

## WOW! ANOTHER BEAUTIFUL SUMMER IN DOOR COUNTY!

Greetings from the BSPOA Steering Committee. We've had a busy and interesting year working to support the goals of our organization. Monthly Steering Committee meetings, research, hearings, newsletters, representing you at community meetings, and yes, socials too. We welcome your feedback and suggestions for the organization and encourage you to submit articles for the newsletter.

Even as summer is in full bloom, we are planning the 4<sup>th</sup> BSPOA Annual Meeting. Mark the Saturday, September 9 date on your calendar and plan to attend the meeting/luncheon.

The highlight of the occasion will be Dan Burke, Executive Director of the Door County Land Trust, sharing with us the exciting projects underway in the organization. The newly acquired Bay Shore Blufflands Preserve, how the Land Trust "works," and other topics will certainly be included, and we will have an opportunity to express our thanks.

The meeting at the Sturgeon Bay Yacht Club from 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. will include election of officers for the new year beginning in September, activity updates, and buffet luncheon.

BSPOA will begin its 4<sup>th</sup> year in September, and the dues will remain at the original \$15. Such a deal! To renew your membership, please complete the enclosed form and return. We look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting and Land Trust tour of the Bay Shore Blufflands Preserve.

— Jim and Barb Bunning

## LAND USE STUDY FINALE

The culmination of the Sevastopol Land Use Study will result in a special Sevastopol Town Board meeting on August 30 at 7:00 p.m. at the Multipurpose room at Sevastopol School on Hwy. 57 between Sturgeon Bay and Jacksonport (in Institute). The study covers a broad range of town planning issues and presents numerous recommendations for the use of Sevastopol land in coming years.

Citizen participation in the discussions is encouraged and can influence the future direction of the town. It is important that we attend this session to “kick the tires” on the plan and express opinions. Study results will be mailed to town property owners in mid-August as background for the meeting.

**Background:** In July of 1998 the Sevastopol Town Board authorized the formation of the Sevastopol Ad Hoc Land Use Committee. The committee's charge was to 1) study land use in the town, 2) obtain citizen input, 3) develop a land use plan and/or revise the plan now in effect, and 4) prepare recommendations for Town Board review and action.

**Results:** Survey results show that Sevastopol citizens are, by and large, pleased with the current status of the community and zoning. Especially valued is the rural character of the town, open spaces, and access to the shores. The vision of what most citizens hope for Sevastopol's future is: “as it is now, or as it was 10 years ago.”

Sevastopol has changed at a modest rate during the last 10-20 years, but the rate of change is expected to increase noticeably due to external factors such as increased personal income, retirement of the “Baby Boomer” generation, expansion of highway 57 to Green Bay, and more challenging farming economics.

**Recommendations:** Because of past Sevastopol stability, major changes in Door County zoning ordinances are not proposed. The committee supports the objectives for Sevastopol contained in the Door County Development Plan. However, stringent enforcement of the existing regulations is urged.

In addition to report recommendations, some additional comments warrant emphasis:

- The Town should establish a Long Range Planning Committee to address the expected new and continuing planning issues.
- The Town should establish several ad hoc study efforts to address specific issues uncovered in the committee work such as:
- Should the Town be doing more to protect the drinking water and address the issue of waste treatment? If so, what?
- Should the Town modify the 20-acre rule in small, selected areas?
- How can the Town provide an ordinance to ensure visual compatibility of large developments in residential areas?
- The Town should work with the City of Sturgeon Bay to formulate joint plans for the development and/or protection of areas that abut both towns.
- Traffic safety along highway 42-57 corridor is a serious issue that requires prompt attention. The current road is not designed for the existing traffic loads, let alone expected increases.

## BAY SHORE RESIDENT PROFILE

### AINA NELSON REMEMBERS

by Helen Sheets

I first met Aina Pearson Nelson in 1951 at a Holiday party at the home of Dr. Olson. My husband and I were admiring the lovely smorgasboard and asked, "Who did this?" We were immediately introduced to Aina Nelson. Not only was Aina a highly respected practical nurse at our hospital, but worked magic in the kitchen as well.

Aina's journey to Door County began in her beloved homeland of Sweden. Living there with WWI hardships including no coffee, flour, or sugar, and many chores as the oldest of 6 children, she began to think of the "good life" in America.

Being unable to get permission from her father to immigrate, Aina took matters into her own hands, and at age 21 got permission from King Gustav and received passage money from her brother. Leaving her home Swedish Island of Orland, she immigrated to Chicago and began work as a nurse. In 1936 she and K. Wm. Nelson were married. After a physical handicap became known to K. Wm., the doctor encouraged the young couple in 1945 to move with their young son to a less stressful area and suggested Door County.

Taking the idea to heart, Aina and her husband arrived in May, 1945, and settled at 4304 Bay Shore Drive. Their 25 acres, previously owned by Mr. Harry Dankolar, were purchased from a Mrs. Pacey. Aina was quite impressed with the trillium blanketing the county. The property was called "Sylvan Lodge."

