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Bay Creek Bulletin

New Worker-Owned Bike Co-op Coming to Bay Creek!

By Stanley Rubio Jackson

Madison CycleWorks – a new worker cooperative – is opening its bicycle store and dispatching center on Gilson St. in Bay Creek in April 2022. One of the founding members, Madison alder Grant Foster, presented on the co-op at the October Bay Creek Neighborhood Association meeting and later spoke on the mechanics and vision of starting the coop.

Madison CycleWorks will be a combined delivery service and bike store. As a bicycle delivery business, members will both maintain a fleet of workers' bicycles and pick up and deliver everything from restaurant food to bakery goods to business documents – and maybe even Badger fans one day! As a bike store, CycleWorks will use that same infrastructure to offer fairly priced repairs, new and used bicycles and e-bikes, and bike accessories to the neighborhood and greater Madison.

Foster and a core group of four other members, mostly bilingual Spanish speakers, are overseeing this new startup. He is confident in their future because they have a “great team with good group dynamics and aligned values toward a common purpose.” All are bike enthusiasts in more ways than one – they all love to bicycle and believe that bicycles are a key component of a sustainable ecology and economy.

Yes, CycleWorks' experienced cold-weather bikers will deliver you hot food all winter long in **(Continued on page 3)**



¡Bay Creek da la bienvenida a una Nueva Cooperativa de Bicicletas!

(Translated by Pepe Barros)

Madison CycleWorks (Ciclo de trabajo en bicicletas) – una nueva cooperativa donde sus trabajadores son también dueños – abrirá su tienda de bicicletas y centro de despacho en Gilson St, en Bay Creek en Abril 2022. Uno de sus miembros fundadores y concejal de Madison, Grant Foster, presentó los planes de la “co-op” (abreviación para cooperativa) en la reunión de la Asociación del vecindario de Bay Creek en Octubre donde compartió detalles sobre la visión y las distintas etapas para crear el co-op.

Madison CycleWorks será una combinación entre un servicio de reparto y entregas a domicilio, y una tienda de bicicletas. Por el lado del reparto, los miembros de la cooperativa mantendrán una flota de bicicletas trabajando para entregar desde comida de restaurantes locales, productos horneados de panaderías, hasta documentos para trámites legales – ¡incluso en el futuro llevarán fanáticos de los Badgers al estadio! Como tienda de bicicletas, CycleWorks usará aquel mismo espacio para ofrecer reparaciones de bicicletas a un precio justo, bicicletas nuevas y usadas, incluyendo bicicletas eléctricas (e-bikes) y otros accesorios para vecinos y residentes del Gran Madison.

Foster y un núcleo formado por 4 otros miembros, casi todos bilingües en español, están trabajando en conjunto en este emprendimiento. Él mira al futuro con confianza porque el proyecto “posee un gran equipo con muy buena química y con valores bien alineados hacia un futuro común”. Todos son apasionados por la bicicleta, en sus distintas formas – todos aman andar en bicicleta y están convencidos que las bicicletas juegan un rol primordial en una economía y ecología sustentables.

Así es, los más experimentados ciclistas a prueba de todo clima se han reunido en CycleWorks para llevar comida caliente a tu hogar durante todo el invierno, dentro de cajas especialmente aisladas, usando neumáticos con clavos para el hielo, mitones en sus manos y posiblemente gafas para la nieve. Pero como buenos visionarios, a su vez están diseñando esta cooperativa **(Continued on page 3)**

BAY CREEK BILLBOARD

Bay Creek Neighborhood Association (BCNA) Meetings – Second Thursdays of the Month: December 9, January 13, February 10, 6:30 pm. See baycreekmadison.org for agenda and information on joining the meetings remotely.

Guided Nature Walks: Friends of Olin Turville (FOOT) – Second Sundays of the Month: December 12, January 9, 1:30 pm. Meet at the Turville Parking lot off of 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.

