



# Bay Creek Bulletin

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## New Restaurant Coming Soon: Friends Applaud

By Adam Benedetto

When my wife Sacha and I met in NYC ten years ago, we were both working in restaurants. She was working at the Italian restaurant, Perla, and I was working at Joseph Leonard; both places were owned by UW Graduate Gabriel Stulman. As the General Manager it was my job to make people feel comfortable. People would come in and say, "Everyone is so nice here." And I'd reply, "That's because most of us are from Wisconsin!" and show them my Wisconsin tattoo. Eventually, The New York Times started referring to our group of restaurants in the West Village as "Little Wisco."



During that time Sacha and I dreamt of owning our own restaurant where we could be imaginative and creative with hospitality, food and wine. Ten years later, we've finally found that place at 1602 Gilson Street, just a block off of the Wingra Creek Bike Path.

Come Spring, the Bay Creek Neighborhood will have a new restaurant called "Friends Applaud." We are going to serve delicious food in a fun atmosphere with great lighting. In our outdoor space, you'll be able to catch live music and events in the summer, and hang with friends by a bonfire drinking warm Glögg in the winter. We have a lot of space to play within our backyard and we will most likely have a Bocchi Ball Court and possibly a bouncy house for kids (As restaurant lovers with little ones, we know how valuable a kid friendly restaurant can be for families!)

specific genre." That said, I'm Italian, and so when we first open our dinner service will likely feature pizzas, hearty stews and interesting salads ---as well as some of the hand-made pasta dishes my Grandma Benedetto used to make.

But that's only part of the story... **(Continued on page 2)**

## Our Neighborhood, Our Home

by Dawn Gebler

As I sit on our back porch, I see dog walkers, families going to and from school, and bicyclists on their way every day. I have lived in the Bay Creek Neighborhood for a long time, and although some of the faces change each year, the familiarity of others feels like family.



When my husband and I found our first home back in March of 2002 on Lakeside Street, little did we know how lucky we were to find this gem of a neighborhood called Bay Creek. Little did we know this wasn't a "starter house", but a home to raise our family.

Not long after moving in, we decided the time was right to start a family. Within the first six years of living on Lakeside, we began to know neighbors, enjoyed the nearby parks and welcomed our three children into our lives.

We watched changes occur throughout the neighborhood. The Olin Street bridge was removed. Cargo Coffee became a favorite working and walking destination. Summer was full of swimming when the Goodman Pool was built and opened. Lakeside Coffee House brought much needed coffee and yummy treats even closer to home. We admired the kitties at Nutzy Mutz and Crazy Catz. Franklin playground transformed, yet remained our favorite play space. And the tree lined streets continue to bring so much change and beauty each season of every year.

Our family grew, and Franklin School became a second home. Neighborhood families were our **(Continued on page 3)**

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When we tell our friends the exciting news, everyone's first question is always "What kind of restaurant is it going to be?" Which I think means, "What type of food will you serve?" To that I usually answer, "We want to commit to high quality food and not to any

# How Lakeside Street Coffeehouse Became an Author Hotspot

By Alina Loux

In September of 2024, I met two picture book author friends at Lakeside Street Coffeehouse. We parked ourselves on the back deck, chatting about characters and story arcs while our kiddos played at Bernie's Beach.

While getting ready to leave, I suggested that we meet again in October, and maybe we could invite a few other author friends.

In October, 6 authors showed up. In November, 8 showed up.

Before we knew it, we had a listserve of over 50 picture book authors and illustrators, with an average monthly attendance of 15 people.

The group is open to people at every stage of the publication journey:

Published or unpublished. Traditionally published or self-published. Picture Book Authors or Middle Grade Authors. Authors or illustrators. In fact, we often have as many illustrators in attendance as authors. Some members of the group are from our neighborhood (like me) and some even drive in from outside of Madison.



Our community of authors continues to grow, and on December 21st from 8-10am Lakeside Street Coffeehouse will host the first Lakeside Children's Authors and Illustrators Pop-up Book Sale, where people from our community can meet the authors/illustrators and shop signed local children's books. There will be books for kids of all ages.

If you're interested in joining the Lakeside Children's Authors and Illustrators, we meet at Lakeside Street Coffeehouse from 9-10am on the fourth Friday of every month. You can also ask to join our listserve by emailing me at [hello@alinaloux.com](mailto:hello@alinaloux.com). We would love to see you there.

(The founding authors of the Lakeside Children's Authors and Illustrators are Samantha Cora:

Author of *Waverly Braves the Breeze: A Story of a Galapagos Albatross*, Tracy Phillippi: Author of *The Wild Island: An Adventure at Isle Royale National Park*, and Alina Loux, Author of *The Toothbrush Circus*, *If You Were the Moon*, *My Love*, and *May You Always Find Wonder*). ❖

## RESTAURANT From page 1

Currently, the space is somewhat limited because the former tap room, Funk Factory, didn't serve food so we currently lack a kitchen and the infrastructure to serve certain types of food. We hope to put in a full kitchen this summer, and once we do that, we will be able to expand the menu to comfort food like burgers, fried chicken sandwiches, French fries and offer a brunch service that includes all your favorite egg dishes, bacon and more.

