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Bay Creek Bulletin

Meet Cecely Castillo

I am so honored to represent my community as the Dane County Supervisor for District 4. This is my first experience as a local elected official, but my interest in the electoral process started when I was young. In high school, you could find me working elections at my neighborhood polling location in Laredo, Texas.

Prior to living in Madison, I worked as a specialized domestic abuse prosecutor in Chicago. In Wisconsin, I switched to legislative policy work and currently serve as Senator Kelda Roys' chief of staff; formerly I worked as the policy director for a healthcare non-profit organization and as a local realtor. My focus on the board will be on healthcare access, criminal justice reform, racial equity, affordable housing and conservation of our natural resources.

A pandemic certainty highlights the important role our county government plays in our community's health and safety. I'm proud of the hard work and leadership our county provided this past year. We also have a lot work ahead of us, and I wanted to highlight a few County Board items.

Federal American Rescue Plans Act (ARPA) funds are coming to Dane County to help local governments address issues of economic stability. These funds can be a powerful tool to help Dane County recover, help small businesses and industries impacted, and help us address homelessness and equity issues, which have been exacerbated by COVID-19. How these funds are allocated will help shape how our community bounces back and I'll be looking at this with an equity lens to ensure our distribution of the funds will maximize im-

pact. There will be an ARPA fund in 2021 and another round received in 2022.

Another notable item is that last fall the Dane County Board included funding in the county budget for a mental health triage and restoration center. The aim of this center is to divert people with mental health challenges from the criminal system and broaden recovery services. I support our county's goal to reduce the county jail population; this is an exciting project to watch.

It is a strange time to become a local elected official, as the meetings are virtual and I have not been able to engage with folks in person. I look forward to future opportunities to meet more people in the district. You may spot me on the SW commuter bike path, local parks with my family, or strolling through the neighborhood with our now very large pandemic puppy.

You can find the Dane County Board meeting schedule, committee information, and watch a board meeting, and much more at <https://board.countyofdane.com>

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Alder Report By Tag Evers

Now that the public health orders have expired, there's a collective sense of relief -- we get to engage each other in ways that were denied to us for the better part of 15 months. We get to exchange hugs, share meals indoors, and take walks together unmasked. I don't wish to badger any holdouts, but in case you're still refusing the vaccine, please note the virus is still among us, looking for ways to spread. Let's shut this down and cross the finish line together, everyone doing their part.



The Vilas Park Drive Intermediate Traffic Management Plan

was approved by the Parks Commission on May 12. The interim plan stipulates the closure of Vilas Park Dr. to cut-through traffic. Traffic will be blocked from the west at the historic bridge to the entrance of the shelter parking lot. The shelter parking lot will be accessible from the east via 2-way traffic. Pavement markings and signage will be added and pedestrian pathways adjacent to the Drive will be improved. This measure will greatly enhance pedestrian and bicycle safety along the Drive. Access to the Drive will be limited to park users, which will allow for greater activation of the Lake Wingra shoreline. Parks staff expects these changes to be implemented this summer. **(Continued on page 5)**

BAY CREEK BILLBOARD

Bay Creek Neighborhood Association (BCNA) Meetings –
Second Thursdays of the Month: June 10 and July 8, 6:30 pm.
See baycreekmadison.org for agenda and information on joining remotely. Voluntary annual dues: \$10 per household. May be paid at meetings or mailed to Sara Richards 710 Spruce St. 53715. Please make checks payable to BCNA (not to Sara Richards).

Guided Nature Walks – Friends of Olin Turville (FOOT)
Second Sundays of the Month: June 13 and July 11, 1:30 pm.
Meet at the Turville Parking lot off John Nolen Dr.

Food Pantry – Tuesdays 10:00 – 12:00 pm and Thursdays 5:15 – 7:30 pm. **Friday Meal** – Free; Fridays 12:00 – 1:00 pm.
St. Mark's Lutheran Church 605 Spruce St. Volunteer Contact: Elaine, 608-256-8463; StMarks@StMarksMadison.org

Monona Bay Shoreline Clean-up – Friends of Monona Bay.
Second Saturdays of the Month: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm.
Contact Nina for information: Email: ninaj@wisc.edu, phone: 258-1788 or 698-9708.