Bay Creek Neighborhood Association October minutes

Fred Turkington note taker. Alder Grant Foster and Pepe Barros discussed their proposed **bicycle shop worker-owned cooperative** on Gilson St. across from Funk Factory. The coop received a City of Madison startup grant and will offer bicycle sales, mobile repair, and courier/delivery services. Currently, zoned Traditional Employment, the coop's Gilson St. location requires a conditional use permit for retail service. The conditional use is on the December agenda.

The city is hosting a listening and discussion session at the end of October with planning staff regarding proposed **Olin Triangle height map** for buildings around John Nolen, Olin, and the Alliant Energy Center. A **city survey** seeks public comment on the **John Nolen causeway redesign** from Olin Ave, across Lake Monona to North Shore Dr. The more that neighbors propose ideas for the causeway, the pedestrian path, and the north part of Olin Park, the more the city, parks department, and planning staff will have to consider!

Please fill out the survey. We discussed having **committee reports at in-between emergent issues meetings** and decided to try adding monthly committee reports to agenda. We heard some committee reports: two **new Bulletin advertisers**. Neighborhood email list recently discussed groups **helping Afghan refugees** at Ft McCoy, who are preparing for winter and would welcome monetary donations.

Alder update Tag Evers: The ad hoc **redistricting** committee chose map 7a, keeping district 13 boundaries coterminous with Bay Creek. Proposed additions to district 13 support the alder's work on the **Lake Wingra Heritage Plan**. Alder has proposed amending the pending city budget to include a low-interest loan fund for **Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)** to help increase housing supply. Questions for Alder: **grocers for the Truman Olson site?** At least one grocer is interested in moving forward; **Bay View** project schedule? The project will be done in phases: when the new Regent / W. Washington corner building is finished, residents will move in and those residents' current buildings will be replaced. ❖

Bay Creek Neighborhood Association November minutes

Fred Turkington note taker. Sara Alvarado and Tiffany Malone provided information on "**OWN IT: Building Black Wealth**" and increasing Black homeownership. Sara and Tiffany work in and own real estate groups. Madison has a history of racially-restricted housing covenants that prevented Black and in some cases Jewish people from owning certain property. Alvarado and Malone presented a long history of systemic discrimination by government, banks, and mortgage lenders that has denied Black families the opportunity to build generational wealth through homeownership. They envision ten years from now buyers with down payment assistance generally having their offers accepted by buyers. OWN IT provides homeownership education and financial grants to homebuying families. They seek awareness of and donations to their program, noting that tax-deductible donations to this fund go directly to helping first-time People of Color homebuyers. Questions answered involve good ways to donate - pledging a percentage of the proceeds of your future house sale is a good way to plan.

Next: **height and land use map** changes for development in an Alliant Energy Center suggested "Destination District" along Olin & John Nolen. Currently, the new South Madi-

son Plan proposes 8 to 12 story buildings for that area; this change goes before the Common Council in early January. The Urban Design Commission has had an informational presentation on the plan, and had no negative comments while the city seeks the best ways to provide density in a high-growth city like Madison that expects to grow by 40,000 residents in the near future. Some neighbors are involved in petitioning the city for specific requests related to proposed buildings in this area, see the neighborhood email listserv for ongoing discussion on the petition. ❖

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Bike Co-op From page 1

insulated hot boxes, on steel studded tires, wearing bike mittens (and probably goggles).

But as bicycle visionaries, they also see their co-op as a way to preserve the environment. Grant notes, “using a car to deliver a pizza or a bag of food doesn’t need to happen.”

As economic visionaries, they believe the worker cooperative model provides a better alternative to the gig economy. In place of a model that extracts income from delivery drivers by leaving them to cover their insurance costs, vehicle maintenance, and car depreciation, while simultaneously charging restaurants (for example) 30% of a delivered meal’s price, Foster sees CycleWorks as providing “worker justice, fair wages, and solidarity with restaurants and businesses who need a delivery service and want to work with one that shares their values.” Rather than sending money to an out-of-state corporation, as a local cooperative, CycleWorks aims to keep money circulating in the Madison economy by paying living wages and reducing differences in compensation between managers and other workers.

