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# Bay Creek Bulletin

## Can You Hear Me?

**By Lena** (who gave her below speech at a Capitol rally of the Office and Professional Employees International Union Local 39)

I said CAN YOU HEAR ME? My name is Lena and **I am twelve years old**. This is my sister Lucy. **My mom and dad work at CUNA Mutual Group**. My grandpa has always talked about how CUNA Mutual was one of the best places to work in Madison. Until recently, that's all I remember hearing about CUNA Mutual. It doesn't sound like that now.

CUNA Mutual Group is **being unfair** to its workers. They fired Joe for doing a great job standing up for people like my mom and dad. That's retaliation. They broke the law when they did that. My dad worries a lot about the way CUNA Mutual is using contractors. Contractors do the same work he does. They are trying to get rid of jobs like my dad's and replace them with people who get paid less and don't have good benefits. That makes him worry about his job.

My mom is on the union's bargaining committee. I'm really tired of how long this whole thing has gone on because I want her to be home more. The company is trying to take so much from their workers - they are even taking away our time together as a family. And that is so unfair. The company needs



Photo by David O. Engelstad

to be who we all thought they were and **agree to a good contract** with my parents and all the OPEIU 39 workers. If CUNA Mutual is going to change its name to Trust-age to make people feel like they should be trusted, they should start by treating their workers fairly. If your workers can't trust you, no one can. ❖

## Meet Bay Creek Art Conservator Donna Page

**By Stanley Rubio Jackson**

Opening the front door of the low, unassuming building by the railroad tracks reveals a small gem of art and activity growing within where Donna Page lives and works as an art conservator. Inside her front-room studio, striking dark-wood sculptures, multi-genre paintings, and earth-tone ceramics organically cover her walls and shelves; around her corner work desk (a big wooden cabinet door on its side) racks of small repurposed jars filled with dyes, pigments, and colorants, old metal hand tools and bouquets of paint brushes stand within easy grasp; elsewhere large art books lay open ready to use. Together they illuminate Donna's long career caring for and repairing African art.

After decades in New York City's art world, Donna returned to Wisconsin to help her sister care for their ailing mother, transforming a former liquor store near Franklin School in 2008 into her workshop and home. Donna grew up in Green Bay, first studying and working in elementary education, then earning her UW-Madison Master of Fine Art degree in ceramics. Donna always had a proclivity for art, but she learned how to preserve, restore, and present art on the job, working among others with [Leonard Kahan](#), helping to repair art from Africa damaged in transit to his gallery. In her studio, she has before and after pictures of her work; in one, an unrecognizable collection of fragments has, by the time she finished, turned into a small statue with human-like features; another photograph features a fractured horse sculpture, reassembled into its original form.

While in New York, Donna also taught studio art courses at a CUNY college. She wrote a number of works, including sections of [Surfaces: Color, Substances, and Ritual Applications on African Sculpture](#) in which she and other African art historians explore the creation and coloration of wood sculptures in their respective cultures. **(Continued on page 2)**

### BAY CREEK BILLBOARD

#### Bay Creek Neighborhood Association (BCNA) Meetings.

Second Thursday of Month: June 8, July 13. baycreekmadison.org has agenda and Zoom link

#### Guided Nature Walks: Friends of Olin Turville (FOOT). Second

Sundays of the Month: June 11, July 9, 1:30 pm. Meet at Turville Parking lot off John Nolen Dr.

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

Mark's Lutheran Church, 605 Spruce St.

#### Free Meal: 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 MononaBay.

Second Saturdays of the Month: 10:00 am–12:00 pm. Information Contact: Nina: ninaj@wisc.edu, (608) 698-9708.

Read the Bay Creek Bulletin in color with functional links on Neighborhood website: [baycreekmadison.org/bulletin.html](http://baycreekmadison.org/bulletin.html)

## April BNCA Meeting Summary

Andrew Maier Recording Secretary. Therese Merkel introduced her **new wine, cheese, and charcuterie business**, “Tricky Foods.” She opens in August in on E. Lakeside and Sayle St. in “The Post.” She already caters and teaches charcuterie classes. She discussed how she is addressing possible noise and parking issues and she encouraged neighbors to reach out with questions or concerns. It should be easy, since she lives in nearby in Bay Creek, but you can also email [trickyfoods@gmail.com](mailto:trickyfoods@gmail.com).

Tag Evers gave his **alder report** following his re-election. His priorities include more housing at all levels and diversified economic development along Regent Street. In Bay Creek, he’s working on addressing concerns about **traffic speeds along S Park St**. The **grocery store** is planned to open by the end of the year, and the **affordable housing** in new Park Cedar apartments, which start renting this summer. Neighbors asked Tag about the possibility of having Avante include parking in their rents for their building, but he said that the City is moving toward discouraging developers from bundling parking with rent to encourage other transit options.

Discussion of **how BCNA functions**: attendance, voting, agenda, and posting the minutes. Jay Jurado advocated for improving these processes, especially getting

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In addition to restoring art and performing research, Donna works authenticating art. One difficult process, called Thermal Luminescent or “TL,” requires her to remove and wrap a tiny piece of an artwork in tinfoil, in the dark, before mailing it to Oxford University in the United Kingdom for testing. Clients trust her to take the smallest possible sample of, for example, a piece of sculpture that could have been fifteen hundred years old, but turned out to be less than one hundred.

