



Bay Creek Bulletin

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Cheering Mural Brightens Park Street

By Pam Gates

Neighborhood grocers Sokdae and Sonhwa Lee have drawn attention to the corner of Olin Avenue and South Park Street with, literally, a sign of hope: a huge, bright rainbow mural emblazoned with the words “HOLD ON TO HOPE.” They didn’t create it themselves; a couple of UW art students stopped in at their grocery, the Oriental Food Market, 1206 S. Park St., and asked if they could paint a mural on the north-facing wall of the building.

“My parents loved the idea,” said their son, Alex Lee. “No money was involved. The art students just wanted permission to use that wall. They shared their idea for the mural with my parents.”

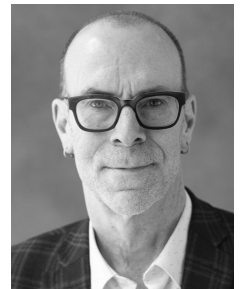
The painting went up several weeks ago and took the artists only one day. “I had no idea what was going on,” Alex recalled. “I thought some people were graffiti-ing our wall and wondered if I should call the police. But my parents told me, ‘Oh, no, we gave them permission!’” **(Continued on page 2)**



ALDER UPDATE

By Tag Evers

I’m writing this message days after another unarmed black man was killed by police. It’s a time of deep sadness and pain.



The question is how to respond.

There are many good books out there. [How To Be An Anti-Racist](#) by Ibram X. Kendi. [White Fragility](#) by Robin DiAngelo.

Not that reading a book is necessary or sufficient.

The work starts with realizing structural racism, and the white supremacy beliefs that undergird it, were built by white people for the benefit of white people and that this systematic injustice will not end until white people commit themselves to a revolution of spirit and purpose to eradicate it from our hearts, from our laws, and from our land.

Madison is not immune from the virus of racism.

Wisconsin is the worst state in the nation in terms of education gaps between white and black kids – and Madison is worse than the state average.

Wisconsin is the worst state in the nation in terms of the rate of incarceration of young African-American males – and Madison is worse than the state average. **(Continued on page 2)**

BAY CREEK BILLBOARD

Sun June Guided Nature Walks – by Friends of Olin Turville (FOOT) - CANCELLED

Thurs June 11, 6:00 pm – BCNA Emergent Issues Meeting probably will be held online via ZOOM. Check Calendar at baycreekmadison.com

Sat July 4 – Bay Creek Picnic – CANCELLED

Thurs July 9, 6:00 pm – BCNA Bi-Monthly Meeting probably will be held online via ZOOM. Check Calendar at baycreekmadison.com

Sun July 12 and Aug 9 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 *** 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.

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.

ALDER UPDATE From page 1

The use of redlining in our city's history carved out areas limiting where blacks would be allowed to live – and to this day a legacy remains of a city deeply divided. We are not one city, we are two.

The Madison that we think of, the Madison that gets recognized as a top ten city to raise kids or to be LGBTQ or one of the top ten cities most likely to rebound from the coronavirus is universally regarded as an extremely difficult place to live if your skin is black.

These heinous, heart-breaking events are taking place during a pandemic that has disproportionately impacted black and brown bodies.

I recently came across this quote in the New York Times: “The coronavirus has scythed its way through black communities, highlighting and accelerating the ingrained social inequities that have made African-Americans the most vulnerable to the disease.”

We must mourn with our black brothers and sisters and bear these burdens in solidarity. We must engage in deep soul-searching, and heed the call to collective repentance.

At a church service on Memorial Day weekend, the sermon I heard was about lives lost on our domestic battlefield of racial violence.

The message from Rev. Amos Moss III, the pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ, Obama's old church on the south side of Chicago, was entitled “The Cross and the Lynching Tree: A Requiem for Ahmaud Arbery.” I encourage you to look it up on YouTube.

It's a powerful message, one that we must let sink into the very marrow of who we are as a people, as a nation, as a city.

This is the time of the great reset. Who are we to become?