April BCNA Minutes

Fred Turkington note taker. We considered the **historic architecture** in W. Lakeside's 300 and 400 blocks. After contacting the city, a neighbor reports: 1) Madison does not designate such small areas historic districts; 2) We can preserve the buildings through "landmarks" designation; 3) Landmark status allows redevelopment, but requires future development match original style and character; 4) Anyone can apply for **landmark status** for a building, even without the owner's consent. Neighbor Carrie will meet with non-profit Madison Trust for Historic Preservation and email the neighborhood list on what she learns.

Alicia of Dane Arts Mural Arts and artist Yvette Pino presented the **Lakeside St. mural** design to be painted on the wall (across the railroad tracks) opposite Lakeside Coffee. The mural's "Hidden Gem" design incorporates Bay Creek's

streets, emphasizing **community, fishing, and water** themes. Contribute to the mural at <https://daneartsmuralarts.org/donate-to-baycreek>. (See "Mural Update" to help on **community paint days**.)

We reviewed the proposed **Lakeside St. traffic calming**: two speed humps and a traffic circle. Many encouraged those Lakeside neighbors with city provided ballots to return them and support the proposed traffic calming. Allen Arntsen volunteers to lead the Transportation Committee after Andy resigns as chair.

Alder Evers update included discussion of proposed 18-story mixed-use building for the corner of Olin and John Nolan; crime in Brittingham Park; previously-discussed, small-development **zoning code changes** going before a Common Council meeting May 18. This vigorous and technical discussion helped clarify the zoning change's exact nature. ❖

May BCNA Minutes – New High Rise: Sustainability, Bird threat, Wonder Bar

Jim Winkle facilitated. Fred Turkington note taker. Lance McGrath from McGrath Properties presented their proposed **18 story high rise at Olin Ave/John Nolan Dr.** intersection. The building has 13 residential stories (291 studio – 3-bedroom apartments); 4-story internal parking garage; 12,450-sf commercial base; the 18th floor houses mechanicals. McGrath highlighted the site's ability to handle a high rise: close to downtown while still a quarter-mile from nearest single-family residence; on major traffic thoroughways, relieving traffic pressure on neighborhood streets; on bike/pedestrian infrastructure, too.

McGrath affirmed his development's high sustainability that (in contrast with urban sprawl) added Madison housing while reducing infrastructure needs. The building includes **green roofs**, a planted terrace, and follows current code, significantly **upgrading surface water management**. It fits with the County's Alliant Energy Center "destination district" plans, including **additional, future high-rise development between Wingra Creek and John Nolan**.

The developers are seeking WHEDA funding, which would provide 20% of apartments to people earning 80% of Dane County Median Income (2019 DCMI = \$77,504; 80% = \$62,003.)

Fast track schedule:

May 19 – McGrath formally submits plans
July 14 – Urban Design Commission reviews;
July 26 – Plan Commission review, including request to **re-zone the site** from Suburban Employment (SE) to Traditional Employment (TE);
August 3 – Common Council.

The developer emphasized the timeline's importance: to open in August 2023 for Madison's highly-seasonal, August turn-over, rental market.

Questions: Neighbors challenged this reasoning and questioned **the speed of the project**. Neighbors raised the issue of the high rise's glass as contributing to bird deaths, especially given its proximity to Olin Turville Park: Would there be **bird glass** above the fifth floor/60 feet – the minimum required by city code? McGrath maintained bird safe glass was not financially feasible. Would the disorienting **impact of rooftop lighting on birds** lower lights? Would there be aviation lighting (for airplanes, med-flight)? The developers didn't expect that the city to require it. In response to previous light-pollution concerns, McGrath has reduced lighting intensity, but the design still includes the rooftop lighting. Please send your opinions and ideas for reducing the building's bird strike deaths to Lisie Kitchel at Lisie_Kitchel@yahoo.com

Neighbors asked about traffic impact on Olin Ave. McGrath expects a late June completion for his **traffic study**, which doesn't consider bike traffic, but will consider pedestrians crossing John Nolan. McGrath had considered a 14th floor restaurant, but rejected the idea for logistical challenges: the ground floor design includes a full-service kitchen for a **restaurant or café with outdoor dining**. Neighbors described the **building height as polarizing** – some love it and some hate it.