Sacha and I have traveled extensively, and I hope our menu will reflect culinary influences from all over the world the way that Natt Spil and The Weary Traveler do. Having lived in Brazil I've always wanted to see pao de queijo on a breakfast menu. Sacha's Swedish roots will speak more to making sure our space is at a maximum level of cozy, but may also present in some traditional Scandinavian meals as well. We hope to keep people curious about our food by rotating fun and interesting ideas through the kitchen.

Feeding people will be the love language of Friends Applaud, but there will be great wines and cocktails, as well. My favorite wines follow the Loire Valley in France, the Val d'Orcia in Italy and the Willamette Valley in Oregon. We're going to bring all these places to the Bay Creek Neighborhood along with some great Wisconsin style beers. And of course, we love an Old Fashioned.

So please tell your friends, family and any approachable looking strangers to come with you for some food, drinks and conversation at the new restaurant just off of the Wingra Creek Bike Path – Friends Applaud.

- Again we hope to open in Spring but feel free to stop by and say hello if you see us working on the space.

Adam And Sacha Benedetto, Owners ❖



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## Make Words Answers

6 Letter Words: ahchoo, hoorah, rococo, horror

5 Letter Words: coach, achoo, roach, cacao, cocoa

4 Letter Words: arch, char, coho, coca, croc, hoar, orca, roar

3 Letter Words: hah, aah, aha, ooh, rah, arc, car, coo, orc, roc, oar

2 Letter Words: ah, ha, ho, oh, or;

# NEIGHBORHOOD

From From page 1

playgroups. Colby Street neighbors became extended family. As I experienced a seven year gig as a full time parent, I couldn't have hoped for a better environment for raising our children.

As our children grew, and their schools extended further into the city, Bay Creek remained a solid foundation to return to after school. They gained independence and learned bike paths and bus routes, knowing they could always find their way back home to Bay Creek.

Now, we are beginning to feel the nest emptying as our children transition to adulthood. We have begun refreshing our home, while staying in place and changing perspectives of our surroundings.

Our two oldest children have moved on, as our youngest finishes his last year of high school. While our children explore the world from their own new places and perspectives, we are still here in the Bay Creek neighborhood to welcome them back whenever they need to return. And there is no place I would rather call home. ❖

## Word Search Solution

R E T I A W J I T D  
 P E O P L E S X A O  
 M N G I B M D A B O  
 O X Z R T E Y S L F  
 M M S J X P I E E S  
 T T U B U J E N H S  
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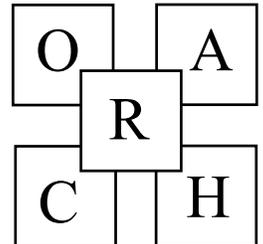
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## Make Words (Answers on Page 2)



By Stanley Rubio Jackson

Rules: Make as many words as you can with these letters.  
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 Two letter minimum.  
 There are at least 33 words; 17 use the letter R



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# Proposed changes to the Neighborhood Association's bylaws

The Neighborhood Association created the current Bylaws Committee to propose clarifying and substantive changes. In July, the Association approved the committee's proposed clarifying changes and one substantive change. We are proposing 19 further changes below to be voted on individually at the Neighborhood Association's January 7th meeting.

We posted these on the neighborhood email list and listened to feedback at our November, 2025 meeting, making changes based on the responses. Some of the proposed bylaws changes are significant; others do little more than clarify, codify, reflect, or standardize the Association's current practice. Rationales for each proposed change help to reveal their intention and scope.

We hope you will take the time to read them and come to the January meeting to discuss and vote. See Bay Creek's website at [Bay-CreekMadison.org](http://Bay-CreekMadison.org) for details about the January meeting.

The Bylaws Committee  
Chris Wagner – Chair  
Allen Arntsen, Linda Bauman, Kirstin Bloy,  
Stanley Rubio Jackson, J Jurado, Chris Wagner,  
Jim Winkle

Proposed changes are organized by **section**.

## Preface

Add:

### Preface

The Bay Creek Neighborhood Association's bylaws explain its Purpose and operation. While participating in the Association's activities, Bay Creek neighbors agree to abide by these bylaws. However, the bylaws cannot cover every possibility. Whenever the bylaws, Robert's Rules of Order, or our customs do not directly specify or ban an action, or people disagree on their interpretation, neighbors resolve the question by vote at a general meeting. Commitment to the Association's core Purpose guides our action.

Rationale:

This Preface clarifies the importance of the Association's Purpose in its bylaws. It affirms that the bylaws provide more than the technical code for organizing its meetings and delegating responsibilities. They also provide the principles guiding action in situations where the bylaws themselves may be ambiguous or nonexistent.

Note:

The Preface comes after the bylaws title ("Bay Creek Neighborhood Association, Incorporated, Bylaws") to indicate that it is part of the bylaws, carrying the same force.

## 1) Purpose: Friendly Democratic Community Building

Change:

The Association works cooperatively with the City and with neighborhood groups.

To:

The Association may work cooperatively with the City and neighborhood groups as it sees fit.

Rationale:

Clarifies that BCNA votes on whether and which groups to work with.

## 2) Membership

Change:

All neighbors 18 and over living in Bay Creek may attend the Association's general and committee meetings as voting members and serve as Association officers, committee chairs, and area representatives.

To:

All neighbors 18 and over living in Bay Creek may attend the Association's general and committee meetings as voting members and serve as Association officers, committee members and chairs, and area representatives.

