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# Bay Creek Bulletin

## Farewell and Thank You

By Judy Robinson

We are sad to announce that Richard Kilmer will be stepping down from the Dane County Board by the end of the year. He is moving to his family farm in Juneau County but has promised to make frequent visits to Madison. Kilmer's family originally settled in Dane County almost 180 years ago in the 1840's, eventually his family moved to the Juneau County area. Kilmer has lived in the Bay Creek neighborhood since 1986.



Richard plans to stay on until the 2021 Dane County budget is approved so his last day in office has yet to be determined.

There will be an interim Supervisor appointed by Dane County Board Chair Analiese Eicher. The Interim Supervisor for District 4 will then be approved by the Dane County Board

of Supervisors. The appointee will serve until the Spring 2021 election and would be eligible to run for the open seat. The winner of this election will hold the office until the term ends in April of 2022.

If you are interested in being recommended to serve as an appointee, please contact Richard at richardkilmerfordane@gmail.com or 608-215-3026.

Richard has been Dane County Supervisor for District 4 since April of 2017, succeeding Sup. Kyle Richmond who held the post for 14 years. Kilmer is Vice Chair of the Dane County Health and Human Needs Committee, Vice Chair of the Area Association on Aging Board, member of the Aging and Disability Resource Center Board and the City/County Liaison Committee.

Currently the Dane County Board is working on the budget for 2021. Some of the projects Supervisor Kilmer is working to see funded for 2021 are money for the Truman Olson Grocery Store site on Park Street and finding a property for Restoring Roots. Restoringroots.org is a long term, affordable therapeutic community offering education, life skills and job training for individuals with substance use disorder. Kilmer has served on the Land Conservation Committee, the Behavioral Health Resource Center Search Committee and the Dane County Equal Opportunities Commission. Kilmer has fought hard to reduce incarceration in Dane County and to improve treatment and opportunities for people struggling with homelessness and behavioral health issues. ❖

### BAY CREEK BILLBOARD

**Thurs Oct 8 6:00 pm** – BCNA Emergent Issues Meeting. See baycreekmadison.org for virtual meeting information

**Sun Oct 11 and Nov 8 1:30-3:00 pm** – Guided Nature Walks by Friends of Olin Turville (FOOT). Meet at the Turville Parking lot off John Nolen Dr. Fall Tree Walk in Oct and Restoration with Goats in Nov. Limited to 10 participants who must wear masks. See FOOT Notes article for more information.

**Tues Nov 3** – Presidential Election. Bay Creek will vote at Romnes Apartments, 540 West Olin Ave. Polls are open 7 AM-8 PM. You can register to vote at the polls on Election Day. Union Cab will continue their practice of offering free rides to the polls on Election Day. Please call (608) 242-2000 for info or to schedule a ride. Union Cab asks that, if possible, you call before Election Day to schedule a ride.

**Thurs Nov 12 6:00 pm** – BCNA Bi-Monthly Meeting. See baycreekmadison.org for virtual meeting information. Voluntary annual dues of \$10 per household can be paid at any neighborhood dues 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. Social distancing is practiced.

**Tues 10 am – noon, Thurs 11 am – 1 pm, Thurs 5:45-7:30 pm** – Food Pantry at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 602 Spruce St.

## FOOT Notes

By Andria Blattner

Welcome to Fall! We really missed not having the dance series in the pavilion. That was a wonderful way to welcome the autumn season. Nevertheless, I am enjoying the slow turning of the leaves, yellows first – ashes, hickories, beeches, birches, and tulip poplars. Then the reds - scarlet oak, sumac, red maples, mountain ash. Two weeks from this writing color will be in full glory. Already there are enough leaves on the ground to be crunchy. Travel Wisconsin <https://www.travelwisconsin.com/fall-color-report> tells the whole story for all of the state.

This summer we have seen how important outdoor activities can be for our personal well-being, physical and mental. The pandemic has emphasized the importance of our green spaces and out-doors facilities to everyone. The importance of preserving and expanding our **(Continued on page 3)**

# BCNA Meeting Minutes September 10, 2020

By Fred Turkington

Jane Smith facilitated.

**Lieutenant Kelly Beckett** from the Madison Police Department addressed policing issues in the neighborhood. In relation to the AmStar gas station at Olin and S. Park, the zoning department has had strong words for the owner and the station is now compliant with its conditional use permit to close between midnight and 6:00 am. The gas station now closes earlier and that has reduced the number of complaints greatly. Lt. Beckett noted that this doesn't solve the problem but has merely moved it further south on Park St., especially near the Boys and Girls Club. Alder Evers noted that it's important to remember that environmental design is as important as law enforcement and this is a good example. It was noted that cameras at AmStar have not helped yet but the owner plans to upgrade the cameras. Their conditional use has a requirement for cameras and security staff. Nearby neighbors agree that disturbances have gotten somewhat better.