A neighbor questioned the building's benefits for Bay Creek specifically. The developers listed over \$1 million in taxes and fees going to **improving parks**; increased bus service and frequency; a neighborhood restaurant; expected increased property values. A neighbor questioned its forward-looking sustainability, given the ratio of parking to units – couldn't affordable housing replace some of the parking? McGrath maintained the necessity of parking and that banks and WHEDA look at parking when approving financing. **(Continued on page 6)**

Senior Notes

NewBridge Madison provides services for older adults, 60+. SOME June and July programming reopening! For up-to-date services, classes, and activities information, check newbridgemadison.org, and Facebook: @NewBridgeMadison, call (608) 512-0000; email info@newbridgemadison.org.

Programs: *Participants must follow all Madison Dane Public Health guidelines.*

NewBridge: matches older adults to volunteers who do safety-check calls and/or friendly social calls; **provides** Case Managers to connect older adults to resources; **delivers** food pantry groceries to older adults' door on an ongoing basis; **does** home chores starting July, depending on comfort level and volunteer availability – only case management clients may receive home chore assistance; **gives** Zoom and In-Person Classes & Activities; **runs** Zoom Diversity & Inclusion Activities – for Dane County Black and Latinx older adults, **feeds** older adults.

Illuminating Light Pollution

Andy Meessmann

I'm a dark sky junkie. For a decade, I explored the darkest corners of the U.S. to get a glimpse of the Milky Way Galaxy. It was a completely self-absorbed hobby, but it allowed me to connect to the environment and helped me understand my own existence on a completely natural level.

I sought clear dark skies on the Rio Grande River on the Texas and Mexico border where I witnessed a meteorite collide with the Earth on the desert floor. Another time, frozen in fear on the darkest of nights, I watched a bear circle me and my tent in the Colorado Rockies as I created a series of star trail photos. Other experiences were more serene, such as viewing the aurora borealis in Northern Wisconsin from the comfort of a dock on a tranquil lake.

Those experiences, and many more, propelled me to research and understand as much as possible about our galaxy. As I explored, I discovered that light pollution was obstructing our view of the night sky and causing potentially severe health risks to humans and wildlife.

Light pollution – the overabundance of light that negatively affects our health and environment – is nothing new, but recently people have begun to recognize just how destructive it is to bird life. When we consider the proposed Olin Avenue 18 story high-rise development, in conjunction with Alliant Energy Center redevelopment and other nearby projects, we need to prioritize reducing light pollution.

Madison's Olin-Turville Park near the development offers a breeding habitat and resting point for the over 300 bird species traveling in the Mississippi Flyway, the migratory path from Canada and the northern US to the Gulf of Mexico and South America. Along the way, these birds pollinate plants and elimi-

Take-Out Meals: In-Person Restaurant and Congregate meal sites remain closed in June. Pickup meals for older adults at:

*NewBridge West Office, 5724 Raymond Rd. Mondays 10:00-11:30 am, Wednesdays 3:00-4:00 pm: 1 Meal Catered by Kavanaugh's Esquire Club

*Kavanaugh's Esquire Club, 1025 N. Sherman Ave. Wednesdays 3:00-4:00 pm: 1 Meal by Kavanaugh's.

*LJ's Sports Tavern and Grill, 8 North Patterson St. Fridays 3:00-4:00 pm: 1 Meal – Hot Fish Fry.

Meals provided for free, but NewBridge accepts donations mailed to 1625 Northport Dr. Madison, 53704. **Place meal orders one week prior** by Thursday 10:00 am with Candice at (608) 512-0000 Ext. 4006

Returning! – Free NewBridge Summer Concerts at Warner Park: July 12 Frank Martin Busch & The Names; July 19 Ladies Must Swing; July 26 Universal Sound; August 16 Soggy Prairie (and volunteer appreciation). Limited transportation available for older adults. ❖

nate pests in ways that humans cannot replicate: we need their work for our own survival.

Based on eons of evolutionary development, nearly all the bird species migrating over Madison travel at night by following the stars and moon. Only man-made structures and lighting impede their migration: the overabundance of light built into a development's design, a glowing roof deck, or obtrusive security lights can all mimic the moon and stars, especially when trapped beneath a cloudy night.

Light pollution has threatened and resulted in a gruesome history of fatal flight impact mass events. A few examples include, over 50,000 birds dying in one night in 1954 when they flew directly into a Georgia airport light beam; nearly 40,000 birds, representing 170 different species, dying from one building since 1978: Chicago's McCormick Place, the large conference center near Lake Michigan. Lastly, the September 11 Memorial Tribute in Light suspended thousands of birds in flight until concern forced the lighting memorial to shut down and allow the birds to disperse.