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Tag ❖

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Park Street Mural From page 1

“It's a good, positive message to people as they drive by,” Alex continued. “people stop and ask about it. I don't know that it's brought us more business, but people have definitely stopped in, sometimes to take a picture. I don't know that it's brought us more business, but People are more than welcome to do that.”

“It's definitely brought a lot more attention to this corner,” Alex concluded. “Every time I drive down that street, it always catches my eye. It's a good, positive message.”

Author's note: A passerby stopped while I was admiring the mural and told me more about the project. The artists have written “THIS TOO SHALL PASS” on a building wall across the street from Monona Grove High School, and there's a mural with a similar message on Monroe Street. The artists were recently featured in Madison Magazine and on Channel 15 News. Their signatures appear thusly on the mural: @OHYASTUDIO, @RAYMAWST, @BKPICKANDROLL, and @EMILYBLUESTAR. (An attempt to reach them got no response, probably because they were out designing and painting murals or looking for new walls to paint. If you have a wall to donate or wish to send a thank-you, try one of these addresses.)

A big thank-you from Bay Creek to Sokdae and Sonhwa Lee, and to the artists. We appreciate your community spirit and encouragement! ❖

BCNA Meeting Minutes May 14, 2020

By Fred Turkington

Mark from St. Mark's facilitated.

VFW SITE DEVELOPMENT

First, we had a Q&A with Avante Properties about their proposed development at E Lakeside and Sayle St. They presented a timeline for approval by the city:

- Submitted to City of Madison on 5/6/2020
- Urban Design Commission meeting on 7/1/2020
- Informational session to the UDC before that TBD
- Madison Plan Commission on 7/13
- Madison Common Council 7/21

Questions came from nearby neighbors from Colby and Lakeside with input from the P&ED Committee.

- **Have you considered neighborhood feedback on height, material, and traffic?** (Yes, we have incorporated feedback and have changed the overall exterior look of the building to tone down the white brightness, introduce a lot more masonry and reduce the overall color impact. We reduced the height down to 5 stories in the middle and 4 stories at the outside. We are helping the city to realize the traffic flow needs at the intersection of John Nolen and Lakeside and Sayle and are willing to help bring it to the surface with the city.)
- **This site is zoned suburban employment - why not rezone neighborhood mixed-use?** (We are requesting a rezone to TE which allows for additional density but are currently re-evaluating this, since it's a mixed-use building. We would elect to keep the current zoning otherwise. Neighborhood mixed-use has more limitations, specifically in the mass and height of the building.)
- **The South Madison Neighborhood Plan calls for a four-story building on that site - how would you adjust the building if required to conform to that limitation?** (Reduce the number of housing units, which conflicts with the dire need for additional housing in the city. Per the plan, additional stories are allowed if a public amenity is provided. We plan to provide amenities such as better bike and pedestrian connection, a neighborhood gathering place. We envision this building as the anchor of Sayle St as a vibrant mixed-use, walkable area with the support of a fifth story.)
- **Could there be more apartments to accommodate families rather than one-bedroom apartments?** (Any mix is possible - we are meeting the demand for one-bedrooms which we see in our other buildings in Madison. One-bedrooms are more affordable than a 2- or 3-bedroom. We aim to help people establish themselves as lifelong neighbors: as young professionals move into one bedrooms they often stay in the neighborhood and buy single family homes within a mile. The future generation of homeowners is the renters of these apartments. These apartments also help folks downsizing who want to remain in the neighborhood.)

- **The intersection of John Nolen and E Lakeside is unsafe. The city isn't redoing John Nolen until 2025. How can you design the building to mitigate the increase in traffic along Lakeside and Colby?** (We are with you on wanting to resolve traffic issues. We're asking the same question of the city. Chris, the developer, has worked in the office right across the street from the site for 20 years.) Kevin Firchow with city planning clarified that there have been initial discussions between Chris and City Traffic Engineering. Changes would be based in part on the recommendations from the city traffic engineer.
- **How are you addressing complaints about the architectural character of the building?** (The UDC hasn't given it a thorough review. We aim to complement both downtown and Bay Creek's architecture. We are still evaluating the colors, and are softening the look with more wood and masonry. We agree to take a more detailed look at architecture in the neighborhood, to see if we can complement both Bay Creek and downtown.)

