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# Bay Creek Bulletin

## Staying Informed in Bay Creek

Events can seem fast and furious in our neighborhood – newly scheduled neighborhood meetings, changes in venue, etc. Three ways to keep informed are the Bay Creek website, the email list, and the Facebook page.

The website can be found at baycreekmadison.org. Take advantage of the feature to set up email reminders about events posted on the schedule. You can select reminders for all events or customize your reminders to cover only items that you select.

To subscribe to the Bay Creek email list, send a blank email message to baycreek-subscribe@yahoogroups.com. You'll receive a message with instructions, usually within a day, with a confirmation request to which you should respond. If you aren't approved within a day, contact Jim Winkle at jimwink-madison@yahoo.com

To join the Bay Creek Facebook page, search Bay Creek Neighborhood with Facebook's search function. When Bay Creek Neighborhood appears as a search result, click the Join button. ❖



## ALDER UPDATE

By Tag Evers

May You Live In Interesting Times.

That old saying is just a bit too on the nose.

Things are changing so rapidly, I'm not at all certain where we will be by the time you read this. The most immediate concern is for our hospitals and health care workers. Will there be enough beds and ventilators? Will our health care workers have enough PPE [Personal Protective Equipment]?

The uncertainty leads to fear and anxiety, which tests our mettle, strains our composure, and reveals our character.

Some react in fear, hoarding toilet paper and cleaning out gun shops of rifles, pistols and ammo. That's not our best side, and I dare say few of you in Bay Creek are so constituted.

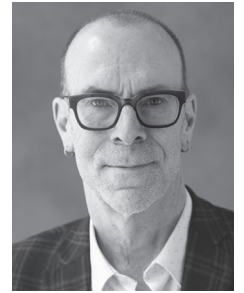
There's another old saying I keep coming back to: "Courage is fear that has said its prayers." We have a choice to make. We can react in fear or we can respond in love. Responding in love is what so many of you are doing, reaching out to each other and looking for ways to help, lending a (washed) hand to those in need.

The virus is no respecter of persons. It spreads opportunistically, which is why we must practice this radical measure of social distancing. As we distance ourselves from each other physically, we recommit ourselves to the notion that we are all one, connected by our common humanity.

Meanwhile, we muddle through, confident there will be life after coronavirus. By the time you've read this, we will have held the online meeting on Monday, March 30th, regarding the VFW redevelopment proposal. Despite the necessary reliance on Zoom as a platform in these trying times, I can assure you your voice matters and your voice will be heard.

Voice does not mean veto, but voice is definitive of the democratic process. I am determined to not allow this public health emergency to shut out your voices. The video of the presentation will be recorded and archived, and there will be ample opportunity for you to offer input and feedback.

I'm doing my best in these fraught times to assume good intentions and be kind and open-hearted to others. I'm confident you are doing the same. **(Continued on page 3)**



### BAY CREEK BILLBOARD

All events below are subject to cancellation.  
Please check baycreekmadison.org for updated information

**Thurs April 9, 6:00 pm** – BCNA Emergent Issues Meeting.  
See baycreekmadison.org for details.

**Thurs May 14, 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.

**Wed May 13, 20, 27, and June 3** – Concerts at Olin Pavilion.  
Concerts may need to be cancelled depending on COVID-19 restrictions in place at that time.

**Tue 10:00 am-noon and Thurs 11-noon and 5:45-7:45 pm** –  
Food Pantry open at St. Mark's Lutheran Church 605 Spruce St.

**Shoreline Clean-up with Friends of Monona Bay** – Contact Nina for info. Email: ninajemerson@yahoo.com, phone: 258-1788 or 698-9708.

# BCNA Minutes – February 13, 2020

By Fred Turkington

Jesse Laz-Hirsch facilitated.

We first heard from Phillip Hurley about his intention to buy the building at 338 W. Lakeside St, currently home to Cronometro, with his restaurant business partner. Together, they own and operate local restaurants Sardine, Marigold Kitchen, and Gates & Brovi. Phillip's children went to Franklin Elementary, and they are interested in building a restaurant similar to Gates & Brovi - 80-100 seats with a neighborhood vibe. It would be the first restaurant the group owns outright rather than renting. Neighbors asked about business operations at Gates & Brovi. The restaurant does about 20-25% of its business in alcohol sales, and 90% of sales are done by 9:30 p.m. Neighbors discussed parking in the lot behind the restaurant, the relationship with the nearby Lakeside Street Coffee House, and the interaction with traffic at Franklin Elementary. Phillip's intention is to have the restaurant open when the school is closed.