Madison and its developers can adopt simple solutions that have worked to reduce fatal bird impacts. The McCormick Place periodically turns its lights off – resulting in an 80-90 percent drop in bird crash deaths. The September 11 Memorial similarly shuts lights off for 20-minute periods, allowing confused, migrating birds to escape the light. Another inexpensive solution to adopt would be using International Dark-Sky Association approved lights: hooded fixtures that direct light downward minimizing light trespass; proper heights for lights that help reduce glare.

I'm in favor of the proposed development on Olin. Filling the otherwise underutilized site with greater density will work well. However, its proximity to Olin-Turville makes reducing the threat of light pollution to both birds and human enjoyment a priority. By introducing and documenting appropriate light levels now in the design stage, by setting a precedent for future area development, we can ensure the preservation of Madison's natural setting and wildlife. ❖

Summer Reading Recommendations: What have we been reading?

Barbara Neely (1941-2020) was an activist for social justice and change and a mystery writer. She wrote four books that follow Blanche White, a self-employed domestic worker. Blanche solves crimes connected with the people she chooses as her employers or who intersect with her life. Ms. Neely gives the reader a view of the separate worlds of Black and white races through a Black woman's honest experiences, thoughts, emotions, and relationships. (By Jane A. Smith, who likes to read mysteries that address real-world issues.)

Hidden Valley Road: Inside the Mind of an American Family by Robert Kolker. A nonfiction story about a family with 6 of 12 children diagnosed with schizophrenia that conveys

BOOK REVIEW

by Robert Koehler

"Men Without Women: Stories" By Haruki Murakami

In this collection of short stories, Haruki Murakami presents seven tales about men dealing with the absence of women in their lives. Murakami is noted for the supernatural twists that his stories often take, and that element is evident throughout this book. What has delighted me in reading his works over the years is his ability to keep his stories firmly rooted in reality, no matter what bizarre twists they take along the way.

Published in 2017, *Men Without Women* focuses on wounded men who, each in their own way, are dealing with the subtraction of women from their lives. While none of the stories disappoint, the one that stood out to me is *Kino*, an account of a man who comes home to find his wife in bed with her lover. His emotional journey to not only being able to forget, but to forgive, is a haunting piece of writing.

For anyone not familiar with Murakami's numerous novels, this collection of short stories is a good first stepping stone. My guess is that, once introduced, most will decide to take the next step into exploring one of his novels. A prolific author, his catalog includes not only fiction, but essays and nonfiction as well. I've never been a big fan of magical fiction, but Murakami has the ability to weave this element into his writing without evoking disbelief. These seven stories might take one down strange alleyways, yet they are recognizable and eerily familiar.

both the experience of the disease and the effect on families whose members are afflicted.

The Glass Hotel. A well-formed story about overcoming the past and choosing your future against a backdrop of a Ponzy-scheming antagonist; and *Station Eleven*. A post-pandemic tale written in 2014 that leads us to a **(Continued on page 5)**



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NIGHT CYCLE *By Robert Koehler*

Trees speak in shadows,
moonlight whispers a pathway,
tonight's walls and doors

Cloaked, an owl awaits
movement's betraying splash on
the dark's stilled waters

The geometry
of stone ringing sleep, conjured
by a blanket's weight

Envoys of demise,
crickets fiddle as Rome burns
in August's exhale

Distantly churning,
a remembered ancient sea
still draws sleepers in

Dreams in predawn light
turn up the volume, muffling
the birds intrusion

— Robert Koehler is a Bay Creek neighbor and poet.
See his work at: robertupatdawn.wordpress.com

SUMMER READING From page 4

traveling band of artists; it magically weaves together a tale that links otherwise disparate primary characters. Both books by Emily St. John Mandel.

A People's History of the United States by Howard Zinn is a classic. It provided a different perspective on U.S. history. First published in 1980, it is as relevant today as when it was published.

Post Corona by Scott Galloway. Galloway, a New York University marketing professor and founder of nine companies, writes this thought-provoking book about what has happened and what's likely to happen in many sectors of society and the economy as a result of the pandemic.

