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Meet Madison Developer Julian Walters

By Stanley Rubio Jackson

[Editor’s Note: In October, developer Julian Walters’s proposed “Park Lofts” for 1202 South Park St. won the City’s approval for its forward looking goals of providing homes and services to youth aging out of foster care, building “workforce” housing for moderate income people, and achieving environmental sustainability. Here he speaks about his Madison roots, purposes, and inspiration.]

Julian grew up off Park St. just south of Bay Creek in Bram’s Addition, “going to the Boys and Girls Club after school, playing for the South Side Raiders football team.” He attended Lincoln Elementary, Wright Middle, and Vel Phillips Memorial High School – where he both chaired the committee to rename the school (after the first black woman to serve as a Wisconsin

state legislator) and addressed his graduating class as keynote speaker. After high school, Julian earned his B.S. in Marketing while playing basketball at Alabama A+M University.

After college, Julian “played professional basketball in Albania and Finland before returning home to work for the Urban League of Greater Madison and the Commonwealth Development Corporation as a project manager.” He also founded the south Madison philanthropy

[Ju-Ju’s Annual Block Party](#), which this year gave neighbors 300 school backpacks, \$500 of gift certificates, and a \$2,000 dollar UW–Madison scholarship. Julian’s experience with an Urban League [program](#) that offers housing opportunities to the BIPOC (Black Indigenous and People of Color) community taught him about Wisconsin’s housing market and encouraged him to start his own company, JW Realty and Investment, and form Eminent Development to oversee the Park Lofts project.

Growing up in subsidized housing, Julian knows firsthand the importance of affordable housing. He notes, some people have attached a stigma to these programs, but this support helped his family provide a steady environment for him to pursue his goals. Julian is also a graduate of the foster care system. Citing studies that show a correlation between home stability and greater life success, Julian sees reasonable rents as key to both saving for a home and “enjoying everything Madison has to offer.” **(Continued on page 4)**

In Madison, Red Means Go

By Katie Nash

I have vivid memories of my kindergarten teacher, Ms. Swan. She gave us the warmest and most welcoming hugs the first day we stepped tentatively into her classroom *and* she had a giant spotlight in a corner of her classroom. She used it to teach us that red means stop, yellow means slow, and green means go. I’ve lived in three different states and Madison, Wisconsin is the most bicycle-friendly place – I love it! But I’m appalled by the number of automobile drivers who run red lights here, especially around Bay Creek. Numerous families and kids live in the neighborhood, making this behavior extremely unsafe for everyone!

I don’t have hard stats to show how many drivers run red lights, but as both a driver and a dedicated bike commuter and distance cyclist, I do have firsthand experience. When I’m driving, I notice people running stop signs or red lights; when I’m bicycling, I’m keenly attentive to such violations. The number of cars running red lights has increased each year. I’m seriously concerned – the disregard for red lights is dangerous for pedestrians, bicyclists, and drivers.

I began to feel frustrated, agitated, and confused about this egregious behavior so I started recording drivers running red lights in real time using a camera on my helmet. (You can view my videos on [YouTube https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCjScvYiDZ7PNp0X7qUvg.og](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCjScvYiDZ7PNp0X7qUvg.og).) I also did research and found accident maps in the yearly City of Madison Crash Facts Report on their [Vision Zero Safety Data](#) page. **(Continued on page 2)**

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BAY CREEK BILLBOARD

Bay Creek Neighborhood Association (BCNA) Meetings.
First Wednesday of Month. 6:00 pm. baycreekmadison.org has agenda and Zoom link.

Guided Nature Walks: Friends of Olin Turville (FOOT).
Second Sundays of the Month: 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;
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Monona Bay Shoreline Clean-up – Friends of Monona Bay. Second Saturdays of the Month: 10:00 am–12:00 pm.
Information Contact: Nina: ninaj@wisc.edu, (608) 698-9708.

“El Chisme” Food Truck Celebrates Becoming Worker Co-op at Labor Temple

By Ben Varik, Frida Ballard, Stanley Rubio Jackson

Ben Varik reports from Madison [Labor Temple’s](#) Park St. front lawn, “A light drizzle couldn’t hold back the crowds and delicious flavors at the [El Chisme](#) food truck on Wednesday afternoon [October 25]. I had a bowl of elote (Mexican street corn with mayo, cheese, and chile powder) and al pastor tacos (pork), washed down with a warm horchata (warm, sweet rice and cinnamon drink). The event was launching the local workers cooperative and folks were handing out informational flyers. The food was delicious, the scene was lively, and conversation was flowing: a great afternoon treat.”