Next, we approved a plan to allow print ads to appear in the online edition of Bay Creek Bulletin newsletters.

The site of the VFW at 133 E Lakeside St is planned for redevelopment. We heard from the property owners including Chris Armstrong of Avante Properties, and the architect Kevin Burrow who has recently presented to the neighborhood on the Jade Garden/Emerson St/S Park St redevelopment. The owners are three partners who have been building apartment buildings together for 15 years, and also own the Kelly Financial building across E Lakeside St. They propose a mixed-use, 109-unit, six-story apartment building with a 2300 sq ft retail space on the ground floor. They presented initial floorplans, parking, and plans for re-zoning/conditional use applications.

We discussed a proposal for increasing bicycle/pedestrian access through the SSM Health Fish Hatchery campus, including paved paths and parking lot "lanes" for non-car traffic. Feedback about this access should be directed to the Transportation Policy and Planning Board, our Alder Tag Evers, and Alder Grant Foster.

Speaking of bicycle access - the Cannonball Path upgrade advocates have met with Capital Newspapers to try to work a crossing in through their property and along the railroad track near their business. ❖

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## BCNA Meeting Summary March 12, 2020

By Fred Turkington

Judy Robinson facilitated.

The normal elections held annually in March are postponed to the May meeting due to a lack of a quorum, and due to reduced attendance as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

We held a discussion on the logistics for voting in between in-person meetings. In the past, we had meetings of both the neighborhood council and the general membership. We moved to one open meeting where everyone was invited. The bylaws currently don't allow for voting on issues over email. The question is how to handle urgent issues that require action in between monthly neighborhood meetings. Currently, the solution is to have an "emergency meeting", which does not require the normal 48-hour notice. This spawned discussion about possible teleconferencing and remote meeting solutions. Some neighbors agreed to research conference call options for information sessions, which would not be full BCNA meetings and at which votes could not be taken.

The city is leading at least 12 voter registration trainings throughout the summer to help get voters registered for the November elections. There are openings for the May training, and the training totals about 90 minutes. If there is interest,

the city will conduct a special training for groups 35 or larger. Contact Judy Robinson or City Clerk Maribeth Witzel-Behl with questions.

### COMMITTEE UPDATES:

**P&ED** – Jesse has assembled a Google Doc with projects of interest. You can watch that document for updates on development projects in the neighborhood. The Peloton building at the corner of Fish Hatchery and S Park is slated to open in May 2020. The 1204 S Park (Jade Gardens) development will undergo demolition when the ground is thawed this spring and plans to open the new building at the end of the year. The Truman-Olson site developer has partnered with Movin' Out to build affordable housing in the development, and has applied for WHEDA funding.

The 13th District Good Neighbor Gathering this year will be September 26.

**FOOT** – there will be routine burnings in Olin-Turville park this spring to control the spread of invasive species.

The Dane County Board has recently taken up the issue of basing F-35 jets in Madison. Richard, our elected Supervisor, estimates that the board will not approve an ordinance against the F-35s coming to Madison. The COVID-19 issue has been on the minds of everyone lately - the county health department is responsible for the government response in Madison. See <https://www.publichealthmdc.com/coronavirufor-up-to-date-information>. ❖

## ALDER UPDATE From page 1

Loneliness can kill, just like the virus. Check up on one another, particularly those you know are vulnerable to anxiety and depression. Same with those facing financial hardship. This is not the time for anyone to suck it up and go through it alone. We need each other.

Human beings are social creatures and it's our tendency to altruism, not rugged individualism, that gives us an edge in times like these.

We are all in this together, and together we will prevail.

For up to date information on coronavirus here in Madison, please go to: <https://www.cityofmadison.com/health-safety/coronavirus>.

I have been posting daily on my Alder Blog, which you can sign up for at [cityofmadison.com/council/district13](http://cityofmadison.com/council/district13).

Be safe. Be well. Be kind. ❖

## RE Golden Produce Dockside Pick Up Program

As a food supplier, RE Golden Produce will remain open during these trying times. We would like to offer our products to the general public for dockside pick up, Monday through Friday. Hopefully this convenience may be helpful in avoiding the crowds at the grocery stores, help support an independently employee owned local business, and purchase quality fresh produce at competitive prices.

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## MESSAGE FROM LAKESIDE COFFEE

For the health of yours and ours, the community and the world, we have to do a hard thing. We love being an escape from the woes of the day, but we have to take a break. We will be closed until whenever we're in the clear.

