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Bay Creek Bulletin

By Jan O'Neill (DMNA),
Janet Stockhausen (Greenbush),
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Madison hosts many wonderful music and arts festivals, but only ONE exclusively focuses on children and their families. Every September in Brittingham Park, seven near-westside neighborhood associations sponsor the Madison Good Neighbor Gathering (GNG) to honor national Good Neighbor Day. GNG neighborhood associations work together to build community connections across demographic and geographic boundaries, putting children and families first. Open to the public, the festival uniquely makes community building its goal.

Originally created in Montana in the early 1970s with the motto “good neighbors make great neighborhoods,” in 1978, President Jimmy Carter made Good Neighbor Day a national holiday, stating, “Understanding, love and respect build cohesive families and communities.” Madison’s GNG brings all of us together for an afternoon of fun and friendship to strengthen this community spirit.

Held Sunday afternoon, the GNG is an alcohol-free festival, featuring food, arts, crafts, and entertainment specifically for children and their families’ enjoyment and education. From bounce slides, bubbles, balloons, and bike parades, to environmental education, craft vendors, food carts, art activities, music, dance, and more, children of all ages (from 6 to 60+!) enjoy this special day where they are free to run

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and play, connect with friends, make new ones, and learn more about our community. The festival also features educational tabling from environmental groups, local healthcare and public health organizations, area non-profits and schools, voting rights groups, and many youth-oriented organizations. Thanks to DMNA’s leadership, individual donors, and area businesses’ sponsorship, this year’s GNG will contribute 20% of all proceeds raised, including from a raffle and a silent auction,

to District 13 neighborhoods with fewer resources (Bayview, Triangle, Baycreek).

The Madison Good Neighbor Gathering, held on **Sunday, September 11, from noon to 5 pm 2022**, is needed now more than ever, as we all work to create a stronger, safer, healthier, and more loving community. Please contact district13cares@gmail.com if you would like to get involved! ❖

Is Madison solving its housing shortage?

By Lisie Kitchel

Madison is growing, but does its growth justify proposed “upzoning” that, in the name of increased density, would permit by-right “scrape-and-replace” development one quarter mile into Bay Creek from the proposed South Park St. Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) line? The City’s Transit Overlay District envisions changing zoning in these BRT corridors whether or not South Madison ever sees the (financially undetermined) BRT line. What is certain is that the proposed upzoning would exacerbate gentrification already proceeding unchecked. We need to ask more questions.

How fast is Madison growing? Madison’s often-cited 2016 Comprehensive Plan estimates 70,000 more people moving here by 2040, needing an additional 40,000 homes. City planning documents report Madison’s population growing 17.8% since **(Continued on page 2)**

BAY CREEK BILLBOARD

Bay Creek Neighborhood Association (BCNA) Meetings –
Second Thursdays of the Month: June 11, July 9, August 13 6:30 pm. baycreekmadison.org has agenda and Zoom link

Guided Nature Walks: Friends of Olin Turville (FOOT) – Second Sundays of the Month: June 14, July 12, August 9 1:30 pm. Meet at the Turville Parking lot off of John Nolen Dr.

Food Pantry: Tuesdays 10:00–12:00 pm; Thursdays 5:15–7:30 pm

Free Meal: Fridays 12:00–1:00 pm
St. Mark’s Lutheran Church, 605 Spruce St.
Volunteer Contact: Elaine, 608-256-8463;
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Monona Bay Shoreline Clean-up – Friends of Monona Bay. Second Saturdays of the Month: 10:00 am–12:00 pm. Information Contact: Nina: ninaj@wisc.edu, (608) 698-9708.

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2010, while the number of housing units has grown by 18.1%.² Almost half of the anticipated need for more housing units has already been met, with 17,982 housing units added since 2016.¹

The City's October 2021 redistricting information indicates a 4.2% vacancy rate (126,115 housing units, 5,332 vacant).¹ MG&E's 2021 Madison data indicates a 5.12% vacancy rate.² By these estimates, we are close to what the City calls a "healthy" 5% vacancy rate.³ The City's 2019 Fair Housing report notes, "Madison has a relatively large amount of affordable housing for moderate-income populations (or an "oversupply" of housing affordable to households earning between 30% and 80% of the HUD Area Median Family Income)."⁴ The report also indicates a large shortage of affordable housing options for Madison's lowest-income households. So why do we continue to see a push for more density that ends up being high end when affordable housing is needed?

Will density lower rents? While there are environmental arguments for condensing our city, increasing density does not address the low-income housing shortage. There is no guarantee that those who can afford the new higher-end housing would vacate their lower-priced units. The City's Fair Housing report documents that higher income households continue to "rent down within the market"⁴ Further-

more, UW Department of Planning assistant professor Revel Sims's research has shown that luxury infill often pushes up the rental rate of adjacent housing in Madison. According to Olivia R. Williams in *Tone Magazine*, predicted supply and demand patterns do not hold, and it takes up to 40 years for rents to come down.⁵ Sadly, too, the affordable housing being built in Madison lags far behind the demand and using government subsidies guarantees their affordability for only 15 to 30 years. Increased density does not necessarily equate to increased availability of housing for low-income households and may increase inequity.