Frida Ballard of [Worker Justice Wisconsin](#) (located in the Labor Temple) explains El Chisme’s motivation for transitioning from a “family-owned and run business” that “hires additional help during the busy summer season” to a Worker Co-operative: El Chisme has served Madison for 8 years and decided to become a Co-op because “they already worked in an equitable way,” distributing “responsibilities and earnings depending on the work put in.” As they considered their future – “benefits, retirement,” and business sustainability – they wanted the “additional union and co-op support” that they would receive as “a pro-worker company.”

What is a “Worker Co-operative”? Worker Justice Wisconsin [defines](#) a worker cooperative as “a values-driven business that puts worker and community benefit at the core of its purpose... Workers own the business, and they participate in its financial success on the basis of their labor contribution to the cooperative. Workers have representation on and vote for the board of directors, adhering to the principle of one worker, one vote.” Worker Justice Wisconsin grew out of the

merger of the Interfaith Coalition for Worker Justice and the Workers’ Rights Center in 2018.

Frida notes, Worker Justice makes “the process of co-op development accessible to [Latine](#) workers, both linguistically and culturally. This is why we focus on this population in particular – there’s so much exploitation of the Latine working class, so they have everything to gain from cooperatives.” She adds, “The Madison cooperative scene also has a lot to learn from the Latine community in order to be more accessible to non-English speakers, immigrants, and young people. I hope that we can help foster a multinational coalition of cooperators in Madison one day, with shared knowledge and resources!”

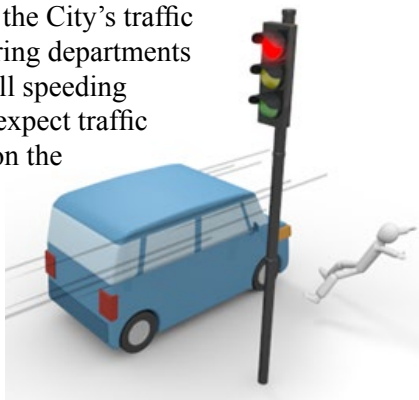
You can try their menu and support El Chisme by visiting them at [5800 Raymond Rd.](#), near the Meadowridge Library, 5pm – 8pm, Monday through Friday. Or by ordering for events by calling Lupita at (608) 209-4184. ❖



People line up on Park St. for El Chisme’s Mexican meals!

RED MEANS GO From page 1

It’s unreasonable to expect the City’s traffic and transportation engineering departments to design streets that stop all speeding and signal violations or to expect traffic enforcement to fall solely on the shoulders of the Madison Police Department. We need multiple ways to help curtail the rampant number of cars running red lights. Current state law makes it illegal to use any sort of automated enforcement – such as cameras commonly used in many other cities and states – to enforce speed and traffic signal violations. In March 2023, [Assembly Bill 85](#) (AB85) was introduced to the Wisconsin Legislature to modify the law, providing a glimmer of hope that technology can help reduce speed and traffic signal violations.



Fellow Bay Creek neighbors, let’s take action together.

- Write local politicians expressing your concern about increasing traffic signal violations (especially automobiles running red lights) and your support for Assembly Bill 85
- Write local leaders and government agencies who focus on transportation, traffic safety, and pedestrian and cycling issues – ask them what is being done about traffic signal violations. Express how unsafe this behavior is for pedestrians and bicyclists and ask how you can get involved to help make change.
- Write the Wisconsin Bike Federation: <https://wisconsinbike-fed.org/staff/> to make them more aware of this issue and ask them to lobby for and support Assembly Bill 85
- Be a respectful pedestrian and bicyclist – lead by example and follow traffic signals. Spread the word: tell your friends and family about this growing problem. Let’s make sure this city remains one of the top bicycle friendly places in the nation!

Contact me with questions and/or for resources I’ve compiled knash13@gmail.com. ❖

ALDER REPORT

By Tag Evers

City's 2024 Budget Approved

The Common Council passed the [City's 2024 Budget](#) on November 14. The budget will fund the north-south Bus Rapid Transit line, new bike and pedestrian paths, construction of the library's Imagination Center, wage increases for city employees, and several new staff positions. Alders also approved amendments to fund an expansion to the Warner Park community center and build a tunnel underneath John Nolen Drive for cyclists and pedestrians. Further highlights:

- Continued support to expand the [CARES](#) program, including investments in staffing and vehicles, to support the program's growth.
- A citywide public information officer to help engage and respond to residents about City services, which was a top priority of the City's Neighborhood Resource Teams.
- Another annual increase to the City's affordable housing fund, providing \$94.5 million over six years - an increase of over 60 percent from the 2023 Capital Improvement Plan.
- Continued investment in solar, geothermal, and electric vehicle charging projects and acquisitions, with the support of over \$13 million in federal tax credits from the Inflation Reduction Act.