Rationale:

Clarifies that Bay Creekers can join committees. **(Continued on next page)**

## FROM MADISON GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY (MGE)

# NEW! Power Your Household with Community Solar

MGE's Shared Solar – Strix program is open for enrollment.

The wait is over! MGE's latest community solar program, Shared Solar – Strix, is open for enrollment. Shared Solar is an optional program for MGE electric customers who wish to power their home or small business with local, affordable solar energy.

### What's community solar from MGE?

MGE's community solar program offers eligible electric customers the opportunity to purchase shares of locally generated solar energy. Participants share the output of the local solar installation.

### How can I participate?

Participants pay a one-time, up-front fee to reserve a portion of the electricity produced at MGE's Strix Solar array in Fitchburg. Then, they pay a monthly per-kilowatt-hour (kWh) charge for their chosen subscription amount (for up to 50% of their annual electricity consumption). The monthly per-kWh charge will remain fixed with participants for the life of the agreement (even if they move within MGE's electric service territory).

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- Option 2: Lower one-time fee, higher monthly charge

Community solar customers don't receive the solar energy directly—the electricity generated at MGE's Strix Solar facility is fed into MGE's distribution grid serving customers. Participation in Shared Solar

supports the growth of renewable energy, helping to create a more sustainable energy supply for all MGE electric customers.

Visit [mge.com/sharesolar](http://mge.com/sharesolar) to learn more about the program and to enroll.

### Targeting net-zero carbon electricity

MGE is targeting net-zero carbon electricity by 2050. Growing our use of carbon-free energy generation, like solar energy, is a key strategy in achieving this goal—and our customers can help. MGE offers optional programs like Shared Solar – Strix that make it easy and affordable to power your home or business with up to 100% green energy hassle-free. Visit [mge.com](http://mge.com) to learn more.

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Add:  
The Association affirms the City of Madison's EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES ORDINANCE, welcoming all people.

Rationale:  
This statement affirms BCNA's commitment to fairness and non-discrimination; it automatically updates when the City expands their list of protected groups.

### 3) Neighborhood Meetings: Open and Participatory

Change:  
Bay Creek neighbors can **add topics to general neighborhood meetings** at the meeting or beforehand. If the topic will be voted on, it must be posted 48 hours beforehand, except for items of a routine or operational nature.

To:  
Bay Creek neighbors can **add topics to general neighborhood meetings** at the meeting or beforehand. If the topic will be voted on, it must be submitted 96 hours beforehand (see website for instructions) and posted on the website 48 hours beforehand, except for items of a routine or operational nature.

Rationale:  
This gives the web committee 48 hours to work with the person submitting the item to get the wording right. It also specifies where it will be posted.

### 4) Neighborhood Council: Our leadership

Change:  
The Council listens and responds to Bay Creek neighbors' concerns in a timely manner; creates policies and recommends them to the Association; executes policies and programs to benefit the neighborhood.

To:  
The Council listens and responds to Bay Creek neighbors' concerns in as timely manner as is practicable; creates policies and recommends them to the Association; executes policies and programs to benefit the neighborhood.

Rationale:  
The Association expects volunteers to carry out their duties in a timely manner, but allows for practical exceptions. We also meet only once per month and some of the requests are to waive a 30 day period. Better to under-promise and over-deliver than over-promise and under-deliver.

Change:  
The Neighborhood Council may remove officers at any time by a 2/3rds vote and **appoint replacements** for retiring or removed officers, representatives, or committee chairs – replacements serve until the next annual election.

To:  
The Neighborhood Council may **remove Neighborhood Council members** at any time by a 2/3rds vote and **appoint replacements** for retiring or removed members – replacements serve until the next annual election.

Rationale:  
Provides the Neighborhood Council with equal authority over all Council positions.

Add:  
No Association member may perform another Council member's duties unless asked to by that Council member and announced to the Council or directed by the Council.

Rationale:  
Clarifies that members need to respect Council position boundaries: This respect is also mandated in Robert's Rules of Order.

Change:  
The Neighborhood Council decides **where to meet** and whether or not to meet in person.

To:  
The Neighborhood Council decides where general neighborhood and Council meetings take place and whether or not to meet in person.

Rationale:  
Clarifies the specific meetings the Neighborhood Council has authority over. (It does not have authority over the place and manner of Committee meetings.)

Add:  
As a general rule, Council members and participating neighbors conducting neighborhood business promptly share records and communication as reasonable with the Council and whenever they are requested.

Rationale:  
Transparency often has a timeline: Transparency delayed is often transparency denied.

Add:  
When offering political candidates opportunities, such as forums or newsletter articles, the Association offers them to all candidates equally.

Rationale:  
It's fair. We've always done this in the past, but it doesn't come up very often so it's good to write it down.

### 5) Standing and Ad Hoc Committees: How we work together

Change:  
**Any neighbor may attend** any committee meeting.

To:  
**Any neighbor may attend** any committee meeting and participate as a voting member.

Rationale:  
Any neighbor can join the Neighborhood Association, so should be able to join any committee.

Change:  
The Bulletin publishes general neighborhood meetings' summaries (submitted by the Recording Secretary) and next meeting agendas if available.

To:  
At a minimum, the *Bay Creek Bulletin* publishes general neighborhood meeting summaries submitted by the Recording Secretary.

Rationale:  
Codifies current practice: the Bulletin publishes more than meeting summaries; the Association publishes meeting agendas online, not in the Bulletin.