¹ 2020 City of Madison Census Data Tables by Proposed Wards (www.cityofmadison.com)

² MGE Customer Service for Multifamily Rental Vacancy Rates (www.mge.com)

³ Planning & Community & Economic Development Housing Snapshot Report (www.cityofmadison.com)

⁴ City of Madison Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (2019) (www.cityofmadison.com)

⁵ *Tone Magazine* (April 26, 2021) Madison's Zoning Debate (www.tonemadison.com) ❖

Turning Trash and Cow Manure into Cost Effective Renewable Fuel to Combat Climate Change

By Dane County Executive Joe Parisi

Thanks to our renewable natural gas (RNG) facility at the landfill, we're able to convert landfill biogas, which contains harmful greenhouse gases, into nearly pure methane gas. This methane gas can then be injected into the interstate transmission pipeline that runs underneath the landfill so it can be bought and used as renewable vehicle fuel. Our RNG facility is projected to displace 3,250,000 gallons of gasoline in 2022, reducing emissions equivalent to traveling 72,000,000 miles less on the road.

This technology has allowed our Highway Department to systematically replace inefficient diesel snowplows with plows that operate on RNG from the landfill. Dane County currently own 100 RNG and RNG/gas hybrid vehicles. We saved \$139,288 in 2021 by using compressed natural gas (CNG) and RNG instead of diesel in our vehicles. If diesel prices remain in the \$4.50 range, we'll save more than \$350,000 this year.

Dane County's RNG facility also has an offload station, which provides area digesters with the ability to get their

gas into the RNG market. These digesters capture methane and phosphorus from manure, which reduces greenhouse gas emissions and harmful runoff to lakes and streams. The digester's biogas is then hauled to our offload station and injected into the pipeline, powering RNG vehicles locally and across the United States.

This first-in-the-nation station has allowed local digesters to continue to operate and expand, resulting in better manure management, local jobs, clean fuel production, and cleaner lakes. Total digester gas delivered is projected to displace 2,000,000 gallons of gasoline this year – enough fuel for a passenger vehicle to drive around the equator 2,500 times.

Dane County's RNG facility and offload station are turning trash and cow manure into renewable fuel, while preserving our local environment and natural resources. Our 100-vehicle RNG fleet is also saving taxpayer dollars and reducing carbon emissions during a time when gas and diesel prices have soared. By investing in clean fuel infrastructure, Dane County is leading the way on what is possible to help combat climate change and be part of the solution. ❖

April BCNA Membership Meeting Summary

Fred Turkington Recording Secretary
(other meetings will be printed when available)

Committee reports. Planning and Economic Development: McGrath updated his proposed **Olin Ave. development**, adding more design details in an aldermanic district 14 presentation. Newsletter: Bulletin publishing very full issues, looking for **local business advertisements!** Discussion of **July 4 potluck** (delayed deciding whether to have potluck).

Alder Evers's Update: ongoing city efforts to **pedestrianize Vilas Park Drive**; apply for a **Dark Sky City** designation; **body-worn camera pilot for Madison police** – recommendation for a more rigorous study of camera's effectiveness. Tag discussed the proposed, suboptimal addition of a **user fee for recycling**: the state legislature has limited the cities' ability to raise funds generally, and specifically has also cut Madison's state funding in recent years; without more buildings, the city can't increase tax revenue. **Truman Olson** construction continues: the city is negotiating with a grocery store. Tag hopes the grocery will be able to go public with the news in a month or two.

BCNA operating procedures and our use of **Robert's Rules of Order** discussed. BCNA membership only requires living in the neighborhood and attending a meeting; each attendee's vote is equal. Only when a majority of the BCNA Council, currently 8 out of 14 members, are present (called a "quorum") can official votes happen. BCNA bylaws require a *summary* of meetings be posted in the newsletter (Bulletin); Robert's Rules of Order draws distinction between meeting *minutes* (decisions only) and our meeting summary. A neighbor apologized for not

Ash Tree Update By Judy Robinson

The remaining three ash trees on West and South Shore Dr. that Bay Creek adopted will be treated for Emerald Ash Borer the last week of June by Capital City Tree Experts (CCTE), the City's tree service provider. The City has approved treatment. Of the original five trees, only three were treated in 2019: we lost one to weather in 2018; another the City considered too damaged to treat. CCTE explained that the May/June window works best since treatment uptake is quicker then.

