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Bay Creek Bulletin

A Lifetime in Bay Creek

By Pam Gates

Sitting on Donald McConley’s back porch on a pleasant November day, I asked him how long he’d lived in Bay Creek. “I’ve lived in this house all my life!” he answered, which is a long time, as Don is now in his 90s. He brought out a photo album overflowing with clippings and pictures going way back in the history of this neighborhood.

Don’s grandparents started building the house in 1923, he said, and were living in it by 1927. Then the Depression came and they couldn’t make their mortgage payments (on a \$2,300 loan), but neither could anyone else. So the bank decided to let things slide, and for six years they lived in the house for free; but, when the Depression ended, they discovered that they owed twice as much, because the bank had never stopped charging interest on the loan, and of course there were taxes. “Nowadays, they can’t wait to kick you out and put somebody else in,” Don commented.

Don’s grandfather was a shoemaker who worked for Hills Department Store “until he was 80 or so.” His grandmother graduated from seamstress school in Decorah, Iowa, and came to Madison to take a job with Barron Bros. on the Capitol Square. During World War II, the attic was turned

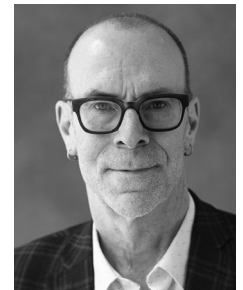
into an apartment, and when Don married, he and his wife moved in upstairs, where they raised their children, Colleen and Tracy. Colleen still lives there.

“I had a fantastic childhood,” she said. “My great-grandparents would take care of me while my parents worked, and I had the fields right outside the house to play in.”

Don’s great-aunt and uncle lived on the other side of Colleen’s fields, next to the filling station, and raised pigs and chickens. (Next to the filling station was Plaenert’s Grocery, which name current residents will recognize from the street on the south side of Wingra Creek.) **(Continued on page 5)**

Alder Report

By Tag Evers



On November 19, Alder Sheri Carter and I hosted the Public Safety Summit. People are understandably concerned about the rise in gun violence, asking what their elected officials are doing about it. We brought together a panel of distinguished guests to address concerns and focus on solutions.

The panel consisted of Judge Everett Mitchell, Anthony Cooper, Aurielle Smith, Kaleem Caire, and Brandi Grayson. South District Captain Mike Hanson was also present. It’s evident the spike in crime is related to the coronavirus. Similar increases in crime are occurring in cities across the country in a manner unrelated to police staffing levels. Judge Mitchell spoke of his work as the presiding juvenile judge for the Dane County Circuit Court. Anthony Cooper discussed the work of Focused Interruption Coalition. Aurielle Smith addressed the Violence Prevention Unit which she heads up in Public Health Madison/Dane County. Kaleem Caire focused on the role of education with an update on One City Schools. Brandi Grayson spoke passionately about her work as the founder of Urban Triage in building up Black families.

There are no easy answers. Captain Hanson himself has stated that we cannot arrest ourselves out of these challenges. I encourage you to watch the recording of the Summit. I think you’ll find it moving to the point you may wish to get personally involved. You can find the link on my alder blog: <https://www.cityofmadison.com/council/district13/blog/?id=23114>

Let me speak about the billboard on South Park.

Back in June, I was interviewed for **(Continued on page 2)**

BAY CREEK BILLBOARD

Sun Dec 13 and Jan 10, 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 article for more info on the walks.

Thurs Dec 10, 6:30 pm – BCNA Emergent Issues Meeting. See baycreekmadison.org for information on how to join the call. Note new start time, 6:30 instead of 6:00.

Thurs Dec 24, 7:00 am to 1:00 pm – 35th Annual Holiday Blood Drive at Exhibition Hall in the Alliant Energy Center. For an appointment, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org. Sponsor code: HBDMadison.

Thurs Jan 14, 6:30 pm – BCNA Bi-Monthly Meeting. See baycreekmadison.org for information on how to join the call. Voluntary annual dues of \$10 per household can be paid online at baycreekmadison.org 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.