Bylaws Change To Accommodate Videoconference during Pandemic

We are proposing a bylaw amendment: "All meetings of the general membership shall be held within the neighborhood boundaries at a place designated by the Neighborhood Council, with the following exception. When the majority of the Neighborhood Council cannot meet in person -- such as weather, pandemic, disabilities, or other extenuating circumstances -- it is acceptable to meet via video conference." We can vote on the bylaw amendment at a future in-person meeting as is currently required.

P&ED – Discussion on the purpose and operating structure of the Planning & Economic Development committee and affirmed the mission of educating neighbors, soliciting input, and focusing on development.

There is a new path for engagement at the local level and a way to contribute to folks in need at this time. You can email district-13cares@gmail.com or call a dedicated phone number for more information on the program.

We will arrange a meeting with South District Captain Mike Hanson given the recent spate of criminal activity in the neighborhood and at its boundaries.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we will be canceling the July 4 potluck this year.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Contact – Somebody contacted the neighborhood about putting together a map to replace the map at Bernie's Beach.

Friends of Monona Bay – The opening date of the beach is in flux. Brittingham Boats is proceeding to put people on the water, although summer camps are probably not going to happen.

Friends of Olin-Turville – Dates were reserved for yoga sessions this summer and we plan to move some of them further in July/August.

Web – Recently added info to the website on how to add sorting and filtering for the large volume of incoming email. ❖

Planning/Economic Development Committee Report

VFW REDEVELOPMENT (133 East Lakeside)

by Lisie Kitchel

The developer, Avante, plans to build a 5-story, 105-unit apartment building with underground parking and bike stalls, and 3,016 sq. ft. of commercial space at the VFW site <https://www.cityofmadison.com/dpced/planning/133-e-lakeside-street/3416/>. On May 27th Avante attended an informational review of its proposal at the Urban Design Commission.

A group of Colby and Lakeside neighbors spoke at the meeting and made clear they support development of a more modest building on the site. Here is a summary of concerns neighbors voiced:

- Traffic congestion and pedestrian crossing at Lakeside/Sayle intersection – Plans to modify this challenging intersection are needed to manage turns into and out of Sayle, pedestrians and bikes crossing the street, and lack of sidewalk from Sayle east to the bus stop.
- The scale and design of the building - size and its materials are out of place viewed from the surrounding community.
- Street parking on Sayle, Colby and nearby residential streets is insufficient to handle the addition of more traffic.
- Traffic flow from the development will siphon onto nearby streets where congestion and speeding is a danger to residents and the nearby preschool.
- Screening – Screening between nearby neighbors' backyards and the building is inadequate given the proximity of the building with its three decks and Avante's plan to remove at least four mature trees.

Avante spoke with neighbors at February BCNA meeting and the City April informational meeting. P&ED held two meetings - one to collect feedback from neighbors and a second with Avante on May 14th. Recordings of the three virtual meetings (not Feb.) are on Bay Creek website (baycreekmadison.org/). Avante plans to begin construction fall of 2021 with completion date of spring 2023. Avante's plans will be up for final vote by UDC in June or July of 2020. If approved, they will then go to the Plan Commission for approvals (design, conditional use, rezoning) and Common Council this July. Meetings are open to the public, dates and times will be provided when available on BCNA website and listserv.

SPEED BOARDS ON LAKESIDE AND OLIN

By Carrie Rothburd

The problem of speeding on Lakeside and Olin is an ongoing concern. Some Lakeside neighbors, with the support of Alder Evers, have arranged with Traffic Engineering to bring temporary data-gathering speed boards to both streets this summer. The City will also be installing a permanent speed board on Lakeside close to Franklin School. There will be a late-summer meeting with Traffic Engineering to explore findings and possible solutions to speeding on Lakeside and Olin. The 2002 study of traffic issues on Lakeside ranked it #1 out of 60 Madison Streets in need of traffic calming. That study revealed the following facts: (1) 90% of cars travel over the posted speed limit; (2) 3,500 cars is the average weekday traffic load; (3) 3 crashes per block per year from 1998-2001; (4) installation of test traffic islands led to a 63% reduction in the number of cars going over the speed limit on Lakeside.