**Other updates** – Related to an incident on Aug. 23 where shots were fired at Gilson and Olin there's still no suspect or further information. On Aug. 30 at Cedar and Hickory, shots were exchanged between two groups. There are no leads so far, the case is open and pending. On Sept. 1 at Gilson and Olin, a passerby found a loaded gun in the bushes off Gilson. A police officer took it into custody. The firearm does not appear to be stolen so MPD is working to trace its owner which can take a long time. The group asked questions: Alder Evers discussed the Focused Interruption Coalition and asked Lt. Beckett if she and Captain Hanson supported more volunteer or paid work in this vein to help reduce urban violence. Lt. Beckett supports increasing resources to this group. A neighbor asked if the police would add surveillance cameras on Gilson which would go through city council and not MPD. Speeding has gotten worse on Lakeside which has frustrated meeting participants. A comment that enforcement is not the answer and that one of the best ways to slow cars down is to have more parking.

**From the Alder** – The District 13 Cares group is raising funds for Bayview neighbors in need. You can learn more on the Alder's blog at <https://www.cityofmadison.com/council/district13/blog/>

**BCNA Elections** – We held our elections which had been postponed since March. Next election will be in March - the usual month for elections. The new slate of neighborhood officers is:

Contact Person - Carrie Rothburd

Recording Secretary - Fred Turkington

Treasurer - Judy Robinson

Area 1 Rep - Abby Davidson

Area 2 Rep - Jody Clowes, replacing Kirk Elliott

Area 3 Rep - Janelle Mums, replacing Cindy McCallum

Area 4 Rep - Jim Winkle

Area 5 Rep - Open (Tree Streets)

Area 6 Rep - John Beeman

Welcoming Committee - Doug Noot

Web Committee - Jim Winkle

Managing Editor of Bay Creek Bulletin - Sara Richards

P&ED Committee Chair - Lisie Kitchel, replacing

Jesse Laz-Hirsch

SMPC Rep - Cindy McCallum, replacing Lisie Kitchel

Charlene Sweeney volunteered to lead the Traffic Committee

- one of the open committees.

## COMMITTEE UPDATES:

**FOOT** – not quite sure what's next due to COVID.

**Friends of Monona Bay** – no closure of the beach due to rain this summer; the trailer has done a good job keeping the water clean.

**South Metropolitan Planning Committee (SMPC)** – discussed how to make Beld the dominant street instead of Cedar for the Truman-Olson project.

## Planning and Economic Development Committee update:

**820 S Park** – planning to build affordable housing with a playground.

**Truman Olson** – The grocery store will be 24,000 square ft. Urban Design Commission (UDC) is focusing on the building so far, grocery conversations will come about next summer.

**1224 S Park** – Architect Kevin Burrow joined to talk about this new construction. The original plan was a two-story commercial building which has now moved to a mixed use 5 story building and parking lot on S. Park and parking underground on High St. It is designed as a "C" shaped mixed-use apartment building, stepped back on the 4th level. Units have their own private balcony. The group has presented to UDC for information purposes and intends to formally submit to UDC in mid-September. The approval schedule will be: UDC meeting on Nov. 4, Plan Commission on Nov. 23. Questions related to parkland connection with the SSM development to the west, an easement for a multiuse bike/walking trail, and the developer's commitment to affordable housing.

**Houses at 1355 and 1359 Fish Hatchery** – will be demolished pending a permit request from Strand Architects who would like to take them down. They are unoccupied and were damaged after last year's floods.

**1425 Gilson Street** – Keep an eye out for a body shop or a mechanic's shop, which is getting a conditional use permit in the near future.

**803 South Shore** – Justin Beck joined us to discuss a land use application. Justin has lived for six years on the 500 block of S. Shore. The current plan is to have a 2-story house, slab on grade with no basement. Justin is preparing renovation plans on this corner lot, which will not require any zoning variances. They are replacing a single-family home with another home with a 1-year timeline. He has talked to neighbors around the property. Allen Arntsen voiced his support.

A last note on an upcoming event: Democracy in the Park will take place in parks around the city on October 3. The City Clerk's office is registering people to vote and is accepting ballot dropoffs. The Goodman Maintenance facility, Olin Park, and many other parks around the city will be participating.