CCTE's February proposal allowed us to prepay to save 5%: Bay Creek residents' generosity during our last fundraising effort meant we had the money available. Total cost of this round of treatment will be \$452.25. Before we prepaid, CCTE inspected the trees to ensure that they were still viable and should be treated. We still have \$551.09 in our tree fund so we should have enough available for the next round of treatment in 2025.

Thank you to everyone who donated; it is very gratifying to live in a neighborhood with so many people who care about preserving our beautiful trees. ❖

sharing documents that supported a voting agenda topic more than two days in advance at the March special meeting. Our bylaws do not require sharing supporting documents, but the idea is helpful and had been suggested as a change in 2018.

This topic engendered an extensive discussion about providing documents such as letters in advance. In summary - neighbors agreed that documents should be posted in advance. There was some disagreement on making edits during the meeting and what constituted a "minor edit". We debated whether those joining meetings should be required to follow **the Guidelines for Civil Discourse** at Bay Creek meetings. Today, we ask participants to *read* these Guidelines, but do not make following them a condition of attendance or listserv membership.

Transportation. Recap of a city meeting on Bay Creek bikeways: The city is resuming some of the South and West Shore drives **Shared Streets program**. The city has improved their data collection ability and is considering different ideas for making these streets better for multiple users, including reducing the speed limit from 25 to 20 mph, restricting turns, adding traffic islands or bump-outs at Erin St, preventing traffic from driving South Shore to West Shore to reduce car traffic cutting through this area. ❖

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- 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. If you don't already have one, consider upgrading to a smart thermostat—Wi-Fi connected thermostats can adjust temperatures automatically based on your routine, saving energy almost effortlessly!
- 4 Swap your lightbulbs with LEDs, which use up to 75% less energy than standard incandescent bulbs and last 15 to 25 times longer.
- 5 Unplug your phone chargers, printers, computers and other electronic equipment when you are not using them. These devices can account for 5 to 10% of your total energy use.
- 6 Be sure to turn off 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 water heater temperature set at 120°F, and if you go on vacation, remember to switch it to vacation mode.
- 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.

MGE is available to provide tips and answer your questions about saving energy. Contact MGE's energy experts by email at AskExperts@mge.com or by calling (608) 252-7117 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Meet Bay Creek Artist Angela Johnson!

By Stanley Rubio Jackson

Neighborhood artist and certified creativity coach Angela Johnson has created a new book – the *Zinn Preserve Coloring Book* – with UW-Madison art student Miyu Matsuoka. Together they have crafted a different kind of coloring book with bigger “negative” spaces. The beautiful book caught my eye at the Lakeside Café where it is for sale: Angela says she wants people to color the page without feeling intimidated; its clean lines and large blank spaces invite you to fill in and draw beyond the lines.

The book captures the natural world found in Harford, Wisconsin’s Zinn Preserve, home to assorted plant and animal life, including wet forests of tamarack, black ash, and sugar maple trees, rare species, like yellow lady’s slipper, slender bog arrow grass, and Beck Lake’s migratory waterfowl, some of which appear in the book. Angela’s photo illustrations provide remarkable work that will engage both adults and children – check out the Bulletin’s back page and color a sample she’s given the Bulletin!

Angela’s background includes a UW Master of Fine Arts in photography and before producing the book, Angela along with her artist husband Justin Bitner served as “ARTservancy” residents in a program that connects artists with nature conservancies with the goal of creating artwork inspired by the land. This work culminated in a series of exhibitions in Port Washington, Wisconsin at Gallery 224. Angela’s inspiration came while she was “looking for a challenge and adventure that would turn my nature-based photos into something new and give creative opportunities to others.” As a creativity coach, Angela is passionate about helping people unleash their imagination. “There’s an artist in everyone; you may just not have discovered yours yet.”

Angela taught art at elementary schools in Houston, Texas and worked in various places around the state, but she was born and raised in Madison and was excited to move into



Angela’s art projects include creating Legacy Boxes of memorabilia for a family or to mark a special event.

her 138 old house in Bay Creek. Angela and Justin moved into their Rowell Street home Christmas week of 2019 just 10 weeks before the pandemic hit. They have weathered covid along their two cats and fish (they have a 72 gallon fish tank!) by setting up their studio spaces and pursuing various art projects.

One such project is making “Legacy Boxes” – carefully crafted cases that display memorabilia for a special family member or event. Angela creates each box individually, integrating material the patron commissioning her work provides. The boxes can stand by themselves or be opened to reveal personal, historical material – for example, photographs, or in one case, a cartridge shell from the twenty-one-gun salute at a loved one’s funeral. <https://angelajohnson-artist.com/legacy-boxes>.