In place of venture capital investors, CycleWorks got its initial funding – to cover startup legal fees, graphic work, and website design costs – from a Madison Cooperative Development Corporation grant. They will continue to fundraise in the coming months to cover remodeling expenses of their Gilson St. headquarters, acquire inventory, and build their brand. So, keep an eye out for Madison CycleWorks crowdfunding appeals (Go Fund Me, Kickstarter) and other ways to support Madison’s newest cooperative here in Bay Creek. ❖

Cooperativa de Bicicletas From page 1

como una respuesta para proteger el medio ambiente. Grant especifica, “no es realmente necesario utilizar un automóvil para entregar una pizza o una bolsa con comida”.

Estos visionarios de la economía piensan que una cooperativa donde sus trabajadores son sus dueños provee una mucho mejor alternativa para la economía informal (gig economy). En vez de un modelo que extrae valor de sus repartidores, y les obliga a cubrir sus propios costos de aseguranza, mantención y depreciación de sus vehículos, mientras al mismo tiempo cobra hasta un 30% del precio del producto a los restaurantes, Foster ve a CycleWorks como una alternativa para proveer “Justicia social, sueldos justos, y solidaridad con los restaurantes y negocios locales que dependen de un servicio de repartos para subsistir y que quisieran trabajar con una compañía que comparte sus valores.” En vez de enviar el dinero a una corporación ubicada fuera del estado, la cooperativa local CycleWorks propone mantener el dinero circulando en la economía local de Madison, por medio de pagar sueldos para una vida razonable y reduciendo las diferencias salariales entre gerentes y otros trabajadores.

En lugar de utilizar inversionistas de alto riesgo, CycleWorks ha recibido fondos – que cubren trámites legales fundacionales, diseño gráfico y Web – de un fondo público de la Corporación para el Desarrollo de Cooperativas en Madison. El equipo continuará recibiendo fondos durante los próximos meses para cubrir gastos de remodelación para su sucursal en Gilson St., adquirir inventario y construir su marca. Así es que manténganse atentos a las distintas oportunidades que existirán para apoyar a Madison CycleWorks en su recaudación de fondos (Go Fund Me, Kickstarter), la nueva cooperativa de Madison, aquí en Bay Creek. ❖



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Alder Report By Tag Evers



In November, the Common Council concluded three days of deliberations by passing the 2022 **Capital and Operating Budgets**. The Council adopted a \$354,244,062 Capital Budget and a \$360,321,028 Operating Budget. This was another very challenging task due to the economic impact of the pandemic, but we were able to pass a balanced budget thanks to federal assistance provided by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) adopted by Congress and signed by President Biden.

Budget highlights worth noting:

- More affordable and supportive housing, including for youth aging out of foster care, as well as programs to support tenants, increase homeownership, and assist current homeowners to stay in their homes
- Expansion of violence prevention services within Public Health, recognizing the connection between public safety and public health, with new funding focusing on gun violence reduction
- Moving forward with Bus Rapid Transit, which is essential to relieve traffic congestion, stimulate economic growth, and reduce our carbon footprint
- Targeting resources to provide immediate shelter and long-term solutions for those experiencing homelessness
- Expanding the CARES program, adding an additional response team for mental health 911 calls
- Ensuring equitable service delivery for the new residents from the Town of Madison who will be joining our City in 2022
- Hiring a Digital Equity Coordinator to expand digital access in low-income neighborhoods
- Expanding the Monroe Street Library hours of operation to five days a week

It's worth noting Council and the Mayor passed this budget addressing a variety of community needs while holding the property tax increase to the lowest level in twenty years.

In other news, an official groundbreaking was held at the **Truman Olson** site on October 25. City staff are continuing their negotiations with an experienced grocer interested in stepping in. We have received assurances from

Kroger's, the owner of Pick 'N Save, that they plan to remain open until the new grocery store is in place.