Noise Ordinance Update

I'm working with staff to review our current noise ordinance. A loud outdoor party in the Dudgeon-Monroe neighborhood this fall with amplified sound surprised many nearby residents, particularly when it was allowed to continue to 11pm. It seems clear to me there should be some sort of notification



process by which the district alder is informed ahead of time, allowing the alder to then to notify nearby residents. Reasonable time restrictions, more like 10pm on weekends, should also be considered moving forward. In the future, if there is a loud party disturbing your peace, please call MPD's non-emergency number: 608.255.2345.

Grocery Store Update

Last summer, a neighborhood meeting was held with Kristi Maurer of Maurer Urban Markets to go over her plans for the new grocery store on S. Park St. At that time, the hope was construction would start in early fall and be completed in time to open the store by the end of the year. That obviously did not happen, as several factors delayed the onset of construction. The City has continued to work toward the completion of the grocery store space and Pick 'n Save remains committed to staying in place until the new store is open. Meanwhile, the 150 units of affordable residential housing above the store are now complete and nearly fully occupied. Kristi Maurer is finalizing the design of the store and completing the remaining items necessary to secure financing for the build out and construction of the grocery store space. The City, the grocer, and the development team of Rule and Movin' Out are working collaboratively to ensure the final technical details of the store design are finalized in late November / early December so that build out can commence in earnest early in 2024.

Best wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season. ❖

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Bay Creek's Fairtrade Connection By Stanley Rubio Jackson

I first learned about [Ethical Trade Co](#) when my youngest and I dropped into its former Park St. storefront and bought a cool wallet made in Cambodia from recycled bike tires. The shop has since moved to Madison's East Side, operating out of the [Eastmorland Community Center](#), but the co-founder and neighborhood activist, Manuel Ramminger, still lives in Bay Creek. He told me about Ethical Trade Co, its inspiration, and how to help the work against exploitation.

As a business, Manuel, of course, wants you to remember the store this year as "you are thinking about gifts for your loved ones." He notes that they carry a wide array of lovely and practical products: "bags and satchels, jewelry, merino wool hats and scarves, coffee, chocolate, bath and body products."

But Manuel and his business partner James's vision may also move you to stop in or check them out online. Manuel relays that Ethical Trade Co had its roots in the extreme exploitation they learned about while traveling internationally. He explains, "We were heartbroken by the desperation many fami-

lies felt;" traffickers would "promise to give their daughters an education and offer them a job so they could send money back to their families" only to tell them afterward that "they owed them money for travel, education, and housing." In the end, the traffickers forced the children to "work off this 'debt'" "basically enslaving them."

To empower artisans and farmers, to boost trade relationships that "provide a livable wage in artisans' respective communities," Manuel and James created Ethical Trade Co, "a donor funded nonprofit that opens Western markets to our suppliers." Manuel notes the power of, "creating dignified jobs where people can take care of their families financially."

The store can be found [online https://ethicaltradeco.com](https://ethicaltradeco.com) (currently featuring Ukrainian tableware) or you can shop in person at [3565 Tulane Ave.](#), Wednesdays through Saturdays from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Because Manuel lives in the neighborhood, he will happily hand deliver purchases to Bay Creek. ❖

DEVELOPER From page 1

With this development, he wants to "provide the same opportunities he had to others." A third of the apartments will be dedicated to young people aging out of foster care – youth who disproportionately end up homeless – the rest are reserved for people earning below 60% of the Area Median Income. Julian notes, that includes a lot of entry level employees – teachers, firefighters, police – who otherwise could not afford Madison's rents. Planners use the term "income eligible housing" to describe targeting certain salary levels like this, and Julian's point is to give working families relief from Madison's tight housing market.

Energy efficiency will be another way he sees saving tenants money while protecting the environment. Julian is working ahead of time with Wisconsin's [Focus on Energy](#) to develop three conservation option levels to design environmental sustainability into the project from the start. The goal is a net zero carbon emissions building – including "solar rooftop and all electric utilities" – that won't compromise the affordability goals.

Finally, Julian sums up that he sees the project as investing in the residents. He wants quality, safe, affordable, and environmentally sustainable homes to contribute to people's empowerment and a more equitable Madison ❖

Park Lofts at a Glance

- 5 stories tall; 18,000 Square Feet
- 43 apartments – studios to two bedrooms;
- 15 apartments dedicated to youth (ages 18-24) leaving the foster care system;
- 28 apartments dedicated to "income eligible" households earning less than 60% of the Area Median Income (AMI).
- JustDane provides on-site support services;
- Lutheran Social Services provides Property Management
- 19 parking spaces entered from High St.
- Construction scheduled fall 2024.
- Move in scheduled fall 2025.