Change:  
**Web Committee** updates content, edits, and maintains the Association website.

To:  
**Web Committee** manages methods of electronic communications utilized by the Association. The website lists all area representatives, officers, and committee chairs' contact information.

Rationale:  
Add specific mandates since other committee descriptions have them. The broader description reflects our other online presence.

Change:  
**Planning and Economic Development Committee** focuses on neighborhood land use, business development and retention, educating residents, soliciting their input, and representing the Association when warranted.

To:  
**Planning and Economic Development Committee** focuses on neighborhood land use, educating residents, and soliciting their input.

Rationale:  
These duties concentrate too much responsibility in one committee. As interest warrants, we can revive the **Business Attraction and Retention Committee** rather than making it operate through PED. The introductory paragraph covers Committee representation, making its inclusion here unnecessarily repetitive.

Change:  
**Ad hoc committees** fulfill specific functions not covered by standing committees; the Neighborhood Council forms ad hoc committees, which automatically disband after fulfilling their function; ad hoc committee chairs do not serve on the Neighborhood Council.

To:  
**Ad hoc committees** fulfill specific functions **not covered by standing committees**; the Neighborhood Council forms these committees, which automatically disband after fulfilling their function. Ad hoc committee chairs are elected by the committee and do not serve on the Neighborhood Council.

Rationale:  
Clarify that, while neighborhood meetings elect standing committee chairs, ad hoc committee members choose their chairs.

### 6) Officers and duties

Change:  
**Contact Person:** receives and promptly shares mail affecting the neighborhood, especially from the City, with the neighborhood Council. **(Continued on page 7)**

# BCNA Meeting Notes

## OCTOBER

Arboretum Cohousing is one of the individual groups that is pushing back on violations of human rights currently being done by ICE.

<https://www.ilrc.org/red-cards-tarjetas-rojas> provides printouts explaining immigrant rights. Call 1800-427-0213 to report an ICE sighting to Voces de la Frontera.

The fall dance series was successful this year. The Olin Pavilion will be closed for all of 2026 due to renovations. This closure may halt events unless a new venue is secured.

John gave updates for the Transportation Committee about the John Nolen Drive construction project and its impact on bike detours. Outbound lanes are being done first; inbound lanes will not be affected until summer 2026. A bike detour won't be needed until June or July 2026.

The expected detour will go through Van Dusen Street to Rowell to the new cycle track to Gilson and around the bay. Additional smaller detours will be in place when work is done at intersections like North Shore and Broome.

The City also plans to add permanent wayfinding signs for the Bay Loop. These will provide general guidance for bicyclists in addition to the temporary detour signs.

## NOVEMBER

Michael Carlson introduced a proposed mixed-use development for 999 South Park Street, near Paleo Mama Bakery. The project will create a pedestrian-friendly, community-oriented building with three stories of housing over a ground-floor commercial space of approximately 2,500–3,000 square feet. The project will be multi-family housing over retail and lobby space. Michael requested community input on preferred commercial tenants. Suggestions included: a casual local eatery or gathering spot open past 5 PM., a fitness center for everyday users, a small YMCA, a bakery outlet, a cider bar. This project is in the early design phase.

Chris presented proposed changes to the Bay Creek Neighborhood Association bylaws. Most changes involve clarification of language and committee roles. Land use remains within P&ED's purview, while business attraction and retention could become a separate future committee.

Tag gave the Alder Report. Madison is in stronger fiscal condition than Dane County following the recent referendum. Funding for the Double Dollars SNAP food program will increase to \$75,000 from the city to offset county reductions. A new Parks Programming Coordinator position will be added to address behavioral and staffing challenges related to Goodman Pool, and to coordinate year-round youth engagement programs. Tag introduced an ordinance banning the retail sale of cats and dogs in pet stores to prevent links to puppy mills.

For Committee Updates, Planning and Economic Development (Lisie Kitchel): Will continue engagement with Threshold Development. No updates on the Labor Temple or Mower's grocery store.

Newsletter: Editor Natalie intends to step down; a replacement is being sought.

Friends of Olin-Turville (FoOT): Olin Pavilion will be closed for renovation throughout 2025. Alternate venues will be needed for

community events. Bird and Nature Walks will continue. Friends of Monona Bay: Cleanup events continue, with 18 volunteers participating in the last session.

Web and Communications: Email list remains stable, with minor spam filtering issues reported. This group receives less spam than other neighborhood groups.

The group discussed recent Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) activity in Madison. The group agreed it would be beneficial to invite Professor Haynes to a future meeting to provide further information. A hotline number (1-800-427-0213) was shared for reporting suspected ICE activity, which connects to an organization that verifies reports and alerts affected communities.

## DECEMBER

Jane Smith opened the meeting with reminders about Bay Creek's civil discourse guidelines—listen well, be courteous, build consensus, be kind, give feedback, and speak calmly—and noted that meetings follow Robert's Rules of Order.

Adam Benedetto introduced plans for a new neighborhood restaurant at 1602 Gilson Street in the former taproom space. He and his wife envision a comfortable, community-oriented spot that will eventually serve breakfast, lunch, and dinner and function as a neighborhood gathering place. Adam emphasized that he is new to the South Side and wants to hear from neighbors about what they would like in a restaurant. He highlighted his experience running small, neighborhood-focused restaurants in New York and Madison (including Restaurant Magnus and the Weary Traveler). Adam also plans to use the large back lot for modest outdoor events and occasional live music, and described a strong interest in high-quality, locally sourced ingredients. He invited neighbors to a community alcohol-license meeting on December 9 from 7–8 PM at the restaurant and encouraged people to stop by and say hello during construction once the lease and liquor license are finalized.