The August BCNA meeting was cancelled due to lack of agenda. ❖

# Planning and Economic Development (P&ED) Update

By Lisie Kitchel

**Truman Olson Housing update** – The last Truman Olson Community meeting was Sept. 30, a recording of that zoom meeting will be posted on the listserv and available on the BCNA website (baycreekmadison.org). Although the Truman Olson plans are still in draft form, this was the last community meeting. We will keep you updated on the progress by posting revised and final plans on the BCNA website and listserv or you can check the Truman Olson website for updates (<http://trumanolson.com/>). They plan to go to the Urban Design Commission this fall or winter.

**Grocery store update** – Still in the planning stage and Miriam Maldonado has engaged a Grocery Store Planning Consultant. She has committed to community input on the 24,000 sq. ft. full service as it progresses, so stay tuned, we will let you know of meetings and how to provide input. The timeline is: Interior Conceptual Layout fall 2020, Interior Design summer 2021, and Product Selection fall 2021, with Build Out in January 2022. For more details check the Truman Olson website (<http://trumanolson.com/>).

Cedar/Beld/Park intersection is still being revised by City Transportation Staff based on input from the public. A public meeting with the newest revision(s) is soon to be scheduled. We will post the meeting on the BCNA listserv and website.

**1224 S. Park** – Architect Kevin Burrow presented at the recent BCNA meeting on the new proposed development at this site. The plan is a mixed use 5 story building with a small parking lot off Park St. and additional parking underground, which would be accessible from High St. The approval schedule is: UDC meeting on Nov. 4, Plan Commission on Nov. 23.

**1425 Gilson** – has submitted a conditional use permit to convert the existing building to an auto repair shop. The submitted plans were posted to the BCNA listserv and website; they will appear before the Plan Commission Oct. 19.

**Monona Waterfront Project** – City Parks Department is initiating a study of the John Nolan Causeway and north end of Olin Park called the Monona Waterfront Project. Additional details concerning this project are in the FOOT Notes section of this newsletter. A Neighborhood Workshop (virtual) will be held October 29.

Information on this project will be posted on the listserv and website as it becomes available. ❖



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parks, making them accessible for all activities from rugged team sports to quiet walks in the woods, from large gatherings to solitary contemplation in the woods, by the lake-shore or on the prairie can't be overestimated.

The City Parks Department is just starting Phase II of The Monona Waterfront Project. Phase II is an expansion of the study of Law Park (Phase I) to include John Nolan Causeway and the north end of Olin Park. This phase of the study will be conducted by Urban Assets and EQT By Design. Quinn Heneghan of Urban Assets is leading the effort. They are organizing 3 or 4 small open-ended input group meetings (virtual). The time and date will be announced soon. FOOT will be a focus group. (Ed.note: BCNA also has been invited to participate.) There are a few positions still available. If you can recommend anyone to participate or would like to join, please contact Tom De Chant of FOOT at [tdmادتown@charter.net](mailto:tdmادتown@charter.net). They are also planning a Neighborhood workshop (virtual) on October 29 that everyone can join. This is a wonderful possibility to make a great improvement to the Madison Parks System and the Lake Monona Shoreline.

Sean Gere will be leading the next two Bird and Nature Hikes – not virtual but small (at the present time 10 people) and masked. October 11 will be a Fall Tree Walk and November 8 will focus on Restoration with Goats. The group meets in the Turville Parking Lot. The walk is from 1:30-3:00 p.m.. ❖

# Alder Report

By Tag Evers

**The Leaves are Falling** – Autumn is here and that means we'll soon be dealing with falling leaves. Please help keep our streets leaf-free by removing street leaves before the rain. This helps protect our lakes, including Monona Bay. Sign up to receive Rain Alerts at [ripple-effects.com/Leaf-free-Streets](http://ripple-effects.com/Leaf-free-Streets).

The City's new leaf-pick up strategy will make it easier for you to keep leaves out of the streets as you'll now know the exact day your leaves are due to be picked up. Remember – one pound of phosphorous from leaf run-off can generate 500 pounds of disgusting blue-green algae.

The changing of the seasons reminds us that while we may feel stuck in an endless cycle of depressing news we are all part of something greater than ourselves. It's grounding to know that amid all the uncertainty some things remain constant -- that we get through hardship and troubled times best by leaning on one another and reaching out to those most vulnerable in our midst.