For more than 30 years I have supported family pets when lives get a bit hectic

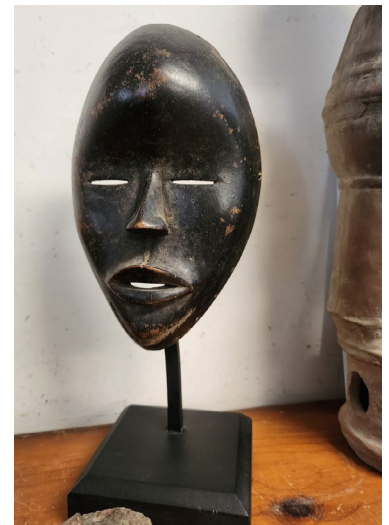
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enough attendance for BCNA council members to have quorum, and several people agreed that attendance is important. Carrie Rothburd raised issue of BCNA changing Zoom account, either upgrading it or switching to another platform. BCNA adopted Zoom because of the pandemic, but has grown used to it and features like recordings. Carrie suggested keeping Zoom, possibly switching to a monthly service while BCNA explored other options. Several people agreed, suggesting the differences between different services were minimal. The BCNA will try out an upgraded Zoom plan that includes transcription, to see its usefulness to neighbors. ❖

Currently, Donna’s restoration clients come to her almost entirely from out of state, and almost entirely by word of mouth. She doesn’t advertise, has no website or social media. She has instead ring binders, a paper rolodex, and file cabinets. She does have email and would love to have more clients from Wisconsin and Madison, including Bay Creek. In addition to high-quality restorations of porcelain plates and family heirlooms that need saving, she creates stands to present art and mounts for precious objects.



If you have something special that needs professional care, you can reach Donna at her Lakeside Street home and workshop by calling (608) 251-6466 or emailing: [donnapage@att.net](mailto:donnapage@att.net) – you can also call her just to see her beautiful studio. She’ll be happy to show you. ❖

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# Foxes in Bay Creek

By Andria Blattner

(Friends of Olin Turville – [FOOT](#))

The cloudiness of this spring has ensured that the spring flowers lasted a long time and that the trees leafed out very fast. The daisies are about to bloom so it must be summer.

Red foxes are becoming a very familiar [sight](#) in our neighborhood. They are beautiful and very clever – the trickster in many cultures' folklore. Sometimes you can see them grin. So how do the lives of urban foxes compare with their country cousins? Surprisingly well. Urban foxes are not preyed upon by the bigger coyotes, who have also invaded urban space, while in rural areas, coyotes will kill all foxes. [UW's Dr. David Drake](#), who has studied both canids with radio-collared tracking, has observed a coyote and fox hunting the same area for hours. He theorizes that urban areas are so rich in natural food that there is no competition. Also urban areas do not have foxes other natural predators, bobcats or lynx. In urban areas, automobiles are their most lethal predator.



Foxes find dens for the winter to bring up their kits. The easiest is an old Woodchuck borrow, plentiful even in urban areas. There are usually 5 kits. Male foxes are good dads, bringing in mice and protecting the den. Building a den on a golf course will, of course, bring trouble.

The urban foxes' diet is just the same as in its native environment. They are opportunistic omnivores, eating rodents, invertebrates, nuts, and berries. They are excellent solitary nocturnal hunters. Their cat-like eyes have elongated vertical slits for pupils – tremendous for night vision. They prefer small mammals such as rabbits, squirrels, chipmunks, mice, and voles. Good for gardens, but bad for pets. Foxes are generally shy and easily scared by humans. Small dogs and cats will be hunted if they are out and about at night. Chickens are always at risk. ❖

## BCNA March Meeting Summary

Recording Secretary Andrew Maier. Election of BCNA officers and discussion of **quorum and elections**. Jim Winkle helped clarify BCNA bylaws: most votes are open to all, not just BCNA Council members, but quorum is reached when a majority of BCNA Council members are present. He also clarified that every member of the neighborhood is allowed to vote, not just one vote per household.

All BCNA positions were uncontested except Treasurer and Judy Robinson was re-elected Treasurer over J. Jurado. The Bay Creek website and the Bulletin list who holds each position. Images and Signs Committee chair oversees the creation or modification of neighborhood signs. It has been dormant for some time, and the meeting agreed to leave the position unfilled until a need arises. The meeting voted to create a By-laws Committee to clarify, update, and revise BCNA bylaws. This committee will draw its membership from interested people on the mailing list, so be sure to sign up to that list!

Kirk Elliot started a discussion about the replacement of All Metals Recycling, regretting city plans to move it out of Bay Creek. Jim Winkle asked whether BCNA should organize a **neighborhood wide yard sale** – they have happened previously, and he was looking for help running another as a community building event. Jim Winkle will prepare a newsletter article to start organizing. Jay Jurado urged the BCNA to adopt **more formal procedures**, records, and advance notice of the agenda so that it's easier to participate, and the discussion will continue at another BCNA meeting. ❖

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# Alder Report

By Tag Evers

On Tuesday, April 18, I was sworn in for a third term on the Madison Common Council. It's been an honor and a pleasure to serve you and I look forward to doing the same during this next term. We've made progress these past four years, but there is a lot more work ahead of us. I remain focused on our **challenges around housing**. The development projects on the Triangle – Bayview and the public housing properties owned and operated by the city's Community Development Authority (CDA) – as well as the new grocery store on S. Park will continue to have my utmost attention. Furthermore, I'll be working with city staff on various projects to bring more affordable housing to District 13.