During the pandemic, Angela has also taken time to develop art classes she will teach this summer and fall. In addition to teaching people how to make the Legacy Boxes on their own, she is offering virtual and in-person courses in photography, cyanotypes (a camera-less photography process), and creative journaling. Find out more information about these classes, her new *Zinn Preserve Coloring Book*, and Angela’s art on her website: <https://angelajohnsonartist.com/> ❖

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Open Doors for Refugees Annual Olin Park Pavilion Picnic



By Becky Wennlund and Stanley Rubio Jackson

Open Doors for Refugees invites the public to celebrate the Madison refugee families we support: please come to our Annual Olin Park Pavilion Community Picnic Sunday, June 26 from 12 pm to 4 pm. The potluck will begin at 1 p.m. - COVID precautions in place with masked servers. Please bring a dish to share with a card listing ingredients, and get excited to try different foods from many parts of the world. There is no alcohol, but plenty of beverages will be available.

There will be amazing entertainment and music:

- Capoeira fun for all with Raizes do Brasil
- Doug the Jug juggling
- Music by Yid Vicious and Angela Puerta

Kid's activities throughout the afternoon include art projects, dance, games, birding, hooping and juggling, sports, and much more. Thank you to our community groups who are helping to make sure the kids have a great time, including Madison Circus Space, Madison Reading Project, Feminist Bird Club, volunteers from Madison Country Day School, Madison Children's Museum, and more!

Like and share our event on [Facebook](#) and mark your calendars!

We look forward to seeing you there!

Open Doors for Refugees <https://opendoorsforrefugees.org> is a Madison based all-volunteer organization funded entirely by individual and organization donations. Founded in 2016 in response to the Syrian refugee crisis, our mission is to help refugees make a home in the Madison area. We support refugees in many ways, most notably by collecting donations of furniture and household items to furnish and stock apartments for arriving refugees, but also by providing translation, transportation, ESL tutors, employment services, and in general raising consciousness about refugees at events like the annual picnic. We invite you to learn more at the picnic and become involved! ❖

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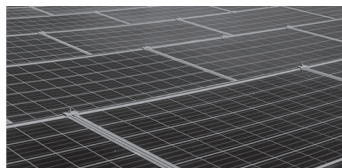
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ALDER REPORT

By Tag Evers



With the nice weather upon us, here are some updates to keep in mind.

Bikeways and South Shore Drive Improvements

A virtual Public Information Meeting on proposed bikeways and traffic safety improvements to South Shore Drive will be held on Tuesday, June 28, at 6pm. The Zoom link will be shared via the Bay Creek listserv and posted on my blog as we get closer to the date.

Metro Transit Network Redesign

After almost 60 public meetings, the Common Council approved the Metro Transit Network Redesign. The plan had been amended and passed by the Transportation Policy and Planning Board and was passed by Council on June 7 with no further changes.

Of particular interest to Bay Creek, the plan was amended to maintain critical service for Romnes residents on Olin Ave, as well as service to the Bram's Addition and Capitol View neighborhoods in District 14. This amendment will also allow transit access to Vilas Park and Henry Vilas Zoo, access that was called for in the Vilas Park Master Plan approved last year.

The work of Metro staff over the past 18 months has been geared to improving Metro's service by making it more equitable, more efficient, and more effective at getting people where they want to go. The redesign addressed complaints that Metro's current service includes travel times and time spent waiting for a bus that are too long. Moreover, equity concerns have been raised repeatedly over the years related to the fact people of color in Madison transfer 2.5 times more than others, with trips twice as likely to take more than 45 minutes.

The next step is a federal Title VI equity analysis, whereupon further adjustments may be made. The network redesign is

Bay Creek Neighborhood Association July 4th Picnic

By Judy Robinson

The May BCNA meeting decided that ongoing COVID concerns meant we would postpone deciding on whether to have a July 4th picnic, allowing those of us who wouldn't feel safe at our usual potluck type of picnic to still gather, but bring our own separate meals. We will have additional discussion on the listserv as the date gets closer and, if there is sufficient notice, we'll also post it on the Bay Creek calendar. Please contact Judy Robinson with any questions at judysotheremail@mail.com or 608-469-1218 ❖

scheduled to go in effect in June 2023. Finally, it is worth noting that changes to Metro routes do not involve fixed, immutable infrastructure, and are therefore amenable to additional adjustments and tweaks as needed.

Food Scraps Recycling

Food scraps recycling for 2022 returns this summer in a site close to Bay Creek residents. Keep your food scraps out of the garbage and instead take them to the South Madison Farmer's Market at 1602 S. Park Street during the hours of 2:00pm to 6:00pm, Tuesdays only, from June 14 to September 27.