I am concerned about the rise in homelessness due to the pandemic, and what could happen if federal assistance dollars run out that have hitherto paid to place homeless families and individuals with underlying health conditions into two area hotels. Winter is coming. It's imperative that the City, County and UW work together on a solution.

The rise in gun violence also concerns me. Several of you have reached out to me about how troubling it is not feel safe in your own homes. I am in regular communication with South District Captain Mike Hanson and community leaders as we tackle this problem. I hope to convene a community meeting on this topic sometime this fall.

**Development Projects Update** – The Truman Olson project had a fourth and final neighborhood meeting on September 30. Next is the approval process with meetings before Urban Design Commission and Plan Commission. If all goes well, we'll be breaking ground sometime next spring.

A public information meeting will be held on October 27 via Zoom to go over additional options to improve the S. Park/ Cedar/Beld intersection. Chief among concerns expressed to date are pedestrian safety crossing S. Park and restricting cut-through traffic on existing Cedar St once the Cedar extension west of S. Park is built.

Construction continues at 1109 S. Park, the old Jade Garden site. The VFW redevelopment project was approved at four stories. Plans for the five-story mixed-use project at 1224 S. Park go before Urban Design on Nov. 4 and Plan Commission on Nov 23. ❖

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# MMSD Referenda on the November 3 Ballot

*This article was submitted by Cristina Carusi, a member of the Madison Metropolitan School Board*

When you cast your vote in the November election, you'll find two questions on the ballot that together will benefit Madison's public schools and our community. These "2020 Referenda" seek to invest \$350 million into Madison's public schools. If passed, the referenda will:

- Strengthen and grow strategic equity projects aimed at eliminating disparities that fall along racial and socioeconomic lines.
- Continue to provide Madison students with programming in the arts, music, science, technology, athletics and more.
- Build a new elementary school in the Rimrock area, giving students and families in South Madison a much-needed school in their neighborhood.
- Place and maintain highly qualified educators in our classroom, with a particular focus on teachers of color.
- Significantly update learning environments in Madison's four main high schools, benefiting students in every attendance area.
- Bring Capital High students together in a school building we own and update to best serve high school scholars.

The Madison School Board is mindful of the financial struggles that many in our community are going through due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and we have explored whether this is the right time to ask for this investment. However, especially in light of feedback we've continued to receive throughout the summer and the increasing needs of our students during this pandemic, we believe our community's need for strong public schools is now more important than ever.

The school board sees this as a historic opportunity to transform Madison as a thriving, equitable, and inclusive community for generations to come. We hope you share this vision. We need to ensure we are here for students in this uncertain school year, and that we have the infrastructure and operational capacity to serve them for years to come.

Learn more and stay updated by visiting [mmsd.org/future-ready](http://mmsd.org/future-ready) and by following MMSD on Facebook (@MadisonSchoolsWI), Twitter (@MMSDSchools) + Instagram (@MadisonSchools).

Please vote by November 3.

Gloria Reyes, President  
MMSD Board of Education ❖

## VOTING INFO

1. **Check your voter registration status at [myvote.wi.gov](http://myvote.wi.gov).**
2. **Review your voting options** – You have the choice to vote absentee by mail, vote absentee in person, vote in person at the polls on Election Day, or vote curbside at your polling place on Election Day.
3. **Cast your ballot.**
4. **Tell your family, friends, and neighbors to make their safe voting plan, too!**

After the Wisconsin Supreme Court's ruling on Monday, September 14, the City of Madison Clerk's Office began sending absentee ballots by mail to voters who had a request on file on Tuesday, September 15.

You can find more information about making your safe voting plan on the City Clerk's website.

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# Senior Notes

**COVID-19 Services** – NewBridge is helping older adults (60+) in Madison and Monona get through COVID-19. Below are the services we are providing. For up-to-date information on COVID-19 services and information regarding reopening of our regular services, check our website and Facebook pages.

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

**Food Bridge Delivery** – Groceries from a food pantry are delivered to the older adult's door by a volunteer. This is done on an ongoing basis as needed.

**Necessity Kit Delivery** – Necessity kits are delivered to the older adult's door by a volunteer. Depending on availability kits may contain toilet paper, soap, toiletries, shampoo, cleaning supplies, etc.

**Bridge Buddies – Friendly Caller** – Volunteers are matched with older adults to do safety check calls and/or friendly social calls.

## We All Have a Role to Play in Overcoming Racism and COVID-19

### By Dane County Executive Joe Parisi

Our community and nation have been through much, so much it can often feel like things are coming apart at the seams – a global pandemic, economic dislocation, and a spotlight on how little progress our nation has made toward the promise of equality, safety and opportunity for people of color.