How Children Succeed by Paul Tough. How are some kids able to thrive even when all odds are against them? Can we use this information to ensure that more kids succeed? If you are too busy to read it, you can get most of the content by listening to the author's This American Life interview here: thisamericanlife.org/474/back-to-school

Pillars of the Earth by Ken Follett. One of my all-time favorite books. It is set in 11th century England and has fascinating intersecting storylines. This novel was hard to put down. I looked forward to reading it every day. When I finished, I felt like I had lost a companion because this novel brought me so much entertainment.

Nature's Best Hope: A New Approach to Conservation that Starts in Your Yard by Douglas W. Tallamy. Tallamy has a dream, which is to turn our planted landscapes into effective biological corridors, and the means to do this is by replacing our turf grass with native plant communities. He suggests that each American landowner convert half their lawn to natives, so that we reduce 20 million acres of ecological wastelands to a park that is larger than the Everglades, Yellowstone, Yosemite, Grand Teton, Canyonlands, Mount Rainier, North Cascades, Badlands, Olympic, Sequoia, Grand Canyon, Denali and the Smoky Mountains National Parks all together. His idea is to call it "Homegrown National Park." If you don't believe this is possible, drive by 805 Emerson, my place, to see just what this may look like in your own backyard. I like to think Bay Creek could be the center of the Homegrown National Park movement.

Entangle Life: How Fungi Make our Worlds, Change our Minds, and Shape our Futures by Merlin Sheldrake. Sheldrake is an expert on fungi and the mycelial network underground – the world most people do not often investigate. Fungi put their bodies in food, whereas animals put food in their bodies, says Sheldrake. Through their metabolic systems, Fungi devour rock, crude oil, polyurethane plastics and even the explosive TNT. Sheldrake's lure in the first chapter is a heap of Piedmont white truffles, and his lure in the last chapter is a fermentation bath in a heap of wood shavings in Japan. In between, the reader is immersed in the web of his voracious fungal appetite. ❖



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ALDER REPORT From page 1

Ground-breaking for the Truman Olson project is now scheduled for late June. This is a highly complex project that has endured multiple curve balls. The biggest one is that the tax credit investment community was NOT on the same page with the IRS with respect to the new income averaging rule that this project was attempting to implement. This was not and could not be known until just a month or so ago. Rule and Movin' Out have their financing, but first had to revise the deal and resubmit to attract and secure the state and federal tax credit investors needed to close.

City staff have been in communication with Welton Enterprises, the owner of the Pick 'n Save property. Welton has asked for guidance as to when Luna's will open so they can appropriately time the closure of Pick 'n Save.

Common Council voted against siting a much-needed permanent men's shelter at our May 4 meeting. I voted in favor of the shelter. I did so in response to the universal support the Zeier Rd location had from homeless services providers. It's important in my mind to trust the experts, those whose vocation provides them the experience to speak authoritatively on these matters. Along these lines, I also take seriously the feedback from the outreach workers who are providing services to those dwelling in temporary encampments, like the one at Reindahl Park on the east side. It's concerning to me that the City and County have not yet come up with better solutions. How we treat the most vulnerable in our midst defines who we are, and by that score we have considerable room for improvement.

Take good care and enjoy the summer! ❖

Ten Easy Ways to Save Energy This Summer

Stay cool and comfortable at home with these tips from MGE.

1. Use a qualified contractor to professionally maintain your central air at least every two years. And, be sure to clean leaves and grass clippings off your outdoor air-conditioning unit.
2. Run major appliances before 10 a.m. and after 9 p.m. or on weekends. This helps lower the demand for power during peak times.
3. Set your thermostat as high as is comfortable, preferably 78°F or higher when you are home and up to 85°F when you are away. Consider upgrading to a smart thermostat—they can adjust temperatures automatically based on your routine and can make saving energy easier!
4. Swap your lightbulbs with LEDs, which use up to 75% less energy than standard incandescent bulbs and last longer.
5. Unplug your phone chargers, printers, computers and other electronics when you are not using them. These devices can still use energy when not in use and can account for 5 to 10% of your total energy use.
6. Run a whole house fan, room or ceiling fans. Be sure to turn off ceiling and room fans when no one is in the room—fans cool people, not rooms.
7. Seal around your window air conditioner so cool air cannot escape. If you need to purchase a new unit, consider a Wi-Fi window air conditioner—you can control them remotely with smartphone apps, which allow you to adjust the temperature while you're away.