In response to resident concerns about the **South Madison Plan**, I scheduled a meeting on October 26 with neighbors and staff to discuss recommendations for the Olin Triangle. However, that meeting was canceled at the behest of residents. I am willing to reschedule upon request. Meanwhile, the South Madison Plan is working its way through the approval process; it goes before Plan Commission on December 13th and is scheduled for a vote of the Common Council on January 4th.

The Ad Hoc **Redistricting** Committee recommended a map that keeps the boundaries of District 13 largely intact. Council voted to approve the final map on November 2, which included an amendment I submitted to add Town of Madison parcels in and adjacent to the Arboretum to District 13.

As always, if you have questions or concerns, please contact me at district13@cityofmadison.com or 608.424.2580. ❖

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Disconnect

By Andy Meessmann

Elon Musk's SpaceX company has sent nearly 2,000 satellites into low earth orbit since 2019. The project, called Starlink, has a simple goal: sell satellite internet service. Although slower, satellites connect wild and rural areas difficult for broadband to reach. Starlink plans 30,000 additional satellites, including 12,000 already approved, to increase speed and coverage. SpaceX has made impressive technological advances in rocket design, delivering not only satellites into space, but space station supplies, and even commercial space flight passengers. The company's engineers have made SpaceX successful by designing a launch vehicle that returns from space partially reusable. Finally, the nerdy rocket scientists' day has arrived!

These satellites – small compared to the vastness of space – couldn't do much harm, right? After all, the starscape is so huge that if you looked at the Big Dipper through a wedding ring, that ring would encircle thousands of galaxies, each with billions of stars. Yet scientists worry that these satellites add to space collisions; that aging satellites become space junk orbiting the Earth; that they interfere with deep space visibility and Earth to space astronomy. For stargazers, the satellites, visible to the human eye, can increase light pollution by as much as ten percent. Astronomers claim that visible satellites could someday outnumber visible stars. Still an emerging frontier, commercial propulsion into space is happening rapidly without much knowledge of what it foretells.

In contrast with the noble pursuit of discovery and answers in space, SpaceX simply wants advantage from providing service to unreachable locations. Starlink's website reveals another effect of SpaceX's (and others') pursuit of space dominance. It showcases a modern house, satellite dish atop, alone in a rolling mountain landscape; for me, this image portrays a sprawling waste of resources, a privatized landscape in a no longer agriculturally productive or ecologically sound setting. SpaceX seeks to provide internet service to rural and wild places where we have no business building: the cost of satellite internet on remote locations weighs most heavily on Earth's natural ecosystems, productive farmland, and clear night sky tranquility.

The frenzied taking of native lands in western America during the 19th century provides a parallel and a warning that space exploration could also quickly convert ecological balance into resource overconsumption and depletion. Today in North America, the engineering of Earth's natural ecosystem on such a scale and pace has already left us where we are with shrinking resources (like water) that we once thought were limitless. Will we follow suit in the sky?



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I think back on past indigenous people who once used the night sky for navigation, agriculture, and storytelling and imagine what rich lives they lived under countless stars. On a night with perfect visibility, our eyes would see about 2,000 stars; now on a clear night in Madison, we see only about 100 stars and increasingly more satellites. I think of the present and future generations and how we've become so disconnected of our natural night sky, all at the cost of being "connected." ❖

New Program Addresses Racial Disparities in Home Ownership

By Stanley Rubio Jackson

Local real estate professionals, Sara Alvarado and Tiffany Malone presented on “Own It: Building Black Wealth” at November’s Bay Creek Neighborhood Association meeting. The two founded Own It with other Madison-area real estate, banking, and finance professionals to empower, educate, and guide communities of color towards homeownership, wealth, and financial freedom. Alvarado spoke later about what spurred her to take on this challenge and the Own It team’s partnership with One City Schools.