BCNA Minutes October 10, 2020

By Fred Turkington

First we discussed proposals for the new Beld/Cedar/Park St intersection. Current decision is on whether to make Beld St or Cedar St the primary street accessing Park. An option is to make Cedar westbound traffic flow go into Beld, but not allow traffic to turn off Park going eastbound on Cedar. Cedar westbound would be 2-way traffic up to the intersection but only 1 way going eastbound to prevent the use of Cedar as a cut through street similar to how Jenifer St meets Williamson St at its west end near the Elks lodge on the near east side. Nearby neighborhoods support Beld being the primary street running into Park. Cargo Coffee is worried about access from customers heading southbound on Park St. A lot of interested neighbors want a signalized intersection, but city transportation doesn't currently have that as a proposal - it's a difficult request because Park St is a state highway.

Next, an update on development at 1224 S. Park Street. The developers have proposed a five story mixed use building, and contacted BNCA to meet with Planning & Economic Development. The primary concern of P&ED is lack of afford-

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a front-page story in the State Journal. Here's a quote from that article:

"We have defunded our schools — 90% of our black and brown students are not reading at grade level — and then used police to keep order," said Ald. Tag Evers, 13th District. "We have defunded mental health services and then criminalized the homeless on our streets, who are disproportionately people of color. We have defunded essential social services and then made the police the first line of response to those in need. The police have become the backstop against our failure to meet the needs of those most vulnerable in our midst.

"The system is broken," Evers said. "It's time to try something new."

That something new involves asking what it is that the police are doing that we no longer want them to do, and then allocating resources to those agencies and entities best suited for these tasks. We've started this at the City with the Crisis Response Unit being set up within the Madison Fire Department. Unarmed mental health workers and substance abuse specialists will soon be directed to the large number of mental health calls currently tying up police work.

I don't mind being attacked. It comes with the territory. You elected me to represent the voters of District 13 as we take on the big challenges of our day. As always, if you have questions, please contact me at district13@cityofmadison.com or call 608.424.2580.

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able housing. Alder Evers mentioned that as he talks to staff from Meriter and SSM, there are concerns that it's too hard to live in the neighborhood on a nurse's salary, that we need more housing at all different levels and that workforce housing is "the missing middle".

A meeting was recently held on the Truman Olson site, and Alder Evers wrote a recent blog post about it. This was the last scheduled neighborhood/community meeting and the project went before the Urban Design Commission, which mostly concerns itself with building aesthetics. UDC gave a generally positive response, and no vote is required at such UDC informational meetings. Neighbors expressed concern that the scheduled community meetings are over but the project isn't finished. In particular, the grocery store planning hasn't begun but there are no scheduled related community meetings. Neighbors asked the Alder for a commitment from the city to get neighbors' input related to the grocery store. The grocery store plans are expected to be submitted in November. The Alder encouraged sending related questions to him once the plans are public.

Redesigning John Nolen parklands: In the recent past, the city redesigned the parts of Law Park extending in front of Monona Terrace. Now they have begun a second phase which extends from Broom St through the John Nolen causeway through the north end of Olin Park abutting Wingra Creek. BCNA and FOOT both have been invited to participate in community focus groups. John Nolen Drive itself is scheduled to be reconstructed in 2024 as recent high water and flooding have damaged it. An architectural design challenge has been issued and national landscape architecture firms are expected to reply next year. Of particular interest to the city is the notion of placemaking, for example little bump-outs of land along the shoreline.

The issue of speeding on Lakeside and Olin was brought up. The Alder is hearing from the city's traffic engineering department that there are multiple streets on which the city is trying to address increased speeding. The city has put in two lighted signs showing drivers' speed on Lakeside. Alder Evers committed to meeting with the BCNA traffic committee.

The alder has volunteered to meet monthly with P&ED to reduce the number of ad-hoc project-based meetings. ❖

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BCNA November 12, 2020 Meeting Summary

By Linda Baumann

(Linda Baumann kindly supplied this summary after it was realized that no one had been assigned to take minutes while the meeting was occurring.)

Linda Baumann facilitated.

Replacement email list for Bay Creek coming soon! Jim Winkle presented three issues a) should each person migrate to the new platform on their own or should all addresses be migrated; b) should the default reply go to an individual or to the group; and c) no archives will be maintained. Consensus was that every address should be migrated and replies go to the group.

Alder Update – Tag Evers provided a brief update on the budget; 1.3 million dollars is designated for the Truman-Olson project.