You may also consider composting at home in your own backyard. It's simple and easy to do. Trust me, I've been doing it for years. To learn more, go to: <https://www.cityofmadison.com/streets/compost/>

Vilas Park Drive

The Vilas Park Master Plan, completed and approved last year, calls for Vilas Park Drive to be closed to through traffic. While the complete reconstruction of Vilas Park Drive will not take place for a few years, an interim step for closing off the Drive has been approved and will be implemented in mid-June. Access to the park shelter will still be permitted, with two-way traffic extended from the east end only. In other words, you will no longer be able to enter Vilas Park Drive by crossing over the historic bridge. ❖

FOOT Notes By Andria Blattner

It's been a weird spring weatherwise, but that seems to be normal now. The spring ephemerals have come and gone as the trees leaf out. And guess what, the mosquitos are back and the invasive species are up and leafing out.

Invasive species control is a major concern for conservation parks manager Paul Quinlan. He will oversee spraying a very large area along both the Olin and Turville Point borderline, on the prairie's south and east, and the railroad tracks through the south woods. And the Goats will be back at Turville to help, rotating among 3 new areas.

A new group coordinating with Paul Quinlan seeks volunteers to hand pull some weeds, targeting Burdock and Dame's Rocket so far. So, if you feel like a little outside exercise in beautiful surroundings, join us Mondays, 5:30 to 7:00. (The racoon in the bird house might return!)

The Bird and Nature Walks happen 1:30 to 3:00, second Sunday of the month. Meet in the Turville Point entrance parking lot across from Olin Ave for Guided walks.

- July 10: Dane Gallagher leads 'Birding Turville Point'
- August 14: Kathleen Wolf leads 'Mushrooms & Mycelium' ❖

HOPE REBUKED

By Robert Koehler

A steady afternoon
of drips means Winter will be
a busy plumber tonight.
Spring's melt does not
come winged and determined,
rather at a snail's pace.
Equally matched in
a tug of war, night and day
stumble back and forth.
Even so, around most
tree trunks, a widening circle
of brown grass exposed.
The ghost of footprints
to and from the compost bin,
an opening highway.
But hope rebuked,
moonlight proceeds to harden
impetuous puddles.

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

BOOK REVIEW

By Robert Koehler

What You Are Going Through / Sigrid Nunez

What You Are Going Through, published in 2020, is a meandering account of an unnamed narrator helping to negotiate the final months of a close friend who is coping with a terminal cancer diagnosis and debating when to take her own life. As the narrator learns in the weeks that follow, dying is like “toe-dancing in clogs.” Her account highlights the importance of empathy, the cost of friendship, and the entwined moments of happy recollections and the daily indignities that disease brings.

While the topic may seem a grim one, I never found it so in this book. Instead, it shows how we continue to appreciate the gifts life brings us, even with diminished returns. Woven into the plot are the narrator's interaction with the life stories of people she encounters daily, be it an ex-husband giving a lecture about the fact that climate change has doomed the generations who will follow us, or her absorbing accounts of a neighbor's coping with failing mental capabilities. It is a story that highlights the importance of engagement with “ships that pass us in the night,” no matter how brief the encounters.

Throughout the novel, the narrator grudgingly gives up personal details of her own life. By the end of the story, the bits and pieces she provides fuse into a picture of someone whom the reader understands and sympathizes with. In reading Nunez's book, I was reminded of Rachel Cusk's “Outline Trilogy,” which explores a similar form of storytelling. That trilogy wowed me, and this book proved just as compelling a read. While one might expect *What You Are Going Through* to be a depressing undertaking, it proves in fact to be a discourse on the insistence of life, even when the odds are heavily weighed against it.

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Expand Your Hippocampus

By Andy Meessmann

As we emerged from the bar after a late morning cocktail, my cycling companion asked, “What way?” It was a complex question with the possibility of wrong turns, congested roadways, mean dogs, and daunting hills baking under the Denver summer sun.

Our 40-mile, round-trip bike ride from Denver to Golden began Downtown and would weave through the sprawling tapestry of the northwest suburbs and bike trail networks to reach our destination – an ice-cold Coors Light at the Ace Hi Tavern to watch the conclusion of the US Pro Cycling Challenge Race Across Colorado.

My riding partner, waiting in silence for his answer, understood my dazed look forward. Somewhere in the depths of my mind (beneath a healthy bloody mary and PBR) lay a biking memory bank holding thousands of miles of bike commuting and recreational riding throughout the city, worth nothing except to those that rode with me: I knew every turn, dangerous intersection, potholed trail, and aggressive backyard dog (I’d been chased many times). In a matter of a few seconds, I produced a mental map leading us to the thirst quenching Coors Lights only blocks from The Coors Brewery. “Let’s ride!”

When we stitch together mental data like this to get from point A to B, researchers call it ‘cognitive mapping’. The brain’s hippocampus helps us assemble cognitive maps out of stored memories and spatial recollections. Research

has found that increased use of this portion of the brain (more mental mapping) produces more gray matter, which can reduce the chances of Alzheimer’s, a disease known to diminish spatial orientation and memory as we age.