Want to write for the Bay Creek Bulletin?

It's easy! All you have to do is live in Bay Creek, write something, put your name on it, and send it to your editor: stanleybcb.editor@gmail.com.

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Debbie and Betty's House

By Pastor Lisa Nelson (St Mark's Lutheran Church, Spruce and Hickory, where you're always welcome.)

Debbie Thorp has lived in Bay Creek practically her whole life, growing up in an old house with Wisconsin largest and oldest white oak in its front yard. Before she was born, her parents, Duane and Betty Smith, lived upstairs with her older brother while two other families of five lived downstairs in separate apartments; they all shared the house's one bathroom – upstairs.

In 1950, Debbie's parents bought the house and installed a downstairs bathroom where the interior staircase was, leaving the exterior entrance to the upstairs to rent it separately. Debbie and her sister, Donna, were born after that. Debbie recalls, "When I was growing up, there were a lot of empty lots in the neighborhood. I was probably 3 when my brother and a bunch of neighborhood kids were collecting garter snakes. They had a box with a bunch of snakes in it. I thought they were really great and dug in with my hands. Mom saw from the window and started screaming for my Dad to go and save me. He did, of course. Mom wouldn't save me. Hahaha. She hated snakes. Wouldn't even look at pictures of them. I always gave her a hard time about not 'saving' me."

Debbie moved out when she was 18, but when her dad passed away 18 years later, she moved back in with her teenage daughter, Dawn. Dawn finished growing up in the house and moved out, but after her husband passed away returned with her own teenage daughter. Betty was quite old by then and the three generations of women took care of her until she passed away in 2021.

Debbie remembers the stories Betty used to tell them about the Depression. Everyone was poor back then, or so it seemed, and Betty shared how excited they were when they got an orange for Christmas. That was the only orange they got all year. When asked what keeps her up at night, Debbie said, "World leaders who have their own agenda and don't care about people." But that doesn't stop her from loving her house, her job at Books4Schools, and especially her family.

Debbie has four grandchildren, Jason, Hannah, Rachel, and Patrick, and she loves them with the love only a grandpar-



ent can give. She's proud of them all and loves to go to UW volleyball games and craft fairs with the girls. Debbie also loves Bay Creek, especially the older homes and older trees that make the neighborhood feel cozy. She says it's quiet and friendly, and she likes to see people out riding bicycles and walking their dogs.

You can recognize her house by the giant tree in her yard, estimated to be 200 to 300 years old. What I like about Debbie's story is that her mom lived to a ripe old age in an old house with a much older tree. Old is beautiful and reassuring and feels like home. ❖



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BEDTIME STORY

By Robert Koehler

In a pink tutu
bucking the current
the salmon
leaps off the page
to swim
in the sleepy calm
of her eyes
In formal attire
as it backstrokes
the penguin
kicks a beach ball
over the fold
where breath held
she hurries me
In a pristine
ermine overcoat
the polar bear
ambles towards
"The End" as
beyond the print
she follows

— Robert Koehler is a Bay
Creek neighbor and poet.

See his work at:

robertupatdawn.wordpress.com

BOOK REVIEW

By Robert Koehler

What Makes Sammy Run / Budd Schulberg

What Makes Sammy Run, published in 1941, is fast paced, never dull, and funny, while at the same time it's a serious character study on the desire for success at any cost in this country. Upon introduction, Sammy Glick is a cub news reporter with big dreams at a New York City newspaper. Always on the run, intent on making a name for himself, he rises from humble beginnings to become a kingpin in Hollywood. To do so, he unabashedly double-crosses and stabs other professionals in the back to advance his own career. It does not bother him in the least that in his wake he leaves wrecked careers and promises broken.

The novel's narrator is Al Mannheim, a reporter who first meets Sammy in the newsroom and later follows him to Hollywood where, in fascination, he watches his climb to the top at a movie studio. Even though Mannheim is repulsed by the tactics Glick uses to get ahead, somehow he finds himself adopted as Sammy's one and only friend. Mannheim in this story is the voice of conscience, intent on solving the puzzle of "what makes Sammy run." The tale he presents is not only of the man himself, but also a critique of the desire to get ahead no matter who gets stepped on in the process.

Sammy is a despicable person, and as such is a classic anti-hero who has intrigued readers in the generations since the book's publication. This is the tale of a person who has blinded himself from self-reflection and who is unable to stop running to enjoy the fruits of his labors. Sammy's greatest fear is that if he does slow down, he will be overthrown by someone even more ruthless. This was Budd Schulberg's first novel, and its immediate success made his career as a writer. Having been raised in a family involved in film making, he knows the industry well, and the funny potshots he takes at the mystique of Hollywood carry a truthful sting. The novel is a delight to read, and beneath the surface, is a sobering one as well.