Two readings especially helped Alvarado better understand “all the policies, practices, and procedures that have created the mess we are in”: Richard Rothstein’s book, *The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America* (Madison Public Library) and “The Legacy of Redlining in Madison, Wisconsin” by Gold et al (Online. Reviews Madison’s – including Bay Creek’s – own redlining segregation). Alvarado saw how race based discrimination – incorporated into everything from overtly racist restrictive covenants and redlining, but also into presumably benevolent programs like the GI bill – systematically denied and continues to deny wealth to Black and Brown families.

Alvarado began to take a very honest look at the ways racism is embedded in real estate not only historically, but today in Madison. While white families turn their homeownership wealth into their children’s further wealth – by, for example, providing down payment funds, helping with higher education costs, or co-signing loans – excluded Black families can not. 2019 data shows that in Dane County 64% of white families own homes, while only 14% of Black families do. Alvarado felt inspired to act: “It was clear we needed to do better.”

Initially, the Own It team looked to federally supported down payment funds for a model, but found that they were “still too restrictive,” and continued “to create unnecessary barriers” to Black and Brown home ownership. Instead Own It is a private-sector designed and led initiative to expose and eradicate structural barriers. A key element of Own It is “trusting the community that we are providing money to.”

Since the Fair Housing Act forbids race-based funding, to reach their target community, Own It partners with One City Schools (where 85% served are families of color), offering both financial education and support to all One City families, alumni, and staff. Alvarado notes, that Own It is “more than about getting people into homes.” With wealth building and home-



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ownership courses, local experts teach through a social justice lens how to use wealth to advantage, so that people understand the larger context and, for example, “the loan products available and how to create equity within a home.” Completing the courses make first-time home buyers eligible for \$15,000 from Own It’s Down Payment Fund. Own It “has created a model where the community can be the family that provides money to Black and Brown families who have been explicitly and systemically denied it.”

Own It welcomes **donations** to help fund its pilot program, which will offer 18+ families down payment funds early in 2022 with more later. Own It seeks volunteers, particularly specialists “in the real estate and banking communities,” and asks you to share program information with your friends and neighbors. Stay tuned for further details! ❖

Olin Triangle Height Map for Future Development

by Lisie Kitchel

The City of Madison has proposed a new height limit for the Olin Triangle – the land between John Nolen Drive, East Olin Ave., and Wingra Creek – raising the area’s five story limit in the updated South Madison Plan (SMP) as follows:

- 12 stories along John Nolen Drive and East Olin Avenue;
- 8 stories along the Wingra Creek Parkway/Bike path;
- 12 stories along the John Nolen Drive corridor’s east side, adjacent to Olin Park and Turville Point Conservation Park.

Neighbors have expressed concern that the proposed building heights could impact Olin Park and Turville Point Conservation Park:

- Altering Park views (and Madison views generally);
- Compromising enjoyment of the Parks and Wingra Creek parkway and bike path;
- Increasing bird strikes (along an important migratory route and bird stopover area) due to added building glass. (Note: The City’s bird glass ordinance is unenforceable due to current litigation).

At November’s Bay Creek Neighborhood Association (BCNA) meeting, a neighbor requested a 3D rendering of what 12 story buildings would look like from Olin Turville Parks. City planning staff said they could not provide a 3D rendering, but had prepared a viewshed map from Olin

Turville for McGrath’s revised, 12 story development. Our next BCNA meeting will address this development. Though not part of a designated neighborhood, the Olin Triangle touches Bay Creek’s southern border and its annexation to Bay Creek will be discussed at our next BCNA meeting.