Speaking of which, Wisconsin Housing Preservation Corp. is proposing a mixed-use workforce housing project at the **Jensen Auto site** on Regent Street. Though the neighborhood plan calls for four stories, the WHPC is seeking an additional story to offer greater affordability. This makes good sense to me in that we need density and affordability in tandem. Regent St. is now within the new Tax Incremental District (TID) #48. It's my hope that the increased development along Regent St will spread to Monroe St as well. With more housing comes more retail options, more restaurants, and more amenities in general, qualities that make neighborhoods more walkable and therefore more desirable.

If there's any doubt that we need more housing, please read the recent article in the Cap Times by Allison Garfield on "Why Madison Rents are Rising So Fast and Won't Slow Down." ([https://captimes.com/news/government/why-madison-rents-are-rising-so-fast-and-won-t-slow-down/article\\_f9e-cedc6-2e86-5fd1-8533-8cd6d1e2d3c8.html](https://captimes.com/news/government/why-madison-rents-are-rising-so-fast-and-won-t-slow-down/article_f9e-cedc6-2e86-5fd1-8533-8cd6d1e2d3c8.html).)

I understand the concerns that rapid growth could be accompanied by gentrification and displacement of low-income residents. My colleagues and I on Common Council recently approved the formation of TID 51 to bring \$115 million to

**Madison's southside**, an investment that will help guide growth with a view towards mitigating its negative impacts. ([https://madison.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/tens-of-millions-for-development-headed-to-madisons-south-side/article\\_9b25ab1d-39a6-5346-a72e-eab4fb903124.html](https://madison.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/tens-of-millions-for-development-headed-to-madisons-south-side/article_9b25ab1d-39a6-5346-a72e-eab4fb903124.html).)

While I support more development to address Madison's housing crisis, I don't believe it should come at any cost. For the last several months, I've been serving on the **Farmland Preservation Task Force**. This task force was set up to make recommendations to policy makers about ways to balance the need for more housing with the need to maintain available tracts of arable land for urban agriculture. We found during the pandemic that locally produced food is of critical importance. Moreover, the ecological value of these parcels in terms of stormwater management, carbon capture, and pollination should not be ignored.

The task force has completed its work and our final report is being referred to various committees for review, including Plan Commission, Parks, Economic Development, Food Policy, and Sustainable Madison, after which Common Council will vote on whether to adopt the report. I'm confident we will do so as it's a very solid report that will provide policy makers with sound guidance as our city continues to grow. Take care, stay safe, and enjoy the sunshine! ❖



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# Enriched by Costa Rica

By Rebecca Rettenmund

Last March, my husband and I traveled to Costa Rica. It was the kind of vacation I had been dreaming of my whole life. Coming home, I expected to feel down about it being over, but to my surprise I wasn't sad. Trips don't just leave you entirely when you return. They make you more than what you were before.



Costa Rica is known for its lush environment and wildlife. We took a guided tour to see a bird called the quetzal. The males are emerald green with a cherry red breast and a long tail that flutters in the wind when it flies. Even though we were in the quetzal mountains, staying at the Chalet Quetzal on a quetzal tour, the guide said there was no guarantee we would see one of these magnificent birds. A neighboring farmer walkie-talkied our guide and told him he had sighted some birds. When we saw one fly into its favorite avocado tree, I felt truly blessed. Our guide helped us take a picture, readying his spotting scope and focusing so we could hold our phones to the lens and get a close up shot. I was astounded by the quality of the image. It looked like something I would see in National Geographic.

When my husband and I got home, we planned to buy one of these scopes. I was really surprised that we could get one that from right here in Wisconsin from Vortex Optics, headquartered in Barneveld. We could get a decent one for less than expected, which let us relive our experience taking breathtaking shots of birds right here at home. I can't wait to try out my new spotting scope and take pictures of the osprey that like to perch on the parking lot street lamp outside Quann dog park!

We also brought our Costa Rica experience to the family. During a mother's day brunch, my husband made his family a traditional Costa Rican meal, called a "typical" breakfast there. It was comprised of fried plantains and eggs, beans and rice, and handmade tortillas. His niece helped to spread the tortilla dough using two pieces of plastic lying on top of each other, which helped cut down the friction when turning the dough.

Of course, it's hard to visit a country without meeting the locals. The people of Costa Rica are very laid back, living in a tropical paradise probably helps. However, it was hard to relate to them without speaking Spanish. Coming home, we were able to appreciate the ease of common conversation when we found out our car had a flat. We took the car to Midas on Park St., where the mechanic showed us a jar of metal pieces they had taken out of tires over the years. My husband said, that's the kind of talk we were missing in Costa Rica. ❖

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# SUMMER SOLSTICE

By Robert Koehler

In the neighbors' backyard,  
Paradise found.

A breastfed baby content.

Heaven just a kick away.  
Propelled forward—  
their daughter on a swing.

Above, the Universe turned  
blue in envy.  
Flowers drawing every eye.

Time languid in the heat.  
Eternity disputed  
by the presence of now.

Beneath a porch's skylight,  
Eden reintroduced.  
Convinced, daylight lingers.