For Planning and Economic Development (P&ED), Jim Winkle reported on behalf of chair Lisie Kitchel. The proposed mixed-use development at 999 South Park Street (near Paleo Mama) is currently at the Urban Design Commission for an informational review. Plans, which are available on Legistar, show a non-typical building with first-floor retail and parking and three floors of housing above. A detailed letter from Bay Creek residents and others has already been submitted to the city. Lisie will organize a separate P&ED meeting—likely in the coming weeks—for Bay Creek residents to review the plans, discuss concerns and support, and provide feedback to the Alder; Jim will assist with organizing.

In the Web and Communications report, Jim described increasing difficulty distinguishing legitimate list and Facebook applicants from spammers, including repeated “duct cleaning” solicitations.

Chris Wagner reported from the Bylaws Committee. Nineteen individual bylaw amendments have been proposed; each will be considered and voted on separately. The draft changes were reviewed at the November meeting, circulated via the listserv, and will appear in the upcoming Bay (Continued on page 7) Creek Bulletin so members can prepare for a potential vote at the January meeting. The next Bylaws Committee meeting will be held December 9 at the Goodman South Madison Library, with social time at 6:00 PM and the meeting beginning at 6:30 PM; Chris noted this conflicts with the restaurant's community meeting.

For the Transportation Committee, John R. reported that John Nolen Drive reconstruction is underway. The current bike route includes a minor detour at Broom **(Continued on page 7)**

# BCNA MEETING NOTES

## From page 6

Street and is expected to remain largely the same for about a year, with a shift to the “D2” configuration around the bay anticipated next summer. Paths are generally in good condition for biking, though some streets remain challenging, especially in frozen conditions. John has not seen any new Bus Rapid Transit updates beyond those previously shared by Tag and noted that nothing on the current Transportation Commission agenda appears to directly affect Bay Creek. He invited neighbors to contact him with transportation issues or questions.

Transportation (additional update): John R. reported on city planning for a new bike route along Fish Hatchery Road to connect the Cannonball Path to points north. Because the railroad opposes rapid-flashing beacons near the tracks, the preferred option routes the path on the west side of Fish Hatchery from the current Cannonball terminus near the Waste Management facility, running close to the street before shifting slightly away and crossing near the future Madison Police Station and Amoco. A diagonal crossing is planned at Carver, and the existing sidewalk in front of the U.S. Newspaper building and Wright Elementary would be widened to eight feet to function as a shared-use path. A separate bike bridge alongside the existing Fish Hatchery bridge is planned but may not be built until 2027; other elements of the project are targeted for completion in 2026.

Safety and policing: Manuel Ramminger reported that a 24-year-old pedestrian was struck by a vehicle at Fish Hatchery Road and High Street approximately two weeks prior. He observed emergency response at the scene and later confirmed via a police report that the victim is expected to recover. Manuel expressed concern that serious crashes can occur in the neighborhood without residents hearing about them and wondered how frequently such incidents happen. Jane noted an upcoming “Coffee with a Cop” session with the South District officer on Monday, December 15 at 10:00 AM at Rasta Barista in the Black Business Hub, where neighbors could potentially ask for more information. Chris Wagner added that she had seen a report indicating a 62-year-old driver was involved and wondered

whether the pedestrian had activated the flashing crosswalk beacon, emphasizing that while she uses the beacon, she does not rely on it for safety.

Newsletter: Natalie Eisner reported that her calls in recent editions of the Bulletin for a new editor yielded several responses, including strong interest from James, a newer neighbor and former journalist who now works nights. The group discussed process and timing; Jim Winkle noted that the Neighborhood Council typically votes to approve interim appointments, with formal elections held in March, but that appointments can be made at any time. Natalie plans to complete the current issue and likely the February issue, with James potentially taking over by March. She will email Council members with a proposed timeline and arrange for them to meet James—either in person or via video—before voting, likely at the January meeting. Jim and Jane thanked Natalie for her years of service and creative approach to the newsletter. Natalie said she appreciated the opportunity and is excited for James to bring fresh perspectives and different community connections to the role.

Program topics: Kirk Elliott reported back on a previous charge to invite Professor April Haynes, who has spoken on ICE activity in Madison, to address the group. He emailed her but did not receive a response and assumes she is unable or unwilling to attend. The item was effectively tabled unless members wish to pursue alternative speakers or follow-up.

Parks / Community space: Jim Winkle reported on the new outdoor game table project. Due to a miscommunication following a staff retirement in the Parks Department, the group learned late in the process that they were responsible for paying for the concrete pad under the table—an expense roughly equal to the cost of the planned bike repair stand. As a result, the bike repair stand was dropped from this phase of the project, but Bay Creek is now on the city’s list to receive a free repair stand in the next year or two. About a dozen neighbors pledged donations toward the project, some very generous, and Jim is in the process of collecting those contributions. The table and related elements are now installed and appear solid, with final details (such as buying chess, checkers, and other game pieces) still underway. A spring “grand opening” is being considered. Jim encouraged neighbors to use the table as a casual gathering place—inviting passersby to play chess, checkers, or backgammon—as a way to build community in a free, public space. ❖

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## BYLAWS From page 5

To:

**Contact Person:** receives and promptly shares communications affecting the neighborhood with the Neighborhood Council and the Bay Creek listserv.