Planning and Economic Development (P&ED) Committee

– Lisie Kitchel led the discussion of five points to consider in how the P&ED committee should operate in the BCNA. Briefly, these were the major questions. There was a lively discussion and Lisie will take this information for further followup.

- Should our P&ED committee be empowered to communicate opinions which have not been vetted at a general meeting of the neighborhood association?

- How can the neighborhood association get the word out and solicit input about timely issues that happen between monthly meetings?
- What process should P&ED use to craft a position on development projects and communicate that position to policy makers?
- If there is not unanimous support for a position, how should minority views be reflected by P&ED in communications to policy makers?
- How can we assure that P&ED processes and communications best reflect neighborhood opinions on a proposed project?

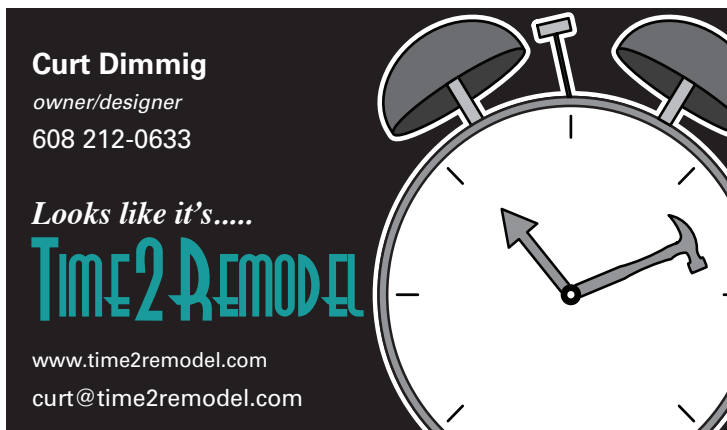
New item – Kirk requested that the meeting times be changed to 6:30 – 8:15 p.m. The group agreed by consensus to hold the December 10 Emerging Issues and the January 14 bimonthly BCNA meetings at 6:30 p.m.

Postponed due to lack of time – PowerPoint summary of the findings of the South Park Corridor Needs Assessment (15-20 minutes). This PowerPoint is available on the South Madison Unite website.

Linda Baumann agreed to facilitate the January 14 BCNA meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Next BCNA meetings December 10 (Emerging Issues and January 14 (bimonthly meeting) ❖



Planning and Economic Development Committee Report

By Lisie Kitchel

Planning & Economic Development (P&ED) is a standing committee of BCNA that first became active in 2015 when several neighbors joined two elected co-chairs to learn more about the process for proposals for development. According to BCNA's bylaws, P&ED's charge is to "focus on activities within the neighborhood that affect land use, business development and retention; educate neighborhood residents and solicit their input; and represent the association when warranted."

While current BCNA bylaws do not spell out a clear process or best practices for neighbor engagement around development, P&ED Committee has established the following protocol for its activities, drawing on that of other neighborhood associations:

- Review development concept or plans
- Meet with alder, developer, and City staff, as appropriate, to collect information and seek out common ground
- Share plans and additional information with the neighborhood-at-large
- Reach out to nearby neighbors for their perspective on impacts
- Conduct polls, surveys throughout the broader community, as needed
- Attend City info sessions and schedule special neighborhood association meetings with developers and City staff to facilitate the sharing of perspectives
- Draft communication outlining input from the community about a development

In sharing information about developments, P&ED has made use of the neighborhood listserv, website, and newsletter to announce plans, provide updates, and post City meetings. It has also distributed flyers, conducted polls and surveys, and scheduled special meetings to solicit input from the broadest cross section of the community possible. Some good examples of this are its poll of Pine Street neighbors with respect to the Funk Factory's plan to expand outside seating and erect a sound stage, its poll of South and West Shore neighbors with respect to Barriques' coffee roasting, and its flyers about the Peloton and VFW developments. In so doing, P&ED has attempted to implement the City's guidance that "the development review process includes an important role for surrounding residents, property owners and neighborhood associations" (Participating in the Development Process, 2005).

P&ED has made a point of working with developers to look for ways of improving developments and making them fit better with existing neighbors' "rights and enjoyments" of

their properties. As a community, Bay Creek has embraced development, and P&ED communicates this point of view at the same time that it advocates on behalf of the majority of neighbors that new developments need to reflect the culture, appearance, and integrity of the existing community. In its communications with City Commissions, P&ED communicates neighbors' concerns, offers substantiation for these, and proposes alternatives when appropriate.