—Robert Koehler is a Bay Creek  
neighbor and poet.  
See his work at:  
[robertupatdawn.wordpress.com](http://robertupatdawn.wordpress.com)

# BOOK REVIEW

By Robert Koehler

## American Sirens : The Incredible Story Of The Black Men Who Became America's First Paramedics / Kevin Hazzard

Before the early 1970s, there were few ambulance companies in this country, and almost none that featured trained personnel. If someone had an emergency, most often the call was answered by the police, who had no medical training. They would simply put the individual, unsupervised, into an unequipped ambulance and race off to the nearest hospital. One well known physician, a Pittsburgh anesthesiologist renowned for developing CPR, decided that what this country needed were trained paramedics who could deliver care immediately when summoned to a medical emergency.

This physician, Peter Safar, had one problem, though; no one in Pittsburgh's government was interested in his proposal, preferring the cheaper status quo. Undeterred, in 1967 he approached Freedom House, an organization set up to help meet the medical needs of the city's Black community, and convinced them to help him recruit Black men who he could educate to become the country's first paramedics. Once fully trained, these sixty-some individuals became members of Freedom House Ambulance Service, working in Pittsburgh's predominately Black Hill area.

In Kevin Hazzard's engaging page turner, *American Sirens*, he profiles a number of the individuals who received their training under Safar, and the continued racism they faced while providing services in the years before Freedom House Ambulance Service was finally disbanded and blended into a city-wide service employing the blueprint perfected by these trained paramedics. Also featured is Nancy Caroline, the young physician who became the Medical Director of Freedom House's program. She would later write a textbook, *Emergency Care In The Streets*, that became the go-to reference used in developing EMS programs across the country. *American Sirens* is a captivating read about how these pioneers transformed health care in the United States.

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[Clean Lakes Alliance](#) seeks volunteers to check water quality at your favorite beach or own pier. Contact Caitlin [caitlin@cleanlake-salliance.org](mailto:caitlin@cleanlake-salliance.org) to help lake research science.

[Madison Veterans for Peace](#) “Memorial Mile” tombstone display: South Central Labor Temple lawn, S. Park St., Saturday, May 27 at 9 a.m. – Saturday June 3 at 9 a.m. Information: John Fournelle 608-438-7480

[FOOT](#) sponsored yoga: Olin Pavilion. Mondays 6 PM, June 12<sup>th</sup> – July 17<sup>th</sup>. Sam Kellogg leads these wonderfully peaceful sessions – a treat for body and spirit.

**Bird and Nature Walks:** 1:30 to 3:00 second Sunday of the month. Meet in the Turville Point entrance parking lot across from Olin Ave.  
June 11: Melissa Kesling ‘Turville Trails’  
July 9: Paul Noeldner ‘Birding Turville Point’  
August 13: Kacy Zander ‘Mushrooms & Fungi’  
Sept. 10: Melissa Kesling/Chuck Henrikson “Early Fall Migrants”  
Take a walk in the cool woods. It’s good for your health!

[St Mark’s Cookouts!](#) Free and fun  
Meet at St Mark’s playground, 605 Spruce St. 6 to 7:30 p.m.  
Meet in downstairs dining room in bad weather.  
Bring friends – bring a dessert if you’d like.  
May 25: Cindy Crane: Lutheran Office of Public Policy  
June 22: Angie Trudell Vasquez: Madison Poet Laureate  
July 27: TBA, Aug 24 TBA  
Sept 28: Kristie Maurer: incoming grocery store owner

[Open Doors for Refugees:](#) Annual Olin Park Pavilion Picnic. Sunday, July 9, 12 pm to 4 pm. Music and kid’s activities. Potluck 1 p.m. Beverages provided. No alcohol

**Waves Swim and Dive Teams** and Goodman Pool host [All-City Swim meet July 27-29](#)

[Slow Roll](#) South Madison bike Ride August 5

## Lakeside St Coffee House Music

Bar Opens at 5:30pm  
Friday **June 2**—Tumbledown Shack 7pm  
Sat. June 3—Chris Wagoner & Mary Gaines 7pm  
Friday June 16—Trio Soleil 7pm  
Sat June 17—Irish Jam Session 7pm  
Fri June 23—Honey Pies 7pm  
Fri June 30—Classical Guitar 7pm  
Fri **July 7**—Irish Session 7pm  
Fri July 14—Les Cordes Blue 7pm  
Fri July 21—Trio Soleil 7pm  
Fri **Aug 4**—Richard Wiegel 630pm  
Sat Aug 12—Irish Jam Session 7pm  
Fri Aug 18—Classical Guitar 7pm  
Fri Aug 25—Tumbledown Shack 7pm

## Government

County AEC Redevelopment Committee restarting June 15, 11:30 am Alliant Energy Center Expo Hall. Chaired by Supervisor [Chuck Erickson](#) (our) District 23. [Tom DeChant](#) neighborhood representative.

## Summer events for adults at Goodman South Library:

**Adult Board Game Night** – 3rd Thursdays, June 15, July 20, 6-7:30 pm. Games provided or byo.

**Yoga** – 5 Thursdays in June, 3:00-4:15 pm, beginner-friendly classes led by Keena Atkinson. Participants encouraged to bring own mats. Library has 10 mats, 1st-come, 1st-served.