As our dependency on GPS for navigation increases in cars (and dare I say it - on bikes, too), we’re only visualizing a portion of our maps. I’d argue that bikers’ relatively slow speed and tendency to rely on mental mapping helps us develop a stronger sense of our city’s geographic details, creating distinct mental images. In his groundbreaking book “The Image of the City,” Kevin Lynch describes the process of developing an image as “nearly every sense in operation and the image is the composite of them all.” As we drive more GPS guided miles, we increasingly miss opportunities to become connected to our surroundings - to form a truly complete image of where we live.

Rounding the last turn into Golden, we reached the Ace Hi Tavern patio for cool drinks and the conclusion of the Pro Challenge. The backyard dogs were quiet, and my mental map dodged the typical suburban mayhem. “What way back?” my companion asked. Because doubling back isn’t as fun, I stared ahead for a few moments to produce a mental map that closed the loop. “Let’s Ride!”

Rethinking GPS navigation: creating cognitive maps through auditory clues <https://www.nature.com/articles/s41598-021-87148-4>

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FREE! Summer Community Cookouts

St. Mark’s Church
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Join us at St. Mark’s for a great, FREE meal and hang out with our Celebrity Chefs!

Thursday, June 23: Madison Police Chief Shon Barnes
Thursday, July 28: Alderman Tag Evers
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Stay tuned for upcoming celebrity chefs August 25 & September 22.



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Neighborhood Notes

MUSIC :

Make Music Madison (4 Bay Creek events)

Tuesday, June 21st

<https://www.makemusicmadison.org>

Gold Rust Rock. 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Garage on Olin Ave opposite Madison Swimming Pool,
225 Van Deusen St

JJdDJ: Funk, Swing, Pop. 12:25 PM - 9:00 PM

Bernie's Beach, 901 Gilson St.

(Canceled in case of rain)

Kevin Mason: Folk singer. 4:00PM - 4:45PM And...

Sundance Band Trio: Country, Folk, Rock. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Barb and Jim's Driveway/garage, 928 West Shore Drive

Lakeside Coffeehouse music

June 17: Coffee Duets Jazz 7pm

24: Honey Pies 7pm

July 1: Irish Session

8: Kate's Birthday with Tumbledown Shack 7pm

16: Richard Weigel 6:30 pm

22: Trio Soleil 7pm

29: Classical Guitar 7pm

Aug. 5: Dance Around Molly 7:30pm

12: Irish Session

20: Richard Weigel 6:30pm

26: TumbleDown Shack 7pm

Open Doors for Refugees Olin Park Pavilion Community Picnic

June 26 – Yid Vicious and Angela Puerta

12:00 PM to 4:00 pm

KIDS :

Open Doors for Refugees Olin Park Pavilion Community Picnic kid activities: Art projects, dance, games, birding, hooping and juggling, sports, and much more.

CITY:

Traffic Engineering: "Path Resurfacings & Bay Creek Bike Improvements," including South and West Shore Dr Bike Blvd extension to John Nolen underpass. 6pm [June 28, 2022 Public Information Meeting Registration](#)

Further details:

https://www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/documents/projects/WestSouthShoreInformation_April2022.pdf

Greater Madison Metropolitan Planning Organization

-Regional Planning Commission

Webinar: Meeting Regional Climate Targets

Thursday, June 16, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. via Zoom -

[Register Here](#)

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/6916521134444/WN_sbW_Vab_QC-gGI7NJ5IyKQ

GreaterMadisonMPO.org

"Celebrity Chefs" meet and greet City leaders

St. Mark's Lawn, 605 Spruce St. 6:00-7:30 pm

June 23: Police Chief Shon Barnes

July 28: Alder Tag Evers

Aug. 25: Fire Chief Chris Carbon

Sept. 22: Sheriff Calvin Barrett

The Madison Arts Commission:

Support a Utility Box Installation and local artists:

money available to fully cover cost of a box wrap in your neighborhood: <https://www.friendsofmadisonarts.org/>.



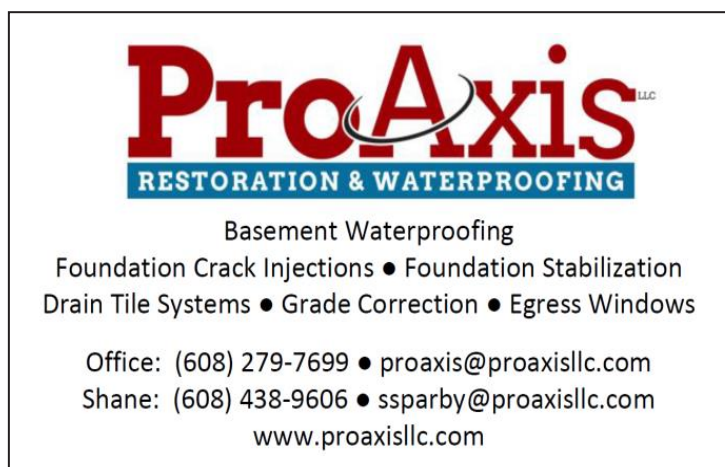
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Rebecca with her instructor and husband, Isaiah, hammer hot metal into a blade.