Rationale:

“Communications” better reflects current contact practice; (almost all “mail” is now email.) Adding shared with the listserv codifies our general practice and makes us more open and transparent.

### 7) Area Representatives: Our Democratic Structure

Change:

All Bay Creek neighbors may nominate a candidate, or a household team of candidates who share a single Council

vote, to represent their area.

To:

All Bay Creek neighbors may volunteer or nominate a candidate to represent their area.

Rationale:

“Volunteering” more accurately represents the practice for filling positions, removing the requirement that someone else nominate a candidate. Cutting the “household team of candidates” clause ensures that every person’s vote counts; also, there was only ever one “team” and it was long ago.

### 9) Changing the Bylaws

Change:

Any general neighborhood meeting may amend the bylaws with a 2/3rds majority vote of Bay Creek neighbors present and voting if

the neighborhood newsletter, the Bay Creek Bulletin, provides advance notice of the amendments.

To:

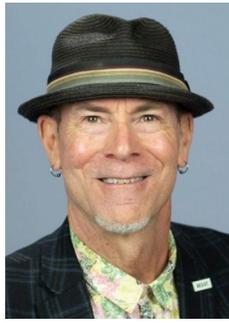
Changing the bylaws requires two votes: First, proposed bylaws amendments must pass a simple majority advisory vote at a general meeting. Once passed, they are published in the *Bay Creek Bulletin*. Finally, they must pass with a 2/3rd majority at a general meeting at least three weeks after publication.

Rationale:

They need to be reasonable before we encourage the whole n’hood to understand them by publishing them, not to mention displacing other Bulletin content. People will not be happy if they have to spend a lot of time researching something that’ll never pass. ❖

# ALDER REPORT

By Tag Evers



On September 28, Mayor Rhodes-Conway welcomed folks participating in the first Lake Wingra Loop Community Bike Ride. Thank you to our donors and volunteers—this event wouldn't have been possible without their support and hard work. We received funding from Friends of Lake Wingra, Dudgeon-Monroe Neighborhood Association, Greenbush Neighborhood Association, and Vilas Neighborhood Association. We also received donations from community members.

This event was created as a way to celebrate Lake Wingra and share the Lake Wingra Loop Online Story Map with the community. Over the past several years, a team of District 13 volunteers put a lot of time and energy into creating the Lake Wingra Loop Story Map. This team researched the history, ecology, and cultural significance of this incredible place, and were excited to share what they learned. The Story Map highlights the many ways Lake Wingra is special—its natural beauty, diverse ecosystems, rich heritage, and the vibrant communities that surround it.

We recognized the Lake Wingra Loop is located on Ho-Chunk land. Many of the highlighted sites share important Ho-Chunk stories, and we are grateful for their input in developing the Story Map.

While the event on September 28 has passed, the Loop is there for your enjoyment. On it, you'll see landscapes that have undergone dramatic ecological changes over time—and that

continue to feel the pressures of the urban environment. Yet, alongside these challenges, you'll also pass through natural areas and neighborhoods that are deeply invested in protecting the health and future of the lake.

As such, the Loop and the Story Map is about more than just enjoying a ride around the lake—it's a chance to learn, connect, and celebrate the beauty and resilience of Lake Wingra.

I encourage you to explore the Loop if you haven't already. I'm confident you will come away with a deeper appreciation of everything that makes Lake Wingra such a remarkable part of our community.

On a different note, Edgewood High School is seeking to upgrade their athletic facility, expanding the seating capacity of their bleachers and providing restrooms, a concession stand, and storage areas their current facility lacks. Notably, their proposal does not include lights.

A meeting with the president of Edgewood High School, Kevin Rea, and residents from Dudgeon-Monroe and Vilas was held on November 10. Residents expressed concerns about noise and possible increases in frequency of use.

The meeting was a positive step forward in my view, in that it was largely civil and respectful. I am hopeful that continued engagement will lead to an improved relationship between Edgewood and their neighbors.

Of more interest to Bay Creek, I'm told construction to finish out Maurer Urban Market's new grocery store is set to begin later this month. The delays have been enormously frustrating, but it does appear the store will in fact be open by next spring.

Wishing you the best during the holiday season and a happy and healthy new year! ❖

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# Neighborhood Events

Compiled by McKenna Ruzga

## ONGOING EVENTS

### Olin Park Drive-Thru Fantasy Lights

1156 Olin Court. Lights are on at dusk every night through December 3. Candy canes from 4:30pm to 10:00pm every night.

### Bernie's Beach Free Little Library & Game Table -

Installation of the Bernie's Beach BCNA grant is nearly complete! When warmer weather returns, come to the park for a game of chess, checkers, or backgammon. Game pieces will be in the Little Library in spring. Thanks to all who helped create this free space to connect and build community.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**December 3 - Bay Creek Neighborhood Association (BCNA) Meetings.** First Wednesday of Month. 6:00 pm. [baycreekmadison.org](http://baycreekmadison.org) has agenda and Zoom link.