**Book discussion** – every 4th Saturday, 1:30-3:00 pm. June 24, July 22  
Check <https://www.madisonpubliclibrary.org/events> for more information and to see kids and teen events, too.

**Make Music Madison** – Wednesday June 21, Bay Creek.

[Park Street Piano](#) – Rain or Shine

1421 S Park St., Ste 100

7:00-7:35pm [Larry Ace Williams](#), *Hip-Hop*

8:15-8:45pm [Adriana Holst](#), *Jazz, Standards, Indie-Rock*

[Victoria & KC’s Garage](#)

702 Emerson St – Canceled in case of rain

5:30-5:50pm [Hans Verick](#), *Classical*

5:50-6:10pm [Brad Gottschalk](#), *Classical*

6:10-6:30pm [John Greenler](#), *Indie-Folk, Jazz*

6:30-6:50pm [Tim Walsh](#), *Indie-Rock*

6:50-7:10pm [Victoria Horn & friends](#), *Indie-Folk*

7:10-7:30pm [Dory Lighfoot](#), *Classical*

[Bernie’s Beach](#)

901 Gilson St. – Canceled in case of rain

1:30-9:00 pm [JJdDJ](#), *Funk, Swing, Pop*

[Garage on Olin Ave across from Madison Swimming Pool parking lot](#)

225 Van Deusen St. – Rain or shine

2:00-3:00pm [Gold Rust](#), *Blues, Rock*

[1017 Homer Court](#)

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11:00am - 12:20pm [Noise Complaint!](#), *Pop, Country, Latin*

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## “South Side Slow Roll” August 5 To Showcase Bay Creek Bike Routes

By Mike Ivey – (former Capital Times reporter, longtime Bay Creek resident, serves as Free Bikes For Kidz Madison Treasurer).

Madison boasts a tremendous network of bicycle trails winding through neighborhoods, along lakefront, and into the countryside. But not everyone can take advantage of these incredible resources. [Free Bikes For Kidz Madison](#) wants to change that. FB4K is hosting the first “South Side Slow Roll” on **Saturday August 5** starting and ending with a celebration at the Village on Park. The **free 5-mile ride** event runs from from **2 p.m. to 6 p.m.** and includes a catered meal, souvenir drink cup, music DJ and more at the finish.

The non-profit – which refurbishes donated bikes and distributes them to underserved families – is organizing the Slow Roll to highlight neighborhood streets while introducing new riders to the fun of participating in a large bike event. “Our ride is aimed at folks who might otherwise be intimidated to try a group ride or people who may not even own a bike,” says Free Bikes For Kidz executive director, Kristie Goforth.

About 100 bikes will be available before the ride for those who pre-register at FB4K, with FB4K staff helping fit the bikes. The easy 5-mile route winds through the South Side neighborhoods to the Wingra Creek and Quann Park bike trails and back to the Village on Park. Riders looking for a longer 15-mile route can leave the Village after lunch, cross the Beltline at the Badger Road overpass eventually connecting to the Capitol City Trail past [Lake Farm Park](#) and back to the FB4K headquarters.

The South Side Slow Roll is supported by a generous grant from the City of Madison along with sponsorship from UW Health, Capitol Bank, Virent, Cinnaire, Olbrich Botanical Gardens, Dane County Parks, Van Holten Pickles, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Dane County, Wisconsin DNR, Fire Light Group and Urban League of Greater Madison. “One of our goals is to make biking and walking accessible for all City residents and that everyone feels comfortable taking advantage of our world class shared paths and safe streets,” says Colleen Hayes, Pedestrian & Bicycle Outreach Specialist with the City of Madison. “We’d love to see this become an annual event.”

Free Bikes For Kidz Madison was launched here in 2017 and has quickly grown into the single largest distributor of bicycles to underserved communities in southern Wisconsin, giving away over 10,000 bicycles in the past six years. The group’s model is pretty simple: each fall, it collects donated used bicycles in decent condition at a variety of drop-off sites; over the winter, it then uses mainly volunteers to refurbish them. In the spring, FB4K works with non-profits, school districts, churches, and other community groups to give the bikes away to kids who otherwise wouldn’t have a chance to enjoy the area’s wonderful trails and safe streets.

Long term, Goforth says FB4K is looking at creating a south side “Community Bikes Gathering Space” where people could learn to fix bikes, get low-cost repairs, participate in group rides and become “immersed in the biking lifestyle.” “Madison is a great city for bicycling but frankly that opportunity is not always available to all residents,” says Goforth. “You can help by supporting our program and joining us on August 5.” For more information visit [fb4kmadison.org](#) or email [mikeiveyxc@gmail.com](mailto:mikeiveyxc@gmail.com). ❖

## Have You Considered an Organic Green Lawn? By Carrie Rothburd

Pete Seeger, folk singer and champion for the health of our planet, used to introduce “Garden Song” (aka “Inch by Inch”) with a light-hearted description of his own solution for a weed-free lawn: Step back. Still see weeds? Step back again.

If you want to get rid of weeds, there are good alternatives to chemical lawn treatments. Google “natural weed killers” for a list of products with ingredients such as boron, vinegar, essential oils, citric acid, and edible fatty acids to combat weeds or to find a recipe to make-your-own. Boron (Borax), sold in hardware stores, also helps eradicate bugs, especially ants, from lawns.