The Nelsons loved their new home and community. They admired the wonderful trees, although some were cut for a big garden space. Many neighbors and friends trekked up their hill to pick raspberries, and I was one of them. Gooseberries, rhubarb and a grape arbor (still there today), as well as potatoes, sweet corn, melons, squash, and tomatoes were part of the garden. When friends came to call, there was always a gift from the garden and a cup of coffee—fresh and strong. They enjoyed the many species of birds at the feeders and cherished the woodland and the wildlife. Apple and cherry orchards also contributed to the beauty.

Although Aina worked at the hospital, she was in demand for her culinary expertise and catered many parties, preparing a fish like no one else. Aina and K. Wm. also enjoyed their side business of the youth hostel camp. They charged \$1 per person per night and entertained people from many geographical areas. Aina recalls a busload of students with their bicycles from California. A single lad from Holland ventured out to explore and got lost. Police located him in Egg Harbor—hopelessly lost.

Traveling extensively, Aina returned to her homeland many times, most recently in 1996 for her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. After K. Wm. died in 1990 (her son, Walter, passed away in 1960), Aina continued to live at Sylvan Lodge, but difficulty with her eyes brought an end to her beautiful intricate handwork and reading. She recently sold her home and acreage to Mr. and Mrs. James Campbell. The Campbells plan to maintain the old house with some renovation and have no plans for development.

Aina is loved by all who know her, and with another trip to Sweden in 2001 (at age 95), you can imagine the energetic way in which she has approached her activities and friendships. If you would like to visit with her, remember—she likes her coffee fresh and strong.

*Aina recently moved into town after 55 years on Bay Shore Drive.*

## APPLAUSE TO:

❑ **Bay Shore Inn** for a remodeling project in keeping with the prior structures and the wooded area and natural surroundings along Bay Shore Drive.

❑ **Sevastopol Town Board** for designating and supporting the Sevastopol Land Use Committee as it distributed the community survey for citizen input and allowed for easy access of survey results.

❑ **Sturgeon Bay City Council** for conducting a thorough study and systematic evaluation of options before making a decision on the final bridge plan.

❑ **County Highway Department** for the speedy resurfacing of Bay Shore Drive from Windemere Ct. to Little Harbor.

❑ **Aina Nelson** for selling her 25-acre property to a buyer who agreed to maintain the natural areas of the property.

❑ **Liberty Grove Township** and the county supervisors for supporting the purchase of the Heineman property as an addition to Ellison Bluff County Park

❑ **Door County Land Trust** for the purchase of the Hutter Property on Bay Shore Drive.

❑ **Westwood Shores Resort** for the beautiful landscaping of trees and flowers along Bay Shore Drive.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- August 30: **Land Use Survey Result Presentation** in multi-purpose room at Sevastopol Schools
- September 9, 11:30AM: **BSPOA Annual Meeting**
- September 16, 10AM: **Bay Shore Blufflands Preserve Tour**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month: **BSPOA Steering Committee** meetings held. All members are welcome. (Call Jim or Barb Bunning for location.)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month: **Sevastopol Town Board Meetings**

## STURGEON BAY BRIDGE POSITION AND LETTER

A BSPOA position letter on the Sturgeon Bay bridge project was sent to the city council in conjunction with the Whitefish Bay Association. The letter asked that the City Council develop a systematic and logical sequence of steps, evaluating all pros and cons, leading to a bridge corridor decision and including all feasible options. It also requested that the Council wait until all studies in progress or considered are completed before coming to a final decision of bridge(s) size and implementation, recognizing the complexity of the project. The letter asked consideration of how the plan choice will mesh with the town image that helps draw tourists and economic prosperity to the town. The letter suggested that providing two 2-lane bridges in the downtown area would allow for considerable traffic growth in the next 30-50 years and allow bay crossing during maintenance shutdowns.

We look forward to the final decision.

## JUANITA SLANE

We are sad to report that Juanita Slane, a Steering Committee member for the past two years, died on July 16. We appreciated her contributions to BSPOA, and our fond memories of her vibrant personality will be with us always.

We plan to include features on Bay Shore Drive history and member profiles in future newsletters. We encourage you to contribute your stories and Bay Shore history for upcoming editions. To submit your entry, call or write Barb Bunning at 4227 Bay Shore Drive, Sturgeon Bay, 920-746-4025

## ONWARD WITH HUTTER PROPERTY

### *Now Bay Shore Blufflands Preserve*

We reported in our Winter 2000 newsletter that the Door County Land Trust successfully closed on the purchase of the Hutter property. Your Association, Brian Troutman in particular, was a very active participant in this project, leading to its success. Efforts came at a most opportune time, as the property was slated to become one of the largest residential subdivisions in Door County. Between 50 and 100 home sites were to be sited throughout the property.

The new name, Bay Shore Blufflands Preserve, is in recognition of the 180 acre and nearly one mile stretch of Niagara Escarpment which passes through the property. The name also honors Bay Shore Drive, one of the most scenic roadways in Door County. "This property embodies everything we love about Door County," states Dan Burke, Land Trust Executive Director. The purchase of the property, according to Terrie Cooper, Director of Membership for the Land Trust, ensures that a large stretch of very