Things are scary and unsure right now, but you're not alone. We hope you find time to spend on things you never were able to. We hope you and your loved ones are safe and cared for. Hopefully, at the end of this experience, we come out as more empathetic and caring humanity.

Take care.

Love, The Lakeside Family

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# FOOT Notes

By Andria Blattner

Last year at this time I wrote “We can be thankful that we have so many parks and open spaces in Madison and especially in Bay Creek. We are coming to realize how essential being and playing outside are to our mental health and physical wellbeing.” And how! We really need our parks this year to relax a little and shed the very real anxieties of a pandemic. PANDEMIC! Always on the long list of things to prepare for, but really ??? and now we’re in the middle of one.

So, firstly take care of yourself – that’s the only way you can be useful to anyone. On your walks, keep six feet from any one you don’t live with; maybe even if you do, to set a good example.

Obviously, there will be no “events” in the Parks. And, who knows when we will be able to meet in groups again.

The Bird and Nature Festival scheduled for April 26 has been rescheduled to June 26. This event has many activities for kids, booths by many groups interested in the environment. The feature this year is Rob Hultz and his avian friends from Open Door Sanctuary in Door County.

The City’s plans are continuing but at a slower pace. The Turville goat project will be postponed for a while primarily because HaakHagen Goat Grazing is over booked. Greenside Park and Acewood Conservation Park will get two sessions each. It will be very interesting to hear the results of their efforts.

We are still planning to have the Concerts in the Pavilion this spring. The dates are set for Wednesdays; May 13, 20, 27, June 3. The performers will be familiar to you. Let’s hope things have cleared up enough so we can enjoy music together in the pavilion! But if not, they will have to be cancelled.

The Nature Walk’s in Turville Point have been cancelled too, but the flowers will still bloom! Spring is a wonderful time to visit. The Snow Drops and Scylla, remnants of the Tourville’s farms are probably already blooming. May always has glorious wildflowers.

And, there is always a way to do Citizen Science! What about helping to track the pandemic Covid-19? The project was started by Boston Children’s Hospital and Harvard. The project is called “Covid near you” and is described at [www.covidnearyou.org](http://www.covidnearyou.org). The idea is to have people all over the country report how they are feeling, fine or not. If not, check off the symptoms they are experiencing. Crowd sourcing epidemiology. This is later correlated with the test results if they are taken. The map is wonderful. It is easy to check on your zip code, for example, for Zip Code 53711 for the past 2 weeks - 1 person reported symptom, 2 people took the test. As more data is gathered it will become more useful.

Let’s hope the world recovers from this epidemic and learns some good lessons from it.

Take care of yourself and stay well. ❖



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# Neighborhood Notes

**Leaf Removal** – Please remember to pile raked leaves on the terrace not in the street. This prevents runoff into the lake with subsequent growth of algae. If bagging the leaves, the bags should remain open.

**History Summer Day 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/>

**St. Mark's Lutheran Church** – Located at 601 Spruce Street, the Friday meal is open for carryout at the main door facing Hickory Street.

The food pantry is open on Tuesday from 10 am to noon and on Thursday from 5:45 pm to 7:30 pm. Occasionally, extra open hours may be available. For now, clients indicate what they need, a box or bag is filled for them, and delivered to the parking lot.

For online worship at St. Mark's see [StMarksMadison.org](http://StMarksMadison.org).

As always, people can call the church and leave a message 608-256-8463 (this is monitored closely) or email [StMarks@StMarksMadison.org](mailto:StMarks@StMarksMadison.org).

## BUSINESSES CLOSED & OPEN

- Quality Hardware is closed temporarily. Their sign points out the difficulty in maintaining the recommended social distance required to keep everyone safe.
- Lakeside Coffee is closed until it's possible to get back to normal operations.
- Rockabetty's and Barriquer's are closed for the time being
- Cargo Coffee is open for carryout including the drive through.
- Golden Produce is open with modified hours. (See separate article about Golden Produce on page 3.)
- Rockhound Brewpub is open 4-7 p.m. for carryout.

**Dane County Park News** – Until further notice, Dane County Park is asking park visitors to carry out their trash and waste. We are operating on a reduced staff which is making it hard for us to empty waste cans and we may need to start removing these from the parks until we return to normal operations. We are also canceling or postponing our annual spring cleanup activities traditionally were sponsored by school groups, Friends groups, and volunteers. These events help us clean up after a long winter and prepare our parks, natural resource areas and lakes for the spring and summer seasons.