CEDAR STREET CONSTRUCTION

By Cindy McCallum

The project includes Cedar St., High St., Wingra Dr., South St., and Appleton Dr. On May 27, the City held a meeting about construction on the new section of Cedar St., the reconstruction of High St., Wingra Dr. and South St. and the removal of Appleton Dr. The City is going to put turn islands in Park St. between the existing Cedar St. (east) and the new Cedar St. (west). The islands will allow traffic to turn left and right onto and from Park St. from both Cedar Streets but will not allow traffic to go straight from East Cedar to West Cedar. The new Cedar St. will curve south of the current Pick & Save, through the Truman Olson site then curve slightly north of the Shenandoah Apartments. High St. will be upgraded and a cul-de-sac installed. Appleton Dr. will be removed as no longer needed after Cedar St. goes through. Madison Metro has been involved in the location of new bus stops. A pedestrian crossing on Park St., north of the traffic islands will be temporary because of the current Pick and Save driveway. The City hopes to improve the location of the crossing when the Pick and Save lot is re-developed. There is more information on the Bay Creek website (baycreekmadison.org/). ❖

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Proposed Bylaws Change

By Jim Winkle

Strictly interpreting our bylaws, the Bay Creek Neighborhood Association must meet in a physical space. We'd like to change this to allow meeting virtually during extraordinary times like this pandemic (we normally prefer to meet face-to-face).

We'd like to change Article III (Meetings), section 2, from this:

- All meetings of the general membership shall be held within the neighborhood boundaries at a place designated by the Neighborhood Council.

to this:

- All meetings of the general membership shall be held within the neighborhood boundaries at a place designated by the Neighborhood Council, with the following exception. When the majority of the Neighborhood Council cannot meet in person – such as weather, pandemic, or other extenuating circumstance – it is acceptable to meet via video conference.

We are required by our bylaws to post changes like this to the newsletter in advance of voting on them. We'll schedule a very short in-person meeting to vote on this change. Stay tuned to the calendar on the Bay Creek website for details about when this will take place. See the very first link on the Bay Creek website for how to get automatic notifications about neighborhood meetings. ❖



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Once our restaurant clients open fully, we may have to suspend the program. But we do not know when that will happen so Dockside pickups remain open for business for the near future. If you are unfamiliar with the program, check out our website, www.regoldenproduce.com, and under the “Safety Alerts” tab, we posted the program which has all the necessary information needed to place an order and pick it up!

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Wisconsin Election April 2020

By Judy Robinson

When most of us go to the polls on Election Day, we don't typically think about the organization and logistics involved in holding an election. Those of us who are poll workers have some idea of what the City Clerk's office does to prepare for an election but we generally focus on the mechanics of getting voters in and out as efficiently as possible. The election of April 2020 was notable for many reasons but, for me personally, the aspect I will remember most clearly is the unflinching dedication of the staff at the City Clerk's Office.

COVID-19 became a reality for many of us on March 13 when Governor Evers closed the schools. The days between March 13 and April 7 were filled with more questions than answers and throughout the uncertainty, the City Clerk's office was focused and diligent as they prepared for the election.

Madison Public Libraries closed on March 17 which meant that those facilities would not be available for people to cast in person absentee ballots. As always, people could come to the City Clerk's office to vote but that was not a viable option for many voters. Within four days of the libraries closing, the City Clerk's office had implemented curbside voting so people would not have to come into the office to cast an in person absentee ballot.

In addition to preparing for the election and coordinating the curbside voting, the Clerk's Office also managed to process an unprecedented number of requests for absentee ballots. Several hundred ballots were prepared each day.

As those ballots were mailed back, another team made sure they were sorted and stored for delivery to the polling places on Election Day.