To encourage lush growth, there are pasture-friendly products made of corn gluten meal, sunflower hull ash, fermented corn solubles, and compost to enrich soil. Most barns and stables are happy to let you cart some manure home in a truck. Products made of sugar alcohols can be applied to lawns before the heat sets in to help grass roots retain moisture and cut water needs.

For those who prefer the simplicity of hiring a lawn care company, look for one that doesn’t use glyphosate (Round-

Up), which the [World Health Organization](#) classifies as a probable carcinogen. Lawn companies may also spread or spray chemicals for pre-emergent weed control. These may have an impact on avian species and are mildly toxic to mammals. The environmental safety organization [Beyond Pesticides](#) notes that commercial weed killers contain neurotoxins that can cause “[irreversible eye damage](#)” and allergic reactions.

Many lawn companies suggest watering after chemical treatments and avoiding contact with lawns for 48 to 72 hours. But while supposedly safe once dry, lawn chemicals may affect dogs—and other mammals—even after the recommended no-contact window. Dogs who ingest lawn chemicals by eating the grass or licking their feet and belly after contact can later develop [canine malignant lymphoma](#). Children snuggling with exposed pets may also be affected.

Creating a DIY organic green lawn or finding a company that provides ecologically sound lawn care may take more work, but allows for stepping back to see things from a broader perspective. That perspective makes it possible for each of us to take in our impact on neighbors, big, small, feathered, and furred. ❖



# Lake Monona Waterfront Progress

By Allen Arntsen

In May, the City of Madison's Lake Monona Waterfront Ad Hoc Committee brought a signature Lake Monona park one step closer to reality when it selected [Sasaki](#) to prepare the master plan. The decision culminates a year-long [Design Challenge](#) in which 15 national and regional landscape architecture firms competed to design the project that will connect Olin Park to Machinery Row. Last July, the Ad Hoc Committee narrowed the competitors to Sasaki, James Corner Field Operations, and Agency Landscape and Planning, and in January 2023 the three finalist submitted written designs, board displays, and videos to the City and public.

The proposals envisioned separated bikeways, pedestrian paths, and lake overlooks along the John Nolen Causeway – scheduled for its own rebuilding in 2025. The plans also foresaw enhancing Olin Park north of Lakeside St. with improved natural areas and waterfront. Closer to central Madison, plans included additional connections between downtown and the lake, as well as further lakefront amenities and features to improve water quality and aquatic habitat.

Following the proposals' public presentation, the Committee sought further public engagement, holding meetings, carrying out an online survey (that generated over 2400 responses), reviewing numerous email communications, and performing targeted outreach to environmental, indigenous and BIPOC organizations. Sasaki emerged the clear leader in all of these endeavors, earning top scores from the online survey, Equity by Design, city technical staff, and 12 of 13 Ad Hoc Committee members.

Now, the city is negotiating a contract with Sasaki for preparation of a detailed master plan. The Ad Hoc Committee will work with Sasaki on this plan, aiming to submit it to the Madison Common Council in October 2023 for approval by January 2024. The [Committee](#) is committed to continued robust public engagement on the plan throughout this summer and early fall. ❖



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# Come One, Come All – Support the Goodman Waves Swim and Dive Team!

By Amber Lefers

*(Goodman All City Swim and Dive Team 2023 Communications Co-Chair, Bay Creek resident for over 20 years, and parent of Goodman Waves swimmer Noah Lefers, who now swims with Badger Aquatic Club and Madison West High School)*

Bay Creek is fortunate to have the [Goodman Pool](#). A generous donation by the Goodman brothers, Irwin and Robert, made Madison’s only outdoor public pool a reality in 2006 and what a pool it is! The pool serves Madison’s broad community, offering swim lessons, water aerobics, open and lap swimming – and is home to the [Goodman Waves Swim and Dive Team](#).

Last summer, the Waves hosted their first ever All-City Dive Meet, a 2-day championship event that showcased 300 divers from the 13 league pools in the [All-City Swim and Dive League](#). This summer and for the first time ever, the Waves and Goodman Pool are excited to host the 2023 [All-City Swim meet July 27-29](#) where over 2,000 swimmers will compete for 3 days in one of the largest outdoor amateur swim championships in the country!

Each All-City Swim meet selects a theme and our pool selected a carnival/circus vibe: “Come One, Come All.” We chose this theme because it encompasses our all-are-welcome values for this larger-than-life swim meet or as we like to call it, The Greatest Meet on Earth! If you stop by the meet (and we hope you do), you’ll also see large circus tents dotting the baseball field, where each team hangs out between races to play games, eat, nap, and run around in their home away from home.

We would love for you to come enjoy this unique event and cheer on our Goodman Waves! The All-City Swim Meet will close the Goodman Pool from July 21-31 as 1,000 volunteers help set up, host, and take down the facilities needed for this one-of-a-kind meet. Please consider helping too by filling out

## Fourth of July Neighborhood Picnic!

There will be a Bay Creek Neighborhood Association annual July 4<sup>th</sup> potluck, at noon, in the park shelter near the oak trees, behind Goodman Pool. Everyone is welcome. Bring a dish to share, and your utensils, and perhaps lawn chairs. See you there! ❖



Photo by Alex Wong

our volunteer interest [form](#) – in addition to having a great time, you’ll get a free commemorative t-shirt. Goodman Waves volunteers and City Parks staff are planning and coordinating to ensure all things run as smoothly as possible during the meet when we expect pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicle traffic will be much busier than normal.