As part of P&ED's five years of activity, members have gotten to know City staff, developers, and alders and have endeavored to develop open, two-way relationships with them. The committee has asked to receive information in a timely manner since timeliness of feedback is often key and requires quick turn-around. Committee members were glad when BCNA instituted every-other-monthly Emergent Issues meetings in addition to General Membership meetings to provide more opportunities for discussion of development projects and because of the often-compressed development time frame. Even so it has been impossible to vet all communications to the City at BCNA meetings before their due date, and P&ED has sought out the approval of the Neighborhood Council at times. At other times it has sent letters expressing the input received from nearby neighbors and/or from the neighborhood as a whole.

Currently P&ED is exploring developing its own webpage where it can post information more quickly and solicit feedback more efficiently. It is also interested in creating a P&ED email point of contact regarding development projects. These methods of communicating with P&ED members would be posted on the regular BCNA website and announced in upcoming newsletters.

P&ED is also looking to review its practices by considering some of the recommended actions of other neighborhood associations' development committees. In so doing it may work with some of the City's long-term planners whose role has encompassed providing training and advice for NAs. Next month P&ED will provide an overview of its conversations with other neighborhoods' development committees and with long-term planning staff. Please send your comments about how P&ED could best represent the neighborhood to P&ED chair, Lisie.Kitchel@yahoo.com. ❖



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On the other side of Don's house was a marsh, where the kids would cut down the cattails so they could skate in the winter. In fact, Olin Avenue used to be called Pond Street.

There was a sandpit across Park Street, and one of Don's relatives hauled sand by horse-drawn cart to the state Capitol building during its construction. That same sandpit offered wonderful skiing opportunities in winter, which the kids did on skis they fashioned from barrel staves tied on with leather strips his grandfather provided. In summer, huge signboards fronting the sandpit were lit up at night, and the neighborhood kids had a grand time playing football there. Don said it made quite a sight, driving up Olin Avenue toward Park Street.

Between the sandpit and Murphy (now Wingra) Creek was mostly woods. Don and his friends fished the creek a lot. Black men, employees of Sweet's Wholesale Groceries, lived in the woods and taught the kids a Southern trick about cooking and cleaning fish. They'd take clay from the creek, pack it around an uncleaned fish, and put the whole works in



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Walter Plaenert, owner of Plaenert's Grocery, poses in front of his store at 1128 South Park Street. He is holding a sign for the South Side Picnic.

a fire. When the coals died down, they'd remove the fish and break off the clay. The skin and scales came away, too, and one was left with just the meat, which came off the bones easily. To this day, Don is quite delighted with that method of cooking fish!



"There were about 25,000 people in Madison when I was a kid," Don McConley recalled. "The city was our playground. I'd get a quarter on Saturdays to go to the movies: 15 cents for a movie at the Majestic, 5 cents for the bus ride (the buses were 16-seaters then), and 5 cents for a big candy bar when we came out."

"When I was 10 or 12, I'd ride my bike to a farm owned by family cousins near what is now Todd Drive. One of the cousins was my age. We'd go down to the CCC barracks in the Arboretum and watch movies with the CCC boys."

Don's (and his parents') interest in fishing got Don into trouble sometimes. "The local game warden, Ozzie Grant, would catch me fishing out of season, and he'd break my fishing pole. My mom would give me a dime, and I'd walk down to Berger's Hardware on University Avenue and buy myself another. I'd tell my parents, 'They'll put me in jail!' But my grandpa assured me they wouldn't."

Don told me about the street sweeper he remembered from childhood: a neighbor across the alley, who did his work with a wheelbarrow, a broom, and a shovel. "To me, he looked like Abe Lincoln."

Don went to Franklin School, to Central High for one year, and graduated from West. He went to the UW for a year, but didn't have the \$75 a semester to continue. So he got a job at Household Finance, above Woolworth's on the Square.

Don was drafted into the military during the Korean War, but contracted nephritis and ended **(Continued on page 6)**

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To subscribe to the new Bay Creek email list, use the groups.io website (preferred) or send a blank email message to baycreek+subscribe@groups.io. You'll receive a message back with instructions within a day (and usually within minutes) with a confirmation request to which you should respond. Check your SPAM folder if you don't see it. After your membership has been approved, you may post a message by sending email to baycreek@groups.io.