8. Keep your window coverings closed to block out direct sunlight.
9. Run full loads in your washer and dryer to cut down on excess energy usage.
10. Keep your water heater temperature set at 120°F, and if you go on vacation, remember to switch it to vacation mode.

By managing our energy use collectively, we can help manage energy costs and reduce carbon emissions as we work together to achieve net-zero carbon electricity by 2050. Find other features about saving energy at mge2050.com ❖

MAY BCNA MINUTES From page 2

McGrath plans to demolish the on-site **Wonder Bar** in September. Neighbors spoke in favor of preserving the longstanding, historic restaurant that opened in 1929. The developer is working to **relocate and preserve** the building with the Madison Trust for Historic Preservation. The MTHP has previously had positive experiences with McGrath. With the developer's cooperation, moving building depends only on finding an appropriate site within a mile. Please send ideas for the Wonder Bar's relocation to the Madison Trust for Historic Preservation. A neighbor asked the neighborhood to prioritize bird glass over relocating the Wonder Bar, if the developer needs to choose one when weighing the high cost of the two.

Additional business. Alder Evers gave a brief update; the city Transportation Commission will choose between a **buffered bike lane** and standard bike lane with additional car parking on the new Cedar Street by Truman Olson. ❖



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Answers: Award winning children's books and first lines

Goodnight Moon by Margaret Wise Brown, illustrated by Clement Hurd.

"In the great green room there was a telephone and a red balloon...." The classic going to bed picture book. Find and say good night to everything and the moon. Preschool – grade 2.

Tar Beach by Faith Ringgold "I will always remember when the stars fell down around me and lifted me up above the George Washington Bridge." A story of imagination, dreams, and family told by a young girl in New York. Preschool – grade 5.

Last Stop on Market Street by Matt de la Peña "CJ pushed through the church doors, skipped down the steps." In this picture book, a boy and his grandmother take a bus ride to help others one Sunday. The story has won 15 different children's book awards. Preschool – grade 2.

Charlotte's Web by E.B. White, Illustrated by Garth Williams

"Where's papa going with that axe," said Fern to her mother as they were setting the table for breakfast." The very popular story of friendship that looks at complex ideas of life and death. Grades 1 – 8.

Percy Jackson's Greek Gods by Rick Riordan; art by John Rocco. "I hope I'm getting extra credit for this." An introductory, short-story collection of Greek mythology, complete with monsters, death, and mess. Grades 5 – 8.

When the Beat Was Born: DJ Kool Herc and the Creation of Hip Hop, by Laban Carrick Hill, Illustrated by Theodore Taylor. "Clive loved music. It didn't matter what kind." The title says it all! Set in 1970s and 80s Bronx, this picture book tells the origins of modern popular music. Grades 1 – 5.

The Lorax by Dr. Seuss. "At the far end of town where the Grickle-grass grows and the wind smells slow-and-sour when it blows and no birds ever sing except old crows...." A green parable; a warning to care for the planet in the face of environmental destruction brought on by the short-sighted business of consumerism, told with the author's celebrated rhymes. Preschool – grade 8.

The Stranger by Chris Van Allsburg.

"It is late summer when Farmer Bailey has the accident. The man he hits with his truck is dressed in a peculiar fashion, all in leather." This picture book, famous for its art, is set in the country; it tells a story of amnesia, a mystery with a magical twist. Preschool – grade 5.

Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak.

"The night Max wore his wolf suit and made mischief of one kind and another...." The wonderfully imaginative and perennial favorite picture book of children and adults. Preschool – grade 5.

Holes by Louis Sachar.

"There is no lake at Camp Green Lake. There once was a very large lake here, the largest lake in Texas. That was over a hundred years ago. Now it is just a dry, flatwasteland." Mystery, history, and juvenile detention; a humorous, socially aware novel for grades 4 – young adult.



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Mural Update

Before the next Bulletin arrives in August, the Lakeside St. mural will be done. Dane Arts Mural Arts (DAMA), the artist, the building owners, everyone who has donated or made suggestions, all have brought the mural this far. The wall is prepped a beautiful blue: everyone who signs up for the paint days will have a hand in making the mural a reality. Let's come together on the paint days to finish this neighborhood project. Please sign up; there are activities for all levels and ages – kids are welcome!