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Goodbyes

After many years and three Park St. locations in Bay Creek, [Rockabetty's Salon and Spa](#) is reopening seven blocks south of its current space. (Angie is emailing directions to clients – still no drop-ins.)

Another Bay Creek institution is leaving the neighborhood – barely: [Nutzy Mutz and Crazy Catz](#) will relocate from its 900 sq ft. Lakeside St. store to a 4,000 sq ft. space just south of Wingra Creek, 1709 S. Park. Even if technically out of the neighborhood, both will remain in our hearts.



Former business at end of Lakeside St. (Building still stands next to Tricky Foods and The Post.)

MGE WINTER SAFETY TIPS

NATURAL GAS SAFETY

MGE adds a distinctive, harmless chemical odor to natural gas. The “rotten egg or rotten cabbage,” sulfur-based odor helps detect gas leaks: If you smell natural gas, evacuate the area immediately and call MGE’s Emergency Response Line at (608) 252-1111.

- Do not touch anything that might create a spark (light switch, telephone, cell phone, garage opener, etc.)
- If your furnace or appliance pilot light is out, read the manufacturer’s instructions so you know what type of ignition it has. Check instructions and follow them exactly as described. If unsure what to do, call a qualified service technician.

CARBON MONOXIDE SAFETY

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a clear, odorless gas produced by burning fuels like natural gas, propane, oil, wood, kerosene or charcoal. At high levels, CO can kill a person in minutes. Fetuses, infants, older adults, and people with anemia or a history of heart or respiratory disease can be especially susceptible.

Common CO causes:

- Fuel-burning appliances not vented properly or used incorrectly, including gas ranges/ovens, water heaters, furnaces, clothes dryers, etc.
- Gasoline-powered snow blowers, emergency generators, lawn mowers, etc.
- Idling cars.
- Charcoal or gas grills.

Symptoms of CO poisoning:

- Low levels: shortness of breath, nausea or headaches.
- Moderate levels: severe headaches, dizziness, confusion, nausea or fainting.
- Moderate levels: over a long time period can cause death.

Many CO poisoning symptoms look like the flu, food poisoning, or other illnesses. If you think CO poisoning is causing you to have symptoms, leave the house to get fresh air immediately, call 911, and seek medical attention.

Steps to prevent CO poisoning

- Have a trained professional inspect appliances and equipment that burn fuels such as natural gas, propane, oil or wood at the beginning of every heating season. This includes your furnace, water heater, range, oven, dryer, space heater and fireplace.

Explore Bay Creek Transportation Issues

BCNA’s Transportation Committee is looking for neighbors interested in exploring transportation issues in Bay Creek and Madison, from residential street traffic calming to public transit access and the proposed N/S BRT. If you are interested in joining or have an issue you would like to see this committee address, please contact Carrie Rothburd, Transportation Chair: crothburd@gmail.com

- Purchase and install “Underwriters Laboratories (UL)” approved CO alarms. Do not use an alarm as a substitute for proper use and maintenance of your appliances and equipment.
- Make sure your home’s exhaust vents, flues and chimneys work properly.
- Don’t use a gas oven to heat your home, even for a short time.
- Don’t use a charcoal grill indoors, even in a fireplace.
- Don’t ignore symptoms, especially if more than one person has them. If you do nothing, you could lose consciousness and die.

Keep Your Vents and Meters Clear of Ice and Snow

Keep the area around gas meter equipment clear of snow and ice. Carefully remove heavy snow and ice by hand to avoid damaging the meter. Blocked vents also can cause furnaces and water heaters to shut down, potentially leading to carbon monoxide buildup or costly service calls. Use a long screwdriver to carefully clear snow and ice from the end of pipes.

Visit mge.com for more gas and electric safety information.

BCNA Meeting Summaries: August, September, October

(Based on Cindy McCallum's generously supplied notes)