You can also [donate](#) to the Goodman Waves to continue the All-City League’s [60+ year old](#) Madison area tradition. The Goodman Waves first joined the League in the 2011 swim season, adding a dive team in 2017. While most pools require expensive memberships, the Waves provide competitive swimming and diving opportunities to children of all cultural, social, and economic backgrounds through affordable fees, generous scholarships, community outreach and partnerships, and high-quality coaching. Support from the [Madison Parks Foundation](#) and the [Friends of Goodman Waves](#) help keep registration fees affordable and provide scholarships for families in need.

For many of our athletes, the Waves provided their first opportunity to swim and dive competitively; many have continued competitive swimming and diving for area clubs, high schools, and collegiate teams. Some have become lifeguards, swim instructors, and coaches, passing on their knowledge and love of aquatics. The best part has been kids from all over the Madison area making lifelong friends and learning the value of being a good teammate and a good sport.

Get information and stay up to date, please follow the Goodman All-City Swim Meet on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) (@madison\_all\_city\_swim) and check out the [Goodman All-City Swim website](#) or email [info@GoodmanWaves.com](mailto:info@GoodmanWaves.com). ❖

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## Make Words Answers

6 letter words: gorgon. 5: wrong, grown. 4: gong, goon, gown, grog, grow, noon, worn. 3: goo, nog, nor, now, own, row, won, woo, wow. 2: go, no, on, or, ow, wo.

## Word Search Solution

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## Park Street Development Update

by Lisie Kitchel, Carrie Rothburd

**1609 S Park/Starbucks** – Galway Companies proposes to rent the property (Arby’s) and lease it to Starbucks for operation as a drive-through-only coffeeshop. The city and Galway are considering multiple access and exit routes to the drive-up window on the building’s south side, including primary access from West Wingra and Beld.

Galway believes Starbucks will be part of a S Park renaissance, encouraging other businesses to move to the corridor. South Side community members have voiced concern that the proposal does not align with the [Wingra Build](#), [Park Street Partners](#), and [South Madison Plans](#) goals to promote local business on S Park; contribute to community wealth-building; enhance cultural preservation; and meet local community shopping needs. They are also concerned that directing traffic onto residential Beld creates an unsafe situation. Finally they have pointed out that the proposal runs contrary to the city’s Transit-Oriented Development objective of “lowering the number of vehicle miles traveled in Madison.”

A representative from South Central Federation of Labor, located at 1602 S Park, noted that a National Labor Relations Board judge recently called out Starbucks’ “[egregious and widespread misconduct](#)” for its anti-employee and union-busting practices.

South Side community members have requested an eat-in café, a union shop, a focus on hiring South Side residents, and additional meetings with Galway to ensure adequate opportunity to inform the community broadly about the proposed Starbucks, solicit feedback, and work out traffic flow and access details.

**1402 S Park/Maurer’s Market** – Cedar Street townhouses receiving occupancy permits; apartments and supermarket still being completed. Maurer’s Market plans to conduct a community survey. **1202 S Park** – The city is working with its Community Development Division to finance housing with services for youths, who are transitioning from foster care. Some units will provide affordable housing to households at or below 30% of area median income. ❖

## Crossword Answer

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# Senior Notes

**NewBridge Madison** provides services for older adults, 60+. For up-to-date services, classes, and activities information, check [newbridgemadison.org](http://newbridgemadison.org), and Facebook: @NewBridgeMadison, call (608) 512-0000; or email [info@newbridgemadison.org](mailto:info@newbridgemadison.org). The newsletter available free via email, regular mail for a small fee. *Masks for in-person activities will be determined on a program-by-program basis.*

**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 Hispanic 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.

**East Madison/Monona:** *Messiah Lutheran Church*, 5202 Cottage Grove Rd. Tuesday and Thursday 11:30-12:30 pm; *Monona Senior Center*, 1011 Nichols Rd. Friday, Noon

**West Madison:** *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. *Kavanaugh's Esquire Club*, 1025 N. Sherman Ave. Wednesdays, 11:00 am-1:30 pm

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## Make Words (Answers on Page 11)

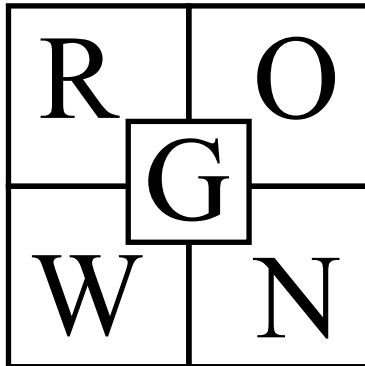
By Stanley Rubio Jackson

Rules: Make as many words as you can with these letters.

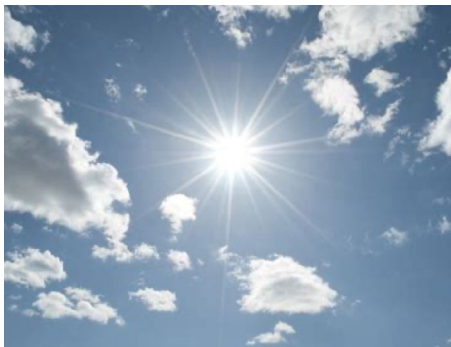
Two to six letters per word.

There are at least 24 words; 10 use the letter G.