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.

The Bay Creek website can be found at baycreekmadison.org. You can use 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.

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up in the hospital for four months. Getting himself hospitalized was a bureaucratic rigamarole, as was his military discharge, even when it became clearly necessary.

He then worked for First Credit Corp. for five or six years and drew unemployment for a year after it closed down. "I really enjoyed that!" he said.

Don worked for the U.S. Postal Service for 17 years, delivering mail all over the university area. He remembers the tent city in the woods along Lake Mendota, where university students would set up tents on platforms and spend the summer there with their families. (You can see remains of this community in the woods along Lake Mendota, just north of Eagle Heights.) Many of the students were foreigners, Don said, which made mail delivery there extra interesting.

"I quit work at age 53, and my wife retired from the Department of Agriculture on Christmas Day. We lived on her pension check and my [military] disability. When my wife retired, we'd go to lots of garage sales. Then we'd have one ourselves. Once we made \$2,200 in three days, selling 'junk' from the basement of a nearby house we'd bought."

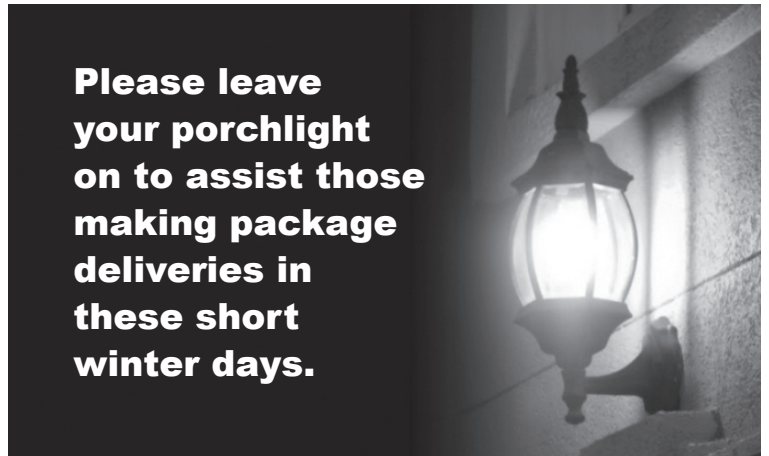
"People were different [when I was a kid]. When people came over from the Old Country, they'd stick together. They'd only associate with others at school. But," he emphasized, "if someone got sick or had other trouble, the neighbors would come from all over to help."

Four generations of the McConleys have gone to Franklin School. Colleen went on to Lincoln and West, all of which, she felt, gave a well-rounded education. A major benefit of living in Madison, she said, is the schools.

One of Colleen's strong memories is the year they cut down all the American elms because of Dutch elm disease. "There was a constant droning of chainsaws all summer long. From our lot alone, four came down. The elm trees had created a mile-long canopy on Olin Avenue. It used to be like a tunnel."

Another memory is when the July 4 fireworks were held at Vilas Zoo. "It was fun, but the animals were so freaked out. It's good that they started holding them elsewhere." Don isn't happy with the "elsewhere," though: holding the fireworks on the lake drops a lot of poisons into the lake, he says, which certainly can't be good for the fish.

Both spoke highly of Madison's wonderful park system and are clearly proud to live in Bay Creek and in this city. Thank you, Don and Colleen McConley, for sharing some of your wonderful memories with your Bay Creek neighbors! ❖



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FOOT Notes

By Andria Blattner

I hope you had a chance to enjoy the Turville Woods recently. We had a mostly mild, beautiful fall this year. There have been several rare birds seen near Turville Point this November. A black throated grey warbler was seen for almost a week. Long tailed ducks and white winged scooters were seen in Lake Monona.

Unfortunately, most of the projects that we sponsor were cancelled due to the pandemic. Most disappointing was having to cancel the new volunteer project of conducting plant surveys along three transect lines which had been set up the previous summer. I hope this project can be undertaken next summer. The work contracted by City Parks to clear invasive shrubs has been completed. This includes three areas that were grazed by a herd of goats. One activity that has continued to some extent is the Bird and Nature Walks in eight of the city parks. Some

of the parks have set up self-guided tours focusing on the topic of the guided walk for the month. The walks will conform to the current corona virus guidelines. Presently they are limited to ten people; masks and distancing are required.