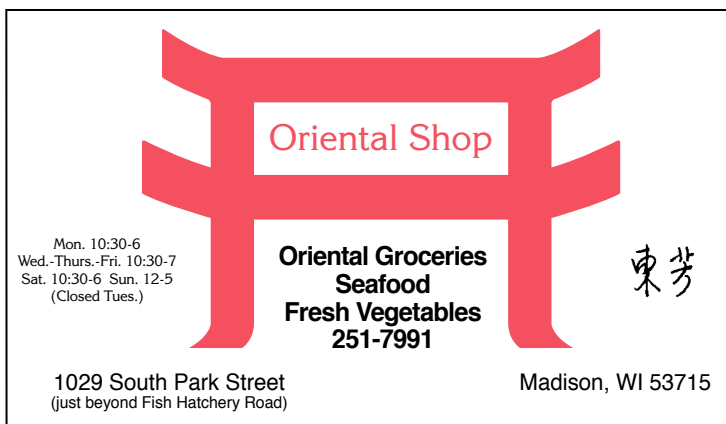
August. Meetings switched to first Wednesday of month, 6:30 pm [Time switched to 6pm]. Cheramy Builders permit sought for (partial) **617 Lakeside St.** demolition. No variance needed less than 30' from the street. They are trying to keep the large tree. John Vogt discussed **1202 S. Park St.** Youth Centered Housing. [Final accepted proposal has 43 units, 15 for youth aging out of the foster care system.] Youth receive case management till 21yrs. Onsite support – typically an office – provided. Height not finalized. Dane County Health and Social Services will help them graduate or get their GED. Lisie reports: “The Post” (**former Lakeside St. VFW**) move-in begun. Tricky Foods not yet open. McGrath **Coliseum Bar** replacement on hold. UDC didn't approve **Starbucks'** proposal for old **Arby's**. 2018 **AEC plan** restarting post-COVID. Initial meeting with “a few of us” including Jeff Richter, Board Supervisor Chuck Erickson. Bram's Addition has no email list, making communication about AEC more difficult. The City praised our newsletter. Friends of Olin Turville (FOOT) September concerts Thursday nights: dancing switch to cooler spring. Ice cream social: orchard area; 8/26, 1-3. Good Neighbor Gathering Sunday, September 9/10. Grocer Kristie Mauer supposed to attend St. Mark's cookout 9/28.

September. No agenda items submitted. **Announcements:** Good Neighbor Gathering happens Sunday. Friends of Monona Bay (FOMB) starts 11:30 cleanup at Bernie's and Wingra Boats. No previous meeting minutes to vote on. Newsletter deadline announced. FOOT: Cris Plata performs Thursday 6-8 pm. **Alder Tag update:** City ordinance change allows pet pigs; Plan Commission referred Starbucks proposal – (Tag and developer to speak, return to Plan next week.) Tag participating in a special planning meeting to update comprehensive plan. Working with Downtown, Inc. Regent St. Jensen Auto replacement will have 5 stories. Tag supports Park St. changes. Viewshed subcommittee to protect Lake Wingra views will consider building materials, lighting. 1202 Park St. meeting 9/14 has 3 proposals;

college students don't qualify for income restricted housing. Question: What about families of 3 or 4? CDA redevelopment of Badger Rd. and Park St. corner block in very early stage.

October. Alder Tag update: BCNA's first Wednesday of month meetings conflict for Tag with two other NAs meeting. **6 pm time adopted for future meetings** to accommodate him. Tag submits “budget season” request for Wingra Triangle mini park, placing it on “horizon list;” asks for BCNA support letter of Truman Olson pocket park. Not every major development needs a pocket park, but restrict access to nearby parks and green space by because two major streets (Park and Fish Hatchery) make this development a special case. **1202 S. Park St.** developer chosen: J.W Realty. Fish Hatchery and High St. intersection will receive flashing light bar by year-end or March. Overture lower level Art Exhibit called “Garbology.” Tag Supports BRT and TOD. Lower cost apartments at Park Cedar occupied. Badger Rd/Park St. block redevelopment: building height debate happening.

Discussions: Increasing **Bulletin advertisers.** Create a business card or flyer to accompany question/request for businesses to advertise? Create a mailer to send businesses? How much would this cost? Cindy M. offered envelopes if we decide on a mailer. Greenbush has no newsletter. John will research other Neighborhood newsletters advertising rates. Take advantage of holidays coming up? Cindy M. volunteered to ask Heather from planning and Tag about directory of nearby businesses: George's Flowers to (restaurant) Silk Rd. St. Mary's stopped advertising in Bulletin when they became SSM headquartered in St. Louis. Kirstin will find out whether Trinity Methodist will advertise. **BRT** plan goes down center of Park St. We would lose mature trees. City suggests canopy trees in new, wider terraces. South-North BRT is budgeted, but not allocated. Park St. could be reconstructed next year or in 4 years. Current House of Representatives problems could affect funding. The city requested BCNA support for a [federally funded](#) “SMART technology” study on protecting Park St. pedestrian/cyclists with [SMART traffic signals](#). Judy presented Carrie's written opposition. Carrie supported low-cost “stop signs and traffic calming” that have cut Park St. accidents already. Judy expressed concern that flashing lights warn drivers, but could cause distraction. Cindy concurred adding, with the timing of Park St. reconstruction in flux, it seems Park St. wouldn't be a good place to pilot it. Stanley felt if technology reduced accidents, the city would figure out funding; he requested the city material be shared. Finally, Grocer Kristie Mauer couldn't attend St. Mark's supper; Cindy M. volunteered to facilitate next meeting. ❖



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Nastia in front of her art.