Use the same letter no more than three times in a word.



## Word Find: Things you might do this summer (Answers on Page 11)



Puzzle by Stanley Rubio Jackson

Find 20 Fun Summer Activities.

Up, Down, Diagonally, Forwards and Backwards.

- BIKE
- BOAT
- CAMP
- CANOE
- BICYCLE
- FISH
- GARDEN
- HIKE
- KAYAK
- KITE
- PICNIC
- PLAY
- RAFT
- READ
- RELAX
- REST
- SKIP
- SURF
- SWIM
- TRAVEL

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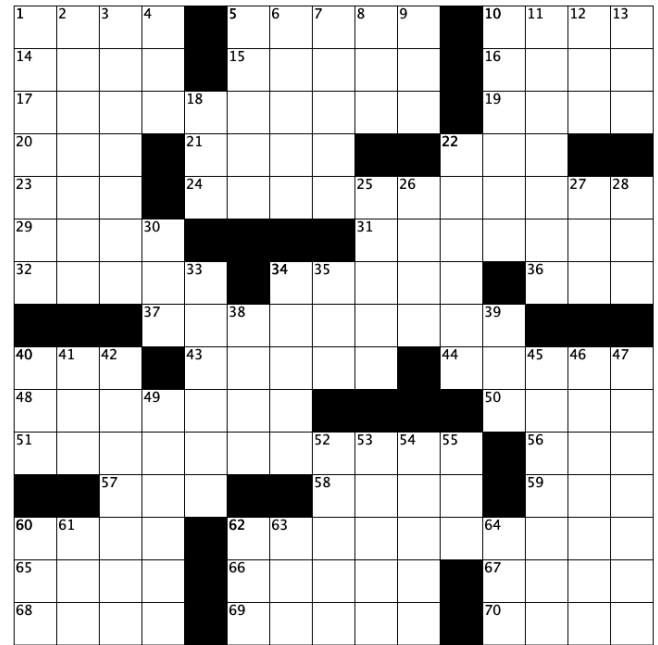


# Almost Summer in Bay Creek (Solution on page 11)

By Jennifer Vernon

## ACROSS

1. Confident bowman  
William
5. Posteriors
10. Other people, for short, if your life was a video game
14. HOMES component
15. One end of a battery
16. Seat in a British pub?
17. Bay Creek coffee house
19. Something to cast
20. suffix for chemistry or languages
21. Similar to
22. Limit
23. Magna \_\_\_ laude
24. Bay Creek Taqueria
29. North African city where Camus' "The Plague" is set
31. Dead reckoner?
32. News sources
34. Assault
36. Timetable abbreviation.
37. \_\_\_ Blending Co. (Bay Creek establishment)
40. Musical notes
43. One born on April 1st
44. Blunders
48. Michigan neighbor
50. Understand
51. A place to cool off on Olin Street
56. A designation for food that is both ethically sourced and pesticide free
57. Campers
58. Actress Jessica
59. "\_\_\_ Bravo" (John Wayne film)
60. Cambodian neighbor
62. Ordinary-sounding state bird of Minnesota that spends a bit of time on Monona Bay
65. Affectionate gestures
66. Money of India
67. Oscar winner Hathaway



68. Molding
69. Gulf War defense acronym
70. Combat vet's diagnosis

## DOWN

1. AT&T's industry
2. Something rubbed out
3. At a very fast pace
4. Shelter
5. Japanese verse form
6. Nepal neighbor
7. Without interruption
8. Dental deg.
9. Tennis term.
10. Arizona tribe
11. Barbecue fuel
12. Bay Creek time zone
13. Take in
18. Hang
22. Soft touch
25. Popular computers
26. Emblem
27. Court matter
28. Work in a studio
30. Pen tip
33. Warnings
34. Chip off the old block
35. Presidential nickname
38. Solo at the Met
39. Horned animal
40. Fuel for the fire
41. "Wheel of Fortune" purchase
42. Attic's purpose, often
45. Ahead
46. Magical concoctions
47. Fainted, as in rapture
49. Counsel
52. Argentine grassland
53. Ancient Mexican
54. Some wind instruments
55. Connected PC group
60. Shortened preposition
61. Enfold
62. Canadian IRS equivalent
63. Internet slang for "on our way"
64. Race unit

## Simultaneous Yard Sales June 24 in Bay Creek

By Chris Wagner

Neighborhood-wide, simultaneous Yard Sales will take place **Saturday, June 24 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.** If you wish to **participate**, send Jim Winkle ([jimwink-madison@yahoo.com](mailto:jimwink-madison@yahoo.com)) your name, address, phone/email, and the general types of items you will be selling **no later than June 17**. If you have only a few items to sell and are interested in sharing a yard table OR are interested in letting someone share your table, let Jim know that as well. We will try to connect neighbors to share space.

We will print a **list and map** of all the households who join the neighborhood yard sale along with their sale items; we will also provide these paper lists/maps/sale items/ to each yard sale participant to hand out to shoppers. We will further post these lists/maps/for sale items on the [Bay Creek website](http://BayCreekWebsite.org) ([baycreekmadison.org](http://baycreekmadison.org)). We will promote the yard sales – and you can help spread the word by telling neighbors. Sales will take place rain or shine! This is a great opportunity to find homes for your no longer needed goods and to get to know your neighbors. Please join us! ❖

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