One way you can help while you are in our parks this spring is to bring along a pair of gloves and a small garbage bag and pick up any trash you see along the trails and waterways. If you do, please let us know by filling out this short form so we know what areas have been cleaned: [shorturl.at/FNO34](http://shorturl.at/FNO34). You can also snap a photo

of your work and tag us on Facebook or Instagram using #danecountyparks. Updated Park notices can be found in the "Alerts" box on our homepage: [www.danecountyparks.com](http://www.danecountyparks.com) To stay up-to-date on coronavirus (COVID-19) more broadly, visit Public Health Madison & Dane County's website: [www.publichealthmdc.com/coronavirus](http://www.publichealthmdc.com/coronavirus)

**Olin-Turville Concerts** – Friends of Olin-Turville (FOOT) have tentatively scheduled their Spring Concert Series for these four Wednesdays: May 13, May 20, May 27 and June 3.

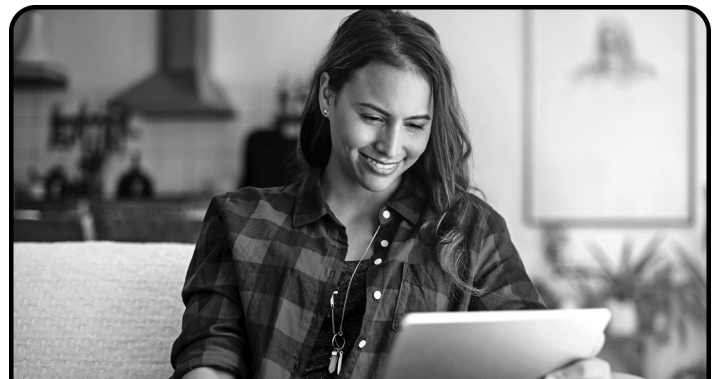
Concerts may need to be cancelled depending on COVID-19 restrictions in place at that time. Please check [baycreekmadison.org](http://baycreekmadison.org) or <http://www.olin-turville.org> for updated information. ❖

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# Senior Notes

**Critical Services Offered to Madison and Monona Older Adults Through NewBridge:** NewBridge Madison works with thousands of older adults in Madison and Monona. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the offices are closed, and most programs are suspended BUT staff are working hard from home to make sure our older adults are taken care of.

NewBridge is providing the following services to 60+ in Madison and Monona:

- **Case Management:** Social workers are available at (608) 512-0000 and by email at [info@newbridgemadison.org](mailto:info@newbridgemadison.org) to help older adults and connect them to resources.

- **Food Bridge Delivery:** Volunteers are delivering groceries from The River Food Pantry to the older adult's door.
- **"Necessities from NewBridge" Emergency Kit Delivery:** Volunteers are delivering kits to the older adult's door.

Staff are taking monetary and supply donations: thermometers, shampoo, household cleaning products, toilet paper, soap, laundry PODS, mouthwash, garbage bags, kleenex, hand sanitizer, dish soap, pet food/cat litter, Lysol spray, Depends, baby wipes, and flushable wipes. Donations will be accepted online and every Monday, 10 am-Noon at West office 5724 Raymond Rd.

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## NEWS YOU CAN USE

### Public Health Madison & Dane County

Accurate as of March 6, 2020. For the most up to date information about coronavirus, see the Public Health Madison & Dane County website.

#### Preparing for the Spread of Coronavirus

While your chances of getting sick from coronavirus (COVID-19) in Wisconsin are low right now, this is the time to prepare for widespread illness in the future. This is a new virus, and with that comes some anxiety, but sticking to basic public health prevention practices is very effective in helping us all stay healthy.

By preparing ourselves for the possibility of coronavirus spreading, we can:

- Limit the spread of illness: Limiting contact with other people lowers how many people may catch the virus.
- Help protect others: Help protect those in our community who are more vulnerable, like the elderly and people with chronic disease, who may be more likely to experience serious complications or death.
- Reduce strain on the healthcare system: The more precautions people take to not get sick, the less strain on our healthcare system.

#### What you can do to stay healthy

- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cough and sneeze into your elbow or a tissue. Wash your hands afterwards.
- Wash hands often for at least 20 seconds with soap and water. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces, like door-knobs, remotes, refrigerator handles, and sink handles.
- Avoid shaking hands or getting in someone's personal space.
- Stay home if you are sick, and avoid contact with others who are sick.
- If you haven't gotten your flu shot, do so now. Flu is circulating widely in our community. Getting a flu shot lessens your odds of being hospitalized for flu, which frees up hospitals for people who may get sick from coronavirus.

