interest in developing the VFW site at the end of Lakeside near John Nolen.

Change is difficult, yes. Commercial real estate investments, if done unwisely, can lead to a whole host of unintended consequences such as gentrification, rising rents, increased assessments, displacement, loss of neighborhood character, more traffic and noise, etc. It's imperative we move forward with caution, but we must move forward nonetheless. Reflexively saying no to development means housing demand will continue to exceed supply, driving up prices and driving residents out of the city.

There are no easy answers. Untrammelled development is not the answer, but neither is saying no at every turn. Let's continue to listen to each other, respecting difference of opinions and working together in pursuit of our common goals.

Stay warm and watch out for each other. The days are getting longer. Spring will be here soon!

(Sign up for my blog at [cityofmadison.com/district13](http://cityofmadison.com/district13)) ❖

# FOOT Notes

By Andria Blattner

At this moment, it is a clear cold snowy winter day, just as it should be, unlike most of this winter. I hope we will enjoy some more winter and cross-country skiing before spring comes to wake up the plants.

The plans for the long-term plant monitoring project are being set. The training will be on May 11 and 12 with May 15 the rain date. We will go over the basic technique and learn to identify very young plants. The training will probably be half a day; the times will be determined later. Anyone is welcome to be a part of this team. If you are interested in learning to identify plants or help by taking notes, please join us.

Paul Quinlan has added a very interesting element to the plans to return the landscape of the Turville Woods to the pre-settlement condition of oak savannah. The major issue, of course, is to remove the invasive species from the woods. He has hired Quercus Land Stewardship Services to remove invasives by cutting and painting herbicide on the stumps and perhaps forest mowing. The new option is not mechanical or toxic. It is a very low-tech biological control system --- goats! Goats are particularly good at this because they are browsers. That is, they are herbivores that eat the leaves, buds and

tender shoots of shrubs and small trees. They can reach up to 5 feet and eat all the leaves. Browsing is more adaptive to our winter climates with snow cover. Grazers who are dependent on grasses can't reach it under a thick snow cover. Deer, also browsers, leave a distinctive browse-line where they reach up to the branches from the top of the snow.

The goats are contained in a small area by light portable fences. As the goats go after leaves and buds it will weaken the shrubs. Several visits might be necessary to really finish the job. They will also eat the re-sprouts after shrubs have been cut down. They can be used as a follow-up to the human crews that cut the shrubs and may be able to replace the use of herbicides. It will be interesting to see the goats in action starting in June.

The January walk was a treat for raptor lovers. We saw a bald eagle perched high in a treetop, soaring red tailed hawks and a great horned owl lying on a branch way up in a pine tree in the pine grove. Other hikers have heard at least two owls hooting back and forth. The February 9 walk will be led by Dane Gallagher, a very good birder who will talk about owls. I hope we see the Great Horned Owls again. Paul Noeldner will lead the walk on March 8th. The walks are from 1:30 to 3:00 PM. Meet in the Turville parking lot.

And lastly, I'd like to thank Sara Richards, our retiring editor, for the help and encouragement she offered me for the past 6 ½ years--39 issues. Thank you, Sara, you made it happen. ❖

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## 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 matches 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.

**Real ID Presentation** – Thursday, February 20, 10:00 am Monona Senior Center, 1011 Nichols Rd. Join us as Kerith Grande, Customer Service Representative, at the Madison East DMV shares information about what you need to know about the Real ID. Call (608) 222-3415 to register.

**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) ❖

# Neighborhood Notes

**Volunteer Deliverer Wanted** – A deliverer is needed for a Bay Creek Bulletin route. The bimonthly route takes about 1.5 hours, and is bounded by Lakeside St, Rowell St, Olin Ave, Wingra Creek, and Lake Monona. People like doing these routes: you get out in the neighborhood, and get a sense of what’s going on.

To volunteer please contact Kirk Elliott at 255-5646 or [kirk\\_elliott@hotmail.com](mailto:kirk_elliott@hotmail.com)

**Classics Summer Camp** – The UW-Madison Classics Camp: Meet the Ancient Greeks and Romans! is a non-residential summer camp experience for middle school students taking place in two sessions: July 27-August 7, and August 10-21, 2020. For more information and to register, see <https://canes.wisc.edu/classicscamp/> ❖

## It’s jammin

By Kirk Elliott

Inspired by seeing “Hamilton”  
in early December 2019

I recommend HAMILTON for serious fun  
It’s the best musical under the sun

There are no spoken words in this work of art  
So maybe it’s opera right from the start

Ron Chernow’s writing has made it all clear  
Ham made us prosper with little to fear

Now we do know that our culture has changed  
Rap and funk dancing have long gone mainstream

We’re mostly immigrants; that you should know  
It will be obvious from seeing the show

Don’t be morose and slouching around  
There’s hope in the world when such dancers abound

An orchestra’s hidden down in the pit  
It’s bad man it’s jammin you’re gonna like it

## 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
- 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

# BAY CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION CONTACTS

## BCNA BULLETIN

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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