The City completed its public outreach on the SMP prior to proposing the new height map, so the proposed height changes were not included in those public outreach efforts. If you would like to comment on the building height changes e-mail the City’s planning department at pccomments@cityofmadison.com. ❖

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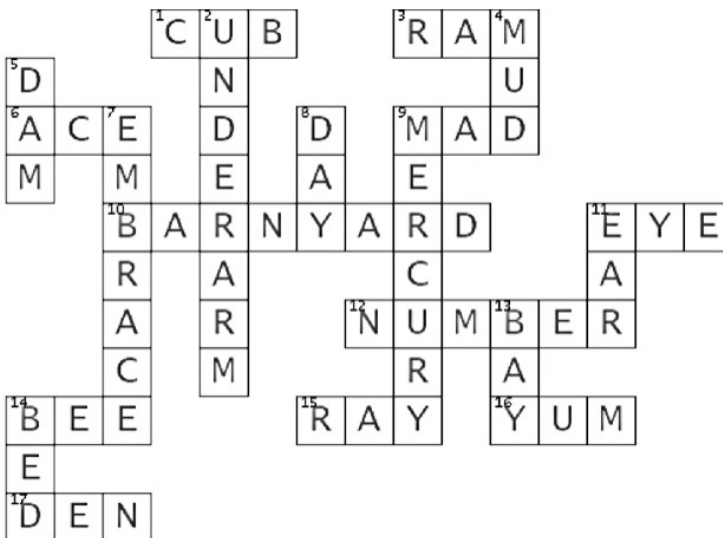
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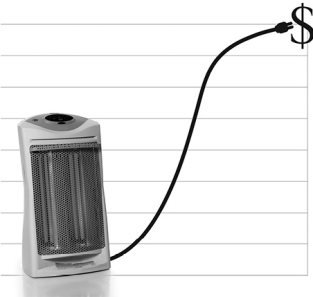
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(Words made from the words “December” and “January”)






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FOOT Notes

By Andria Blattner

Thanksgiving has passed and (meteorological) Winter has begun. A time to contemplate some of the big changes occurring in our world. Parks and green spaces in cities are also being challenged as never before. Since these places are so important to our health, both physical and mental, we should take every effort to protect and preserve what we have got. The need to build within cities helps with urban sprawl, but is detrimental to green spaces within the city.

December 13th, I will lead the next walk in Turville Point Conservation Park, focusing on snow and how animals use it. I'm hoping that there will be some! January 9, Dane Gallagher will lead the first walk of 2022, emphasizing winter birds. Feb. 14, Dane will also lead the walk, focusing on the Park's Owls – maybe we will find a nest! All Walks happen on Sunday afternoons from 1:30 to 3:00: Meet at the Turville Park entrance in the Turville parking lot.

As we move into this year's holiday season – be careful; we are not done with covid yet. Happy Holidays to all. ❖

My Pen Pal

By Sarah Kelly

One trend that will never go out of style is receiving mail from those you love. The feeling evoked when a personal letter arrives in your mailbox is something no email or text could ever live up to. I realized this at a young age, which is what led me to becoming pen pals with my Grandma for nearly two decades. Our correspondence started in the early days in which I would scribble chicken scratch with a highlighter marker on a half-torn sheet of paper and send it off. Her perfect cursive and way with words always inspired me to improve both my penmanship and writing.

Over the years, we formed a special bond that developed through these handwritten notes. A bond I'm not sure we would've otherwise formed had it not been for our notes. She always lived at least two hours or more from me my entire life, so writing letters became a simple and fun way to keep in touch. Gram was always delightfully old-fashioned so keeping in touch this way was right up her alley and more preferred than phone calls. Her letters were always lengthy and full of questions about what was going on in my life. She never hesitated to send her love to my husband and daughter. Occasionally, she'd include newspaper clippings of articles she thought I'd find interesting, which I always appreciated being from such a tech forward "newspaper-less" generation.

When I received the news she wasn't doing well in early October this year, I found myself clinging to her letters. Her past words felt comforting and like her presence right beside me.



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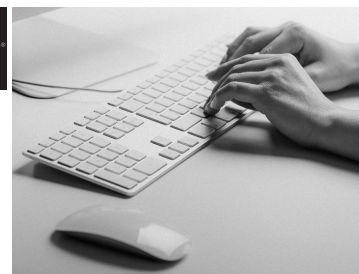


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When this all started, I never really realized how meaningful these letters would grow to be.