**December 5 – Live at Lakeside St Coffee House**  
Lakeside Coffee · 402 W. Lakeside St.  
Performance by Avian Aura @ 7pm

**December 9 – Informational meeting for new restaurant "Friends Applaud"** 1602 Gilson Street 7-8pm  
Contact Adam and Sacha Benedetto with questions - 718.501.4306

**December 13 - Friends of Monona Bay Shoreline Cleanup**  
Meet at Brittingham Boats  
10am-12pm second Saturdays of every month

**December 13 – Live at Lakeside St Coffee House**  
Lakeside Coffee, 402 W. Lakeside St.  
Performance by The Honey Pies @ 7pm

**December 14 - Guided Bird & Nature Walks: Friends of Olin Turville (FOOT)** Second Sundays of the Month: 1:30pm. Meet at Turville Parking lot off John Nolen Dr

**December 18 – Live at Lakeside St Coffee House**  
Lakeside Coffee · 402 W. Lakeside St.  
Performance by Richard Wiegel @ 6:30pm

**December 20 – Live at Lakeside St Coffee House**  
Lakeside Coffee · 402 W. Lakeside St.  
Performance by Irish Jam Session @ 7pm

**January 7 - Bay Creek Neighborhood Association (BCNA) Meetings.**  
First Wednesday of Month. 6:00 pm. [baycreekmadison.org](http://baycreekmadison.org) has agenda and Zoom link.

**January 9 – Live at Lakeside St Coffee House**  
Lakeside Coffee · 402 W. Lakeside St.  
Performance by Cass Magpie @ 7pm

**January 10 - Friends of Monona Bay Shoreline Cleanup**  
Meet at Brittingham Boats  
10am-12pm second Saturdays of every month

**January 10 – Live at Lakeside St Coffee House**  
Lakeside Coffee · 402 W. Lakeside St.  
Performance by Tumbledown Shack @ 7pm

**January 11 - Guided Bird & Nature Walks Friends of Olin Turville (FOOT).**  
Second Sundays of the Month: 1:30pm.  
Meet at Turville Parking lot off John Nolen Dr

**January 16 – Live at Lakeside St Coffee House**  
Lakeside Coffee · 402 W. Lakeside St.  
Performance by Honey Pies @ 7pm

**January 17 – Live at Lakeside St Coffee House**  
Lakeside Coffee · 402 W. Lakeside St.  
Performance by Irish Jam Session @ 7pm

**January 21 – Neighborhood Potluck** 6pm at Bahai  
324 W. Lakeside St

**January 23 – Live at Lakeside St Coffee House**  
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Performance by Trio Soleil @ 7pm



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**Sunday Worship** Weekly at 10:30 AM  
**Christmas Eve Worship** December 24 at 5:00 PM

### Food Pantry Hours

**Thursdays from 5:00 to 7:00 PM**  
Closed December 25 & January 1  
**Fridays from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM**  
Open December 26 & January 2  
Main Entrance on Spruce Street  
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### Free Community Meal

**Every Friday, Noon-1:00pm: Hot Meals**  
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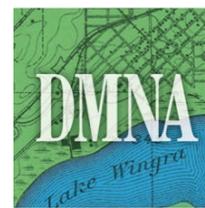
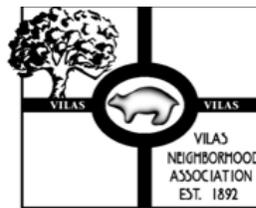
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## The Sewing Machine Project

Margaret Jankowski

The cart gives a th-wump as I heave it up and over the threshold of 1702 South Park Street. Loaded with donated sewing machines—the lifeblood of The Sewing Machine Project—the cart is weighty but purposeful. I've picked up the sewing machines at our two local donation sites here in Madison.

The Sewing Machine Project (SMP) only recently moved into what was once Thorstad Chevrolet, sharing the space with Madison's Textile Arts Center (TAC). We're excited to be here. The partnership with TAC is a natural, as both organizations are dedicated to taking in donated creative materials and using them to spread more creative juiciness in the community.

I push the cart towards the room we call 'home', a tidy space, loaded to the brim with donated sewing machines. Unloading the cart, I know our volunteers will meet these new machines with curiosity, checking them over to ensure they're in tip top shape.

The Sewing Machine Project has been around for 20 years, first sending machines halfway around the world to tsunami-ravaged Sri Lanka and India in early 2005, then turning our sights to New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. In the years since, we've broadened to become a national organization, serving nonprofits that have identified sewing as a way of "mending"

their communities, and sending them the tools—sewing machines—they need to make their programs sing.

In Madison we partner with area community centers,

serving clients they designate, with sewing machines and education.

We offer free mending at Hawthorne library (every other Wednesday, 12-2) and Central Library (every Thursday 10-12). The "Goodman Menders", a satellite mending program, operates out of Goodman Community Center (Tuesdays 9-11:30 and Wednesdays 5:30-7:30PM).

And now we are mending on South Park Street! Our newest mending site, at Goodman South Library opened Monday, November 3, running the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month from 4- 6PM. Mending is free and everyone is welcome.

Mending Lab, a collaboration of Textile Arts Center, The Sewing Machine Project, and Fibershed Hartland, is a new initiative, teaching mending skills. These free workshops will be offered at the TAC building at 1702 S. Park Street.