Students at his Bay Creek workshop learn how to make a knife from start to finish in one weekend. When classes are posted on line, they sell out in five minutes. Her poem tells of this unique experience.



Rhythm Of The Forge

By Rebecca Rettenmund

Pound, pound! Hear the sound
A smithing class has come to town

With my hammer in my fist
Strike a bucket item off my list

Clang, cling! The metal sings
Such delight the tempo brings

The kind of tune a maker likes
Is the rhythm of anvil strikes

Cling, clang! I pull my tang
Don't shape it like a boomerang

As forging muscles waste away
The power hammer saves the day

Whack, whack! Little Giant attack
Thins the blade without a crack

Grinding sparks shooting higher
Just like they do on Forged in Fire

Hiss, hiss! The quenching kiss
A warplless blade is such a bliss

But if it's bent, here's my advice
Clamp it down into a vice

Beep, beep! The students leap
The timer signals the perfect heat

Not many learn to make a knife
It pays to be the teacher's wife

Crossword

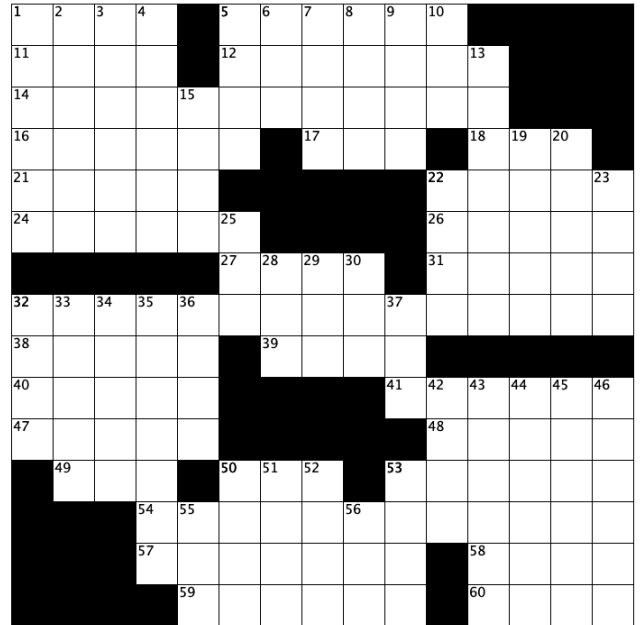
By Jennifer Vernon (Solution on page 8)

ACROSS

1. The Bay Creek Newsletter is widely _____
5. add new information
11. Jane _____, a classic novel by Charlotte Bronte
12. devotes time and attention to learning
14. Bernard Holtman Park, familiarly
16. select group of superiors
17. sound a snake makes
18. Application Programming Interface, in short
21. most famous brand of jeans
22. bridges
24. tiny tubes used to keep a vein open
26. skin dye made from plants
27. Clark _____, Superman's alterego
31. W.H. _____, poet
32. Greenspace on the North side of Monona Bay
38. cowboys, broncs and clowns
39. physicians, familiarly
40. bottomless pit
41. great shade lant found on many gardens in Bay Creek
47. gold things or bonds issued by the English government
48. Capital of Idaho
49. No Longer Available, in cyberspeak
50. English for 50-down
53. the acid produced by ants
54. former neighborhood gangster hangout
57. before now
58. sea eagle
59. Elon Musks cars
60. for fear that

DOWN

1. people who actively oppose the norm
2. the hole your laces go through



3. to reach a place
4. what teeth are made of
5. applications
6. points, briefly
7. adds voices
8. summer coolers
9. Spanish aunts
10. Brexit supporters wanted to leave this financial group
13. behave better
15. suffix used when comparing more that two things
19. Black and white bamboo-eater
20. opposite of outer
22. fake
23. became submerged
25. long piece of equipment for going downhill
28. terminate
29. Doctors without Borders, for example (abbr.)
30. acrtive ingredient in marijuana
32. boast
33. first bird of Spring usually
34. perfect state of bliss, used in poetry
35. having a will, legally
36. throw away
37. trees with dangerous pests called borers
42. woodwind with a double reed
43. a local plant or a chestnut-colored horse
44. the character of a sound or voice
45. Chinese, Japanese, Indian and Filipino people
46. confidential
50. French for 50-across
51. Some lucky neighbors saw snowy ones on Lake Monona this winter
52. the one cutting at a bris
53. The New Deal was one of whose greatest accomplishments
55. head fashion
56. provides grants for artisits

Senior Notes

NewBridge Madison provides services for older adults, 60+. For up-to-date services, classes, and activities information, check newbridgemadison.org, and Facebook: @NewBridgeMadison, 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;



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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.