Years back, my mom mentioned, "I hope you're saving those letters! They're going to be really special one day!" So I started collecting stacks of her letters in an old shoe box. Special is an understatement. They were the most unique way to reflect on all the memories we shared, especially the ones I couldn't quite remember until rereading in her letters. Some of them even gave me a good laugh despite the overwhelming sadness I felt knowing she was going. When she eventually passed, these letters became real treasures, which helped me cope with the grief of losing her.

Her signature closing phrase on each letter was a reminder to "enjoy life" which has taken on new meaning to me now that she is gone. So with that, I encourage you all to enjoy life and write a letter to someone you love. You never know how much it may mean to them to hear from you. ❖

Senior Notes

NewBridge Madison provides services for older adults, 60+. For up-to-date services, classes, and activities information, check newbridgemadison.org, and Facebook: @NewBridge-Madison, call (608) 512-0000; or email info@newbridgemadison.org. *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 – 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.

NewBridge congregate free meals sites: Make meal and transportation reservations one week prior by Thursday 10:00 am with Candice at (608) 512-0000 Ext. 4006. (NewBridge accepts donations for meals mailed to 1625 Northport Dr. Madison, 53704.)

South Madison: *Madison Senior Center*, 330 W. Mifflin St. Monday-Friday, 11:30 am.

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A Great Place to Retire

by Rebecca Rettenmund

Hello! I'm a dog named Zoiks – like Shaggy yells in Scooby-Doo. When I used to race professionally, they called me K's Able. Life as a race dog in Florida was very hard: The track tattooed my ear to mark my litter; kept me in a kennel twenty-one hours a day – you can tell how much I slept on its metal floor by the hairless patches on my butt; and made me train rigorously to race the other three hours of the day. I ran quarter-mile races, but I never got first place. The best I could do was third.

When I was three years old, the track retired me. Greyhound Pets of America rescued me and sent me to a Burlington, Wisconsin kennel where I met my new adoptive parents, Rebecca and Isaiah. They had a choice of three other greyhounds that day, but Rebecca picked me because I was the only one who looked her in the eye. The kennel workers said I was the sweet one – and the heart-shaped spot on my back proves it.

Before going home to Rebecca and Isaiah's place, they sent me to a foster home for two weeks to learn about strange new things, like hardwood floors, stairs, and cats. The foster home could tell my prey drive was very low, meaning I didn't really have the instinct to chase animals; a good thing, because Rebecca and Isaiah have a cat.

On July 16, 2017, I went to my forever home in Bay Creek. Retired life is awesome! There are lots of dog-friendly

places here. My new mom and dad walk me to get all my food at Nutzy Mutz and Crazy Catz. It's so nice to have a pet supply store so close by. I especially like the air conditioning on a hot day. Mom and dad also take me to Cargo Coffee and the baristas know my name. I stand patiently in front of the counter, sure they will give me a piece of ham if I'm really good.

But the best place in the neighborhood is Quann Dog Park. It's perfect for a retired racer like me. The grass stretches nearly a mile across; I can sprint really far and still be in sight of Rebecca and Isaiah. Some people think greyhounds like to run so much that they won't want to come back, but I do. Most of the time I plod along right behind my parents' heels without a care in the world because I know this is exactly where I want to be. ❖

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December January Crossword Puzzle

Solution on page 7

ACROSS

1. Baby bear
3. Male sheep
6. First in cards
9. Angry
10. Farm building field
11. One on both sides of face
12. Something to count
14. Makes Honey
15. Light beam
16. Said of good food
17. Foxes live here

DOWN

2. Below shoulder
4. Wet earth
5. Stops water
7. Hug
8. One of 365 a year
9. First planet
11. One on both sides of head
13. Neighborhood water
14. Where to sleep