The next walk in Turville Point Conservation Park is on December 13, leader to be announced. There may be snow to talk about. The first walk of 2021 will be on January 10. Dane Gallagher will lead the walk emphasizing winter birds. He will also lead the February 14 walk which will focus on the owls that live in the park and maybe find their nest.

Walks are on Sunday afternoons from 1:30 to 3:00. Meet in the Turville parking lot by the entrance to the Park.

The parks remain a place of quiet and solace. Whether a long run or finding a quiet spot for meditation. There are always some critters to enjoy as they peck for food or leave tracks in the snow.

Although the holiday season will not be one of many festivities this year, Happy Holidays to all. ❖

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Ice Dams can be Costly

A few inches of snow, freezing temperatures and warm air leaking into your attic are a perfect combination for ice dams. What's an ice dam, and why should you be concerned if you have icicles hanging from your gutters?


Ice dams form when heat in the attic melts the snow on the roof and water runs down to the overhang and then refreezes. The ice starts to build up, holding water which can then flow back up the roof under the shingles. This often results in serious water damage to the ceiling and walls inside the home. Often, the damage can't be seen until it's too late, and repairs can be expensive.

Warm air leaking into your cold attic through attic bypasses (the small holes and paths by which heated air flows into the attic) is usually the culprit. Some sources include electrical boxes, exhaust fans, lighting fixtures including recessed lights and wiring penetrations and attic hatches/entrances. These warm air bypasses have to be fixed first to eliminate the problem. A lack of ventilation and/or not enough insulation can add to the trouble.


If you think you have a problem, your best bet is to have a home energy audit performed. An energy professional can do a blower door test to find the leaks and seal them. He also can tell you if you need more attic insulation or ventilation. Remember, this problem is not going to just go away. It will continue to happen year after year when conditions are right.

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New Store Near Bay Creek

Just south of Wingra Creek and in time for holiday shopping, a pop-up store has opened. Ethical Trade Company carries one-of-a-kind items handmade by free women as well as direct trade food items like coffee, chocolate, and fruit. A goal of the organization is to save women from human trafficking. Store manager Manuel Ramminger notes that “for many of our suppliers we are the only retailer in the U.S. while others have several.”

The store is located in the former location of Damascus Road Church at 1702 S. Park St. The store opens at 11 a.m. Thursdays through Saturdays and stays open until 6 p.m. except on Saturday when it closes at 5 p.m. There is also opportunity to book a private shopping experience.

For more information and to get an idea of the lovely items carried in the store, visit the website at ethicaltradeco.com ❖

Senior Notes

NewBridge is helping older adults, 60+ in Madison and Monona 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 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 and done on an ongoing basis as needed.

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

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. Orders are due Thursday by 10:00 am, 1 week prior.

Our Mt. Zion Church site has been moved to the NewBridge West Madison office effective Monday, November 30. If you are unable to get to the west side or any of our other sites, meals are delivered on Fridays for homebound older adults.

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Neighborhood Notes

Change to Bay Creek Email List – The platform for the Bay Creek email list has changed because Yahoo discontinued support of its list. Now the list is on groups.io. To subscribe to the new Bay Creek email list, use the groups.io website (preferred) or send a blank email message to baycreek+subscribe@groups.io . You'll receive a message back with instructions within a day (often within minutes) with a confirmation request to which you should respond. Check your Spam folder if you don't see it. After your membership has been approved, you may post a message by sending email to baycreek@groups.io .

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

Red Cross Holiday Blood Drive – The 35th Annual Holiday Blood Drive will take place on Thursday, December 24, at Exhibition Hall in the Alliant Energy Center between 7 a.m. and 1 p.m. You can make an appointment ahead of time by calling 8-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or by going to the website redcrossblood.org. The sponsor code to enter is HBDMadison.

Appointments are strongly encouraged. Walk-ins will be taken as space allows to abide with social distancing guidelines.

Free parking will be available but unlike past years, there will be no childcare due to COVID concerns.

Meeting Time Change – Neighborhood meetings on the second Thursday of each month will now start at 6:30 p.m. instead of the previous time of 6:00 p.m. ❖

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