#### How you can prepare

Just like when you prepare for a big snowstorm, stock supplies now so you don't have to leave home to get them if illness is widespread in our community. Buy items you'd need to stay home for a week or two, like non-perishable food, tissues, hand sanitizer, and cleaning supplies. Don't forget daily medications, fever reducing medicine, and supplies for your pets.

- Learn about plans and policies for work and kids' schools if an outbreak of illness occurs. Can you work from home? Who can take care of your kids if they need to stay home?

- Think about ways you can minimize your amount of time in crowds. Can you reduce trips to the store? Can you order items online for delivery? Can you sit farther away from people on the bus?

#### What employers can do

- Create plans now for limiting face-to-face interactions in the workplace; use conference calls and video conferencing.
- Create a business continuity plan, which details how to provide essential services if a number of employees are sick or unavailable.
- See [publichealthmdc.com/coronavirus](http://publichealthmdc.com/coronavirus) for a factsheet with many more tips.

#### What Public Health Madison & Dane County is doing

- Monitoring travelers and people who may have had contact with someone with coronavirus. Read blog posts about our role in monitoring and responding to coronavirus: [publichealthmdc.com/blog](http://publichealthmdc.com/blog).
- Coordinating with partners in public health, health care, local schools, higher education, and labs—sometimes daily—in order to map out processes, outline our unique roles, and share information.
- Planning ahead and helping our community prepare if coronavirus spreads more widely in our community, including partnering with state and CDC officials on when to shut down schools and public events.

When we all pull together as a community to prepare for widespread illness, we protect ourselves, our families, those who are more vulnerable, and those providing services and care to us. Stay tuned as this situation progresses by following us on social media (@publichealthmdc), checking our regularly updated website ([publichealthmdc.com/coronavirus](http://publichealthmdc.com/coronavirus)), and calling our information line (608) 243-0587. ❖

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## Carol Conant Gilles, Storyteller

By Sara Richards

Coral Conant Gilles is a storyteller who lives in the Bay Creek neighborhood. She agreed to answer questions about her craft for the Bulletin.

**What is storytelling?** Stories are told without being read; they are rehearsed, but not memorized. It changes slightly each time. If I told you the story of “The Three Little Pigs” you would recognize it but it wouldn’t be exactly like any version you can find in a book or movie.

**Fascinating line of work. How did you get into it?** The answer is quite by accident! During a job as an environmental educator, I was teaching 4th graders about the Missoula Floods. I taught the same information day after day, and even though I knew the Missoula Floods were wildly fascinating, I watched kids’ eyes gloss over every week as I threw big numbers like 10,000 years, 500 cubic miles, and 300 feet at them.

One day, I had them close their eyes. Together we traveled to the ice age and built a fire along a creek. Then they built a raft as a lake formed in front of them. Pretty soon they were racing through the Columbia Gorge at 60 miles an hour as trees snapped like twigs and boulders crashed around them. They were hooked and so was I.

**Do you ever have an unresponsive audience?** No, actually. Storytelling is so captivating. It often feels like magic. I can easily pull an audience back. Unlike theater or reading a book, my stories change every time depending on the audience. Storytelling is interactive: they react to me and I react to them.

**Where do you tell your stories?** I tell stories at libraries, schools, summer camps, conferences, child care centers, senior living centers, after school programs, nature centers and lots of special events. I’ll even be at a wedding as soon as social distancing is over and life goes back to normal.

**How are you handling social distancing?** I told my first story on Facebook Live this morning! It went well and I

hope to do it again. It’s still available on my Facebook page for anyone who is interested. Following my Facebook page is also a great way to get updates for next time. All my programs for March and April have been cancelled or postponed. It’s disappointing and a difficult way to run a business, but it’s what has to be done right now.

**Are children with all the electronics and video available today still responsive to live stories?** Absolutely. Kids crave personal interaction, connection, and imagination. I think a lot of adults doubt that storytellers will be able to hold children’s attention, but the overwhelming feedback I get is comments like, “I’ve never seen them so focused,” “They’ve never been that quiet,” “They don’t usually listen well, but you had their full attention!”

**Why is live storytelling important?** I really value the connection that storytelling creates between a teller and an audience. When people listen to stories they fully engage their imaginations. We know imagination is incredibly important for kids, but it’s just as important for adults. I think imagination helps us reach deep into our feelings. Storytelling builds empathy, connection, and community. I tell personal stories, folklore, and original tales. I’ve come to believe that they all have truth and the power to unite us. Of course, storytelling is also really great for things like vocabulary, listening and communication skills, memory, and comprehension.

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# 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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