Bay Creek Artists in Gallery Night

At least four neighborhood artist joined [Gallery Night](#):

Local engraver, [Rebecca Rettenmund](#); Daina Zemliauskas of [Lost Marble Studio](#); Amy Mietzel of [Bare Knuckle Arts](#) (right here on Lakeside St.!) who reports, “It was a huge success;” and [Nastia Craig](#), pictured that night with her art. Watch for Spring 2024 Gallery Night Friday, May 3.

Neighborhood Events

Lakeside St Coffee House Events

Bar Opens at 5:30 p.m.

Fri Dec 1	Tumbledown Shack 7pm
Fri Dec 8	Les Cordes Blue (Jazz Trio) 7pm
Sat Dec 9	Irish Jam Session 7pm
Fri Dec 15	Honey Pies 7pm
Sat Dec 16	Richard Weigel 6:30 pm
Fri Dec 22	Classical Guitar Society 7pm
Sat Nov 3	Honey Pies 7pm
Dec 24–26	Closed
Fri Jan 5	Tumbledown Shack 7pm
Fri Jan 12	Gaines and Wagoner 7pm
Sat Jan 13	Irish Jam Session 7pm
Fri Jan 19	Trio Soleil 7pm
Sat Jan 20	Vox Strings Quartet 7pm
Fri Jan 26	The Honey Pies 7pm
Fri Feb 2	Classical Guitar Society 7pm
Fri Feb 9	Les Cordes en Blue (Jazz Trio)

City

12/23 Ramen Station 1124 S. Park Alcohol Application
Alcohol License Review Committee 5:30 pm Zoom

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2024 Budget Bolster's Dane County's Social Safety Net

By Dane County Executive Joe Parisi



This fall, I joined partners from across the Dane County community to introduce my 2024 budget proposal. It makes investments in the emergency food supply, mental health, services for the most vulnerable, and more to bolster our community's social safety net.

Millions in new support is included for local food pantries, as they continue to see an increase in service demands. Dane County's popular Farm to Foodbank program, which links local farmers and growers with the area's network of food pantries and is administered by Second Harvest Foodbank of South-Central Wisconsin, will continue in 2024. The budget also includes funding for Badger Prairie Needs Network to expand a food storage warehouse and

for Extended Hands Pantry to focus on providing ethnic and culturally appropriate foods.

These funds are in addition to a grant program that will expand the CARES mobile crisis program to communities outside of Madison. My 2024 budget also creates a new pilot team of crisis counselors directly embedded in Dane County's 911 Center to help work with those experiencing a behavioral health emergency. This new team will provide frontline behavioral health support to those in crisis, reducing the need for in-person responses by mobile crisis teams or law enforcement.

Anticipated funds from the national opiate settlement will be allocated to confront the ongoing scourge of opiate and fentanyl addiction in our community. I'm also setting aside another \$1.5 million in county funds to support the City of Madison in constructing a purpose-built emergency overnight shelter for men experiencing homelessness. The funds bring Dane County's total investment in the facility to \$10.5 million. In 2024, Dane County will build on past successes and invest in new opportunities to make a substantive difference for our residents. Learn more about the budget at www.countyofdane.com. ❖



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Make Words Answers

6 Letter Words: appall, poplar, lollop, pallor, parlor

5 Letter Words: papal, orlop, polar

4 Letter Words: papa, plop, poop, prop, loop, opal, pall, poll, polo, pool, poor, loll, olla, oral, roar, roll

3 Letter Words: app, pap, pop, alp, lap, lop, pal, par, pol, poo, pro, rap, ala, all, lar, loo, oar;

2 Letter Words: pa, la, lo, or.

Crossword Answer

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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 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)

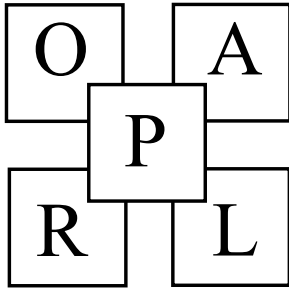
By Stanley Rubio Jackson

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

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

Two letter minimum.

There are at least 45 words; 32 use the letter P.



December Joke Word Find

Puzzle by Stanley Rubio Jackson

Find the words in this joke: Up, Down, Diagonally, Forwards, and Backwards. (Find repeat words once)

“When searching for something, why is it always in the last place you look?”