Our responsibility to our community is great. The work of racial healing, keeping COVID-19 at bay, and working to help those who are suffering from economic hardship will be ongoing for years. If there was ever a time to be mindful of the guidance to love our neighbors as ourselves, this is it.

Our work on racial healing will require that we come to terms with our past and how much of it remains in our present. For those of us who are white, that work will involve understanding that generations of white people created and perpetuated racism, often consciously, sometimes unconsciously. Racism exists because of us, and it's on us to end it.

The pandemics of COVID-19 and racism are tragically intertwined, with the ruthless suffering caused by COVID-19 falling disproportionately on people of color. That reality means that if you are African American or Latino your chances of becoming sick or dying from COVID-19 are mercilessly higher than your white neighbors. For this reason, we must all do everything in our power to slow the spread of this deadly disease, even if we don't feel we are personally as vulnerable to it as others; we all have a role to play.

Dane County has responded more vigorously to COVID-19 than any other county in the state and most states in the nation. Our response has not been without hardship, but it is necessary and it is working. Everything we do, every step we take, is for the purpose of keeping our residents safe.

**Cloth Face Mask Delivery** – One reusable, hand-made mask will be delivered to the older adult's door by a volunteer upon availability.

**Virtual Classes & Activities** – We are starting online classes and activities. To find the list, call us at (608) 512-0000 or check out our website.

**Take-Out Meals** – Meals are available to pick up at several locations for older adults 60+. Donations are accepted to NewBridge, 1625 Northport Dr. Madison, 53704. Call to order M-F, 8 am-4 pm.

**Mt. Zion Church**, 2019 Fisher St. on Monday between 10:00-11:30 am. Two meals catered by Kavanaugh's Esquire Club. Order due by Thursday, 10:00 am 1 week prior with Candice at (608) 512-0000 Ext. 4006

For more information on how to get services, call our main number at (608) 512-0000 and ask to speak to the Case Manager on intake or check out our website.

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) ❖

We were the first in Wisconsin to issue stay at home guidance and first to issue a mask mandate. We have the strongest science-based guidelines in the state, and we've had much success keeping the virus relatively under control—so much so that we must spend much time urging people not to become complacent because this virus can flare with a vengeance when you let down your guard.

Our success has not been without sacrifice. It's impacted how and if we work and how our kids learn. It's tested our tempers and strained our psyches.

But if we remain mindful that our enemy is the virus, not one another—if we are guided by compassion, and remember that our sacrifices are not just for ourselves but for others—we can look back on this period of our lives knowing we did our best as individuals and as a community, for our community, and for those who needed us most. And we can use that experience moving forward, after the worst of the COVID-19 crisis has passed, to help those in need and to help our community heal. ❖

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# Neighborhood Notes

**Remember Food Allergies at Halloween** – To avoid person-to-person contact with trick-or-treaters, consider putting bags of treats on your front porch or in your front door area.

Make Halloween a safer time for kids with food allergies by having some treats without nuts or peanut butter. If you do have candies with nuts, consider a separate bowl of no-nut candies (Skittles, Starbursts, Dum Dums and Smarties) or small novelty toys, tattoos or stickers. A separate bowl will help keep the no-nut candies or toys from cross-contamination by the nuts.

**Library Newsletter for Children** – Madison Public Library lists several sources for dealing with children of all ages. See <https://www.madisonpubliclibrary.org/kids/online-resources-kids-and-families>. Sign up to get the Library Kids newsletter at: <http://bit.ly/2Dy64uB>

**Leaf Raking** – Don't sweep or blow leaves into the street. The phosphorus from leaves leads to algae in the lakes. Leaves should be raked onto the terrace or bagged in untied bags. Leaves should be piled at least four feet away from utility poles or fire hydrants.

This is important because—to quote our alder—"one pound of phosphorous from leaf run-off can generate 500 pounds of disgusting blue-green algae."

**Newsletter Editor Needed** – Folks, just letting you know that I am ready for a change. I have very much enjoyed heading up the team effort (and, yes, it is a team, a good team) to produce the Bay Creek Bulletin every other month. But it's time for someone else. I compiled a task list of what's involved in the position and that is available upon request. My contact information is listed on the last page of the Bulletin. Meanwhile stay safe, everyone. ❖

## 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](http://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@yahoo.com](mailto:baycreek-subscribe@yahoo.com). You'll receive a message with instructions, usually within a day, with a confirmation request to which you should respond.



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# BAY CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION CONTACTS

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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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