East Madison/Monona: *Messiah Lutheran Church*, 5202 Cottage Grove Rd. Tuesday and Thursday 11:30-12:30 pm; *Hy-Vee East*, 3801 E. Washington Ave. Wednesday, 10:00 am-1:00 pm and Fridays, 10:00 am-1:00 pm

West Madison: *Hy-Vee West*, 675 S. Whitney Way Wednesday, 10:00 am-1:00 pm; *Meadowridge Commons*, 5734 Raymond Rd. Tuesday, Thursday, Noon; *Good Shepherd Lutheran Church*, 5701 Raymond Rd. Friday, Noon.

North Madison: *Warner Park Community Recreation Center*, 1625 Northport Dr. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 11:30 am; *Goodman Community Center*, 149 Waubesa St. Monday-Friday, 11:45 am. ❖

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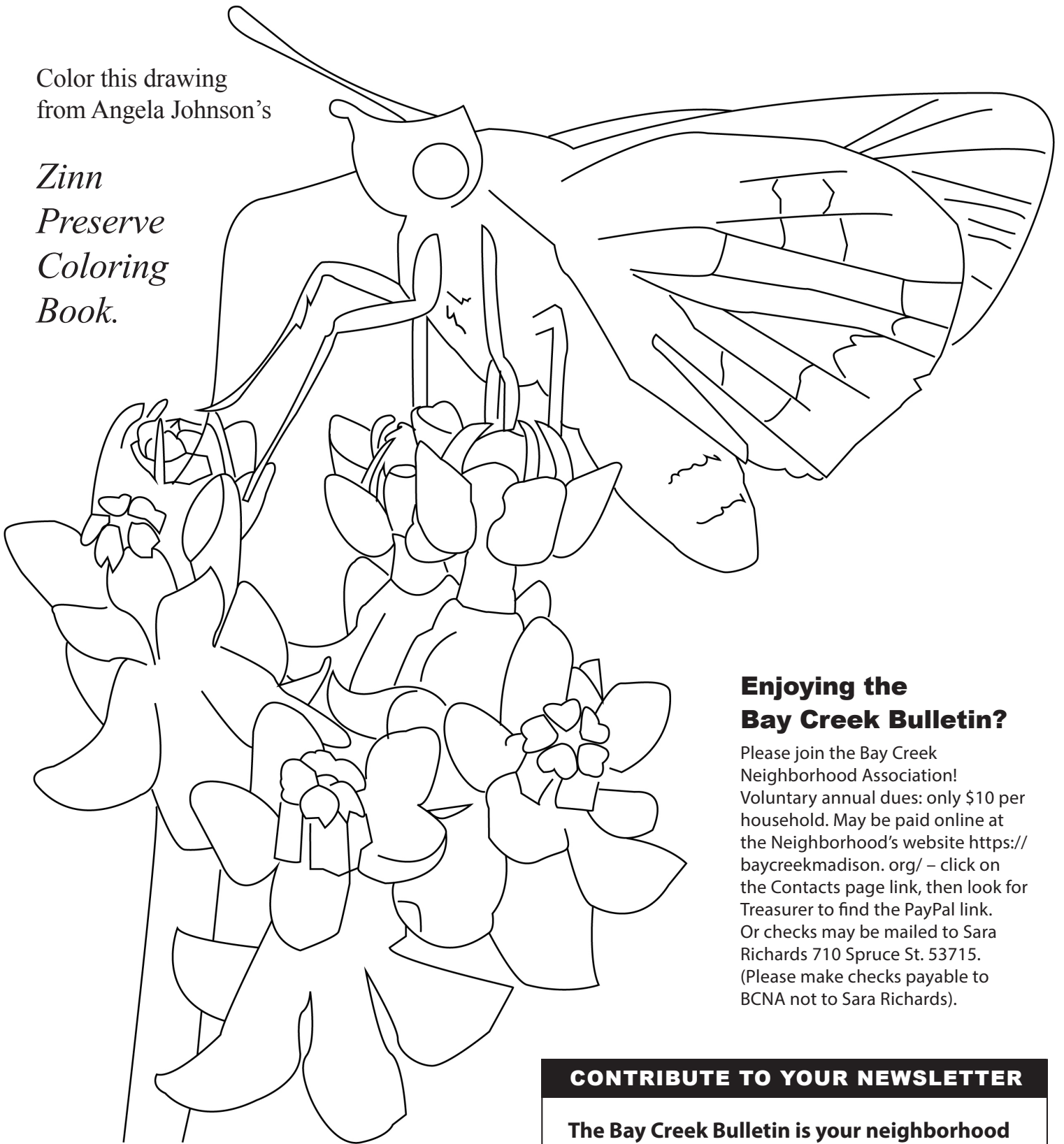
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