Paint days: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b4aa4aa2da4f85-baycreek>

(Link available in the online Bulletin on the neighborhood website and will be sent to the listserv again.) You can come and go in the middle of a 2 hour “shift” and stay as long as you like.

June 19, Saturday 10am-2pm

June 27, Sunday 11am- 3pm

July 16, Friday 11am-3pm

Contact me if you have any questions: Stanley Jackson.

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Meet the Artist Behind the Mural

By Yvette Pino

Thank you to Dane Arts Mural Arts (DAMA), the owners of 338 W. Lakeside St., and to the Baycreek Neighborhood for welcoming me into this amazing community project.

My research, visits, and conversations with residents have guided my design. I've been inspired by the beautiful bodies of water surrounding Baycreek; the wonderful landscape filled with a beloved wildlife, and people who reflect and embrace their diverse history while looking toward the future. All of which make the neighborhood a “Hidden Gem.”

The mural's Blue Gill fish design came from stories of fishing on the lake and a “Bird's-eye view” of the neighborhood's shape. This aerial view creates a tapestry feel, but also it creates the faceted nature of a gem. Within those facets, a diversity of silhouetted images of people take on the color of the landscape. I have taken into account many wonderful comments and ideas from the neighborhood meeting and I look forward to sharing the final design with each of you. ❖



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Five Things to Consider about Development in Bay Creek

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Bay Creek and nearby areas have been the focus of several significant new development projects. Most recently, the proposed 18-story apartment building on the corner of Olin Avenue and John Nolen Drive has sparked discussions. Growth and change can sometimes make people nervous, but it is important to consider the broader implications of why development is happening and what it means for our community before forming judgments. Below are five “considerations” to keep in mind as you think about development in Bay Creek.

1: Sustainability – A core best practice of sustainable urban design is encouraging development in places with access to diverse modes of transportation. Bay Creek is close to downtown, served by multiple bus routes, and on the backbone of Madison's bike path network. Madison is growing. Our strong economy and quality of life are attracting new residents. We can grow up or we can grow out. Building higher density residential buildings in central locations served by transit is far more sustainable than lower density on the edge of town.

2: Housing Affordability and Access – Madison is in an affordable housing crisis. The fundamental reason for this is housing demand is outpacing supply. Madison has many programs to encourage affordable housing, but to fundamentally address this crisis, we need to focus on putting more housing units into the market to balance supply and demand.

3: Community Resources – With levy limits and dwindling state and federal funding, Wisconsin cities are financially dependent on property tax base. Tax base growth provides resources to do things that are important to us. When we constrain development, we are limiting funding for things like after-school programs, homeless services, parks, public health initiatives, grants to community non-profits, etc.

4: Living our Values – Bay Creek is a progressive and community-minded neighborhood. However, discussions about development can raise doubts about whether our neighborhood is truly living up to our progressive values. The average home in Bay Creek is now \$340,000, which is over five times the City's median household income so owning a home in our neighborhood is now out of reach for most Madison families. Pushing away new development is closing the door to more neighbors and oftentimes to greater diversity. Instead, let's welcome more neighbors to Bay Creek and live up to the neighborhood's progressive values.

5: Attitude Toward Change – Change can be hard and takes getting used to. That doesn't mean it's bad. Bay Creek is a great neighborhood. Great neighborhoods grow and evolve. Let's approach conversations about growth and change in Bay Creek with open minds and a welcoming spirit.

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Neighborhood Notes

Libraries started reopening in May. Expanded services include in-person library browsing, self-pickup holds and checkout, and access to basic desk services in person. Masks, social distancing, hand washing still required. Library can provide masks.

New Large Item Collection System

Coming June: Rather than placing large items out to the curb every other week, residents will have to place a work order with the Streets Division.

Eviction Moratorium extended to June 30. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) extended the federal eviction moratorium. The latest order specifies that individuals who have already submitted a signed declaration are not required to submit a new declaration.



Summer Construction of Lakeside St. **Traffic Calming.** Neighbors' hard work led the city to plan speed humps on either side of Franklin School, a traffic circle at Whittier; the city will move speed meters closer to Park St. and John Nolan Dr. (Map precedes final decision.)

Contact the Madison Trust for Historic Preservation about relocating the **Wonder Bar**: <https://www.madisonpreservation.org/advocacy>. ❖

Young Readers Puzzle By Stanley Jackson **(Answers to Puzzle are on page 7)**

Match these award-winning children's books with their first lines.

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