Because after finding it, you stop looking.”

(Answers on Page 11)



Wisconsin Salt Awareness Week: January 22 – 26, 2024

Our use of salt on our sidewalks, parking lots, and roadways has an impact on our lakes. We rely on salt to keep our roads safe in the winter and to soften water in our homes year-round, but using more salt than is needed comes with a heavy price. In Wisconsin and much of the United States, the sodium and chloride from salt is infiltrating into our lakes, streams, and groundwater.

[Saltwise](#) in Wisconsin has lots of good information on responsible salt use and alternatives: Watch their guide [here](#). WI Salt Wise is a coalition of organizations from across Wisconsin working together to reduce salt pollution in our lakes, streams, and drinking water. Their primary goals are to educate residents, leaders, and winter maintenance professionals on salt pollution and solutions, provide training and promote best practices to reduce salt pollution, and recognize contractors committed to using the right amount of salt for conditions.

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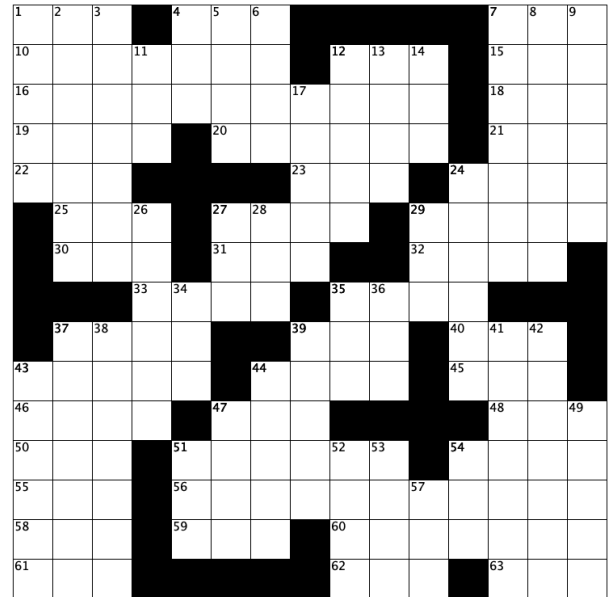
Remember when applying salt, less is more and when possible, salt alternatives are better for water quality in our lakes.

Holly Days Crossword Puzzle (Solution on page 11)

By Jennifer Vernon

ACROSS

1. Barbecue leftover
4. Antismuggling org.
7. Ballfield thefts: Abbr.
10. Apparition
12. Calculator display, for short
15. Corp. bigwig
16. Resolution time
18. Doctors' grp.
19. Antlered grazers
20. Switch type
21. Metal container
22. "Baby Cobra" comic Wong
23. Charged particle
24. Faction
25. Solicit
27. In need of patching
29. Annual Jan. honoree
30. Sigma follower
31. Body art, slangily
32. Sandwich seller
33. Zilch
35. Standard PC peripheral port
37. Immediately
39. Eliminate
40. Luxury car feature: Abbr.
43. Watchful
44. Disarray
45. Groovy
46. Frog genus
47. Half a cocktail
48. Shred
50. Business degree
51. Boundary
54. Companion
55. Soft touch
56. Dreidel
58. "As I see it," in textspeak
59. British beverage
60. Camera shot that gets all the details
61. Sticky stuff
62. Agitated, with "up"



63. Mud bath locale
 26. Hanukkah : menorah :: Kwanzaa : ____
 27. Hit the jackpot
 28. Low digit
 29. AMA members
 34. Make up one's mind
 35. Family member
 36. Audiophile's collection
 37. Mobile home
 38. Legislator
 39. Dominion
 41. High seas bandits
 42. Refuse food, baby style
 43. Roll-on target
 44. "West Side Story" role
 47. Record, in a way
 49. Energetic
 51. Colo. clock setting
 52. Foot part
 53. African river
 54. Dosage amts.
 57. Negating word
- ### DOWN
1. Sleep disrupter
 2. Insect-derived wood finish
 3. Warlike
 4. Ingested
 5. Garden dweller
 6. Modern brain scan, briefly
 7. little piece (Yiddish)
 8. City in Northeastern Minnesota
 9. Oklahoma native
 11. Abbr. in Albany
 12. Fruit that anagrams to another fruit
 13. Equal
 14. German article
 17. Nasty smile
 24. North Pole vehicle

The Friends of Monona Bay

SHORELINE MONTHLY CLEANUP SUMMARY

October: 13 volunteers collected 10 bags of trash; 1 shopping cart; 1 chair; 1 propane tank.

November: 38 volunteers Collected 26 bags of trash

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Next Cleanup: Saturday, December 9, 10:00 - noon. Brittingham Beach House

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