When people come together to sew, magic happens. We learn practical skills, of course, mending what we have and creating with our hands. But look more closely, something deeper is happening. People are connecting while their hands are busy—talking through lives and stories, helping one another. We are creating community. And we'd love it if you could join us.

The cart, relieved of its contents, takes its place back in the corner. Machines delivered and ready to be checked. A gift to a new owner, to be sure, but also a gift to the giver, as they know their machine will take on a new chapter.

For more information on The Sewing Machine Project, to volunteer or make a donation, please visit our website: <https://thesewingmachineproject.org/>

To get more details on the where and when of the Goodman South Library mending site, please visit: <https://www.madisonpubliclibrary.org/locations/goodman-south-madison-library>

For more info on the mending labs, please check out the Textile Arts Center website: <https://www.textileartsmadison.org> ❖

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**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 meals sites:** Meals are not free. We ask for a suggested donation of \$5 per meal. Please pay what you can afford.

Reservations are due two days in advance at all sites EXCEPT Goodman Community Center and Kavanaugh's Esquire Club (No reservations are required at these two locations)

Specific phone extensions have been added to contact each site to make a meal reservation for a much easier/better experience.

**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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## Bay Creek Neighborhood Association

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# A Song for Mother Nature

By Rebecca Rettenmund

*Editor's Note: If you find yourself on the corner of Emerson and Whittier after the snow thaws and summer is on its way you will notice quite a few vegetables growing in the sidewalk median. This is the work of Victoria Horn (who also puts together this bulletin). It's incredible and inspiring the amount of food she manages to grow on that tiny strip of soil. In early fall, when the mosquitoes are finally winding down but there are still some beautiful days left, she invites neighbors to share in her bounty at her annual Harvest Party. This was my first year attending and I got to watch the following story, written by her daughter, unfold:*

The guests of Mom's harvest party had already eaten a plateful of food from the outdoor banquet. They had settled down on lawn chairs in the driveway, watching the fire in the chimenea. A cheerful murmur hovered over the crowd, the general sound of people enjoying themselves. I found Mom sitting next to the garage, her conversation lost in the murmur.

She had no idea what I was about to do.

Suddenly the guests turned their attention to the funny sound. I had originally planned to honk a horn, because Horn is Mom's last name, but I never ended up finding one. Instead, I used a duck call I got from riding the ducks in the Dells. The quacks did the job well enough, and now all eyes were on me.

"Hear ye, hear ye. I'm making an announcement." I point at Mom. "In honor of my mom, Victoria Horn and her annual harvest party, I made a song. The name is 'It's Harvest Time'. I wrote the lyrics and my father-in-law Kelvin Schroeder wrote the tune. I'm going to pass out copies of the lyrics so people can follow along."

Mom jumped up and said. "We should record this."

She gave her phone to a friend so they could handle the video while Mom had the freedom to enjoy the performance.

My husband Isaiah pressed play on my laptop, and the song came to life. Though the original idea was mine, it wouldn't have been possible without my father-in-law. He took my poem and made the

## It's Harvest Time

At Emerson and Whittier  
Her garden couldn't be prettier  
Tucked between the bay and creek  
Look! Her peaches began to peak!

You'll know her by those denim skorts  
They're one half skirt and one half shorts  
She digs around into the ground  
Her thumbs have turned from green to brown

Hear the Horns, it's harvest time  
At Mother Nature's yard  
Can't share the wealth all by herself  
She's growing food for people's health

The bugs here weigh at least a ton  
But don't worry your pretty head  
They're not a pain to potty train  
If you keep them fully fed

Come feast your eyes on pumpkin pies  
Lasagna piping hot  
Tomatoes jarred right from her yard  
Bring the biggest plate you got!



Hear the Horns, it's harvest time  
At Mother Nature's yard  
Can't share the wealth all by herself  
She's growing food for people's health

Don't decline her sparkling wine  
It's like drinking honey rain  
The grapes were picked right from her vine  
Just don't be callin' it champagne!

Don't take for granted what's enchanted  
Your worries'll melt away  
If you come to stay, you'll hear her say:  
Grow right where you're planted

Hear the Horns, it's harvest time  
At Mother Nature's yard  
Can't share the wealth all by herself  
Can't share the wealth all by herself  
Can't share the wealth all by herself  
That's why she works so hard

song possible in his home recording studio. Kelvin sang lead himself, while his friend Michael sang backup. In addition, both of them created musical tracks on guitar, mandolin and penny whistle.

I had practiced singing the cheery folk song many times, but I still needed to read the lyrics. Halfway through the performance, I looked up and saw Mom staring at the page, a tear rolling down her cheek. She's not the kind of person that cries easily, and it warmed my heart to see my surprise had such a profound effect on her.

After the song was over, I watched Mom play the recording for guests that had missed the performance. I gave her the musical score so her guitar group could learn to play the song too. Mom was so thrilled. She said: "Making a song is the best gift. It doesn't take up any room, and you can enjoy it and share it for years to come." You can hear the song at <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-7Kzoxab7dpt-4GviYQMRiIM1IN0KVD9P/view?usp=sharing> ❖

## Joke Word Find Puzzle

By Stanley Rubio Jackson

Find the words in this joke: Up, Down, Diagonally, Forwards, Backwards, and Overlapping. (Find repeat words once. (Answer on page 3)

**Some people say being a waiter is a bad job. But, hey, it puts food on the table.**

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