The Clerk's Office mailed out 80,934 absentee ballots. This was a staggering 1603% increase from the 4751 ballots mailed out for the 2016 Presidential primary.

On Election Day, the number of polling places was reduced from 92 to 66. Those of us in Bay Creek voted at the Catholic Multicultural Center (CMC) instead of at Romnes, so the workers at

that location had two wards. I worked at West High which also handled two wards. In addition to the reduced number of polling places, the City Clerk's office had to contend with a shortage of poll workers. Many poll workers are at risk or taking care of a family member who is at risk so were not able to work. For those of us who were able to work, the City provided plexiglass shields, masks, gloves, disinfectant, and hand sanitizer.

In-person voter turnout was higher than expected. Both wards that voted at West High had a large number of UW students and a majority of the in-person voters were students. We also had over 100 registrations which was very encouraging.

Lisie Kitchell is also a poll worker and as many of us know, she typically works at Romnes. She worked at CMC and noted that although it was a smaller group than usual, there were people waiting for the polls to open. Voters were coming in all day up to when the polls closed and people were conscientious about social distancing. They also had a fair number of registrations. Lisie felt that overall it went well despite working in a new facility and handling two wards.

Thank you to everyone who voted in the April 2020 election.

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Neighborhood Notes

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BUSINESSES REOPENING

Quality Hardware has reopened Tuesday through Saturdays with closing moved to 2 p.m. Customers are requested to order online at <https://www.qualityhardwaremadison.com/> when possible but this can also be done at the door.

Rockabetty's, too, has reopened with the proviso for stylists and customers to wear masks. Rockabetty's has several types of masks as well as other merchandise for sale via its website www.rockabettysalon.com. ❖

May 2020 BCNA Treasurer's Update

By Judy Robinson

There are two pieces of good news that I have to share with you. The first one is that we received \$660.00 in donations and \$340.00 in dues in the last 12 months. That is enough to cover more than two issues of the newsletter which is our primary expense and currently costs \$410.00 for an 8 page issue.

The other good news is that we have enough in the ash tree fund to pay for the next Emerald Ash Borer treatment which will take place in two years.

Our revenue for the next year should be about the same. We sadly lost a long-time advertiser but have picked up two new advertisers to offset that loss. We did lose some revenue for our April/May issue as some of our advertisers had to temporarily pull their ads due to COVID-19 related closures.

So what does this all mean? That we need your support. We all understand that COVID-19 will have a lasting financial impact and that finances are tight for many people and businesses. We never know what our donations in any given year will be but they may be down from the last few years.

Our dues have always been and continue to be completely voluntary. All Bay Creek residents are members of the BCNA, you do not need to pay dues in order to be a member. But if just 150 households pay their dues in the next 12 months, we won't have to scramble to keep the newsletter going. Many of you are regular dues paying members and we are grateful for your ongoing support. If you have paid your dues already, thank you. If you haven't paid your dues and want to help BCNA, checks can be made out to BCNA and mailed to Sara Richards 710 Spruce St Madison 53715. You can also pay on-line at <https://baycreekmadison.org/>, click on Contacts at the bottom of the page and use the PayPal button to contribute. If you would like a copy of the Treasurer Report, please email me at judysotheremail@mail.com or call me at (608) 469-1218. Thank you! ❖

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FOOT Notes

By **Andria Blattner**

There is no doubt that 2020 will be one for the record books in all aspects of human endeavors. I hope in the midst of it all, you have been able to relax and enjoy some of our parks or at least walk around our neighborhood. It has been proven that getting in touch with Nature is good for your physical and mental health.

Despite the closing down of all city-sponsored activities in the parks, there has been a wonderful effort to rejuvenate the Community Orchard led by our neighbor Andrea Diss-Torrance. She has undertaken pruning the fruit trees for the past few years to increase their productivity. Her current plan is to extend the mulched areas around the trees. She and volunteers, including Mike and Randy, have stapled down large pieces of cardboard, and covered them with the mulch that she has arranged for the city to deliver. This wide mulch area will protect the trees from the mowing machines. She will welcome help – join her when you see activity and a pile of mulch. The 6-foot social distancing should be easy to maintain. Her next step is to put in berry bushes and rhubarb between the trees. If you have any rhubarb, red or black currants or gooseberries to donate please contact me at 255-8001. In the future the fruit trees that died will be replaced. In November there will be an assessment of the mulch depth and replacement will be added. That will definitely be a time when volunteers will be very welcome.

After a very disruptive spring with everything closed down, it is possible that activities in the parks will resume in July. The Bird and Nature walks are scheduled for the 2nd Sunday of the month. Meet in the Turville parking lot. July 12 will feature Dane Gallagher to discuss Birding Turville Point while August 9 will have Kathlean Wolf talking about Mushrooms & Fungi.

Yoga in the Pavilion has moved to Tuesdays in the fall this year; Sept 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and October 6 to be exact. The teacher, Samantha Kellogg, is trained in the Alignment Yoga. This class is open to all levels and experiences, focusing on yoga fundamentals, breathing, asana postures and bringing people together to practice in a beautiful location. The classes are sponsored by FOOT, the City of Madison Parks Department, and Madison Police Department.

FOOT is considering having the Concert series in the fall instead of the dancing groups. It will be much easier to maintain social distancing at a concert and the weather should be fine for picnics.

The wildflowers were spectacular this spring in Turville woods. The contracted work done this winter accomplished clearing out the invasive shrubs in 14 acres of the park. This work has opened up the woods and improved the view of the flowers. The experiment to use goats to clear out the underbrush has begun in Greenside Park (29 Greenside Circle), a very small park on the far westside of Madison. The plan is for them to come to Turville Park this fall.

The other projects that involve volunteers have been put on hold. Hopefully, they will begin in July.

The Bluebird trail is a Tree Swallow trail again this year. There are no Bluebirds nesting. Eight boxes have Tree Swallows and 2 House Sparrows.

Who knows what the summer will bring? But note, while the sun is at its highest the forest floor gets the least amount of sunshine all year. So, a cool walk in the woods will be very refreshing. Take care and stay healthy. ❖

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Living more sustainably includes making smart choices about energy. If we all use less energy, we can help to reduce carbon emissions, which contribute to climate change. Together, we can create a healthier community with individual, eco-friendly actions. We've put together a list of tips and MGE programs to get started.

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Take advantage of free energy-saving products and incentives – Focus on Energy, our partner in energy efficiency, provides free energy conservation kits containing items like LED bulbs and low-flow showerheads. Learn more at www.focusonenergy.com/simple. For information on a \$75 incentive for upgrading to a smart thermostat, visit www.focusonenergy.com/smart.

Use more renewable energy – Consider MGE programs like Green Power Tomorrow and Shared Solar. Clean energy is part of MGE's energy mix for all customers. These programs give customers the option of adding more renewable energy to their household's energy mix. Learn more about Green Power Tomorrow at www.mge.com/gpt and more about Shared Solar at www.mge.com/sharedsolar.

REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

Use less paper – For a faster, easier, and paperless way to pay your MGE bill, consider paying online with My Bill Pay. Learn more at www.mge.com/mybillpay.

Reuse bottles, cups, and utensils – Refill a reusable bottle or mug when you need water or coffee. Use silverware instead of plastic utensils.

Recycle – If you do use plastic items, dispose of them in the proper recycling bin. The same goes for aluminum and paper.

RETHINK YOUR COMMUTE

Go electric – If it's time to replace your existing vehicle, consider an electric vehicle (EV). MGE can help you fuel it with our Charge@Home program. We also offer a network of more than 30 public charging stations. All of our public charging stations are powered by green energy. Visit www.mge.com/LovEV for more information about electric vehicles and charging.

Carpool – Partner with coworkers who live nearby to ride-share. Carpooling helps to reduce emissions. Transportation accounts for more than 25% of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions.

Walk or ride your bike – Walking and cycling are not only green options but healthy ones too!

To learn more about saving energy, visit energy2030together.com/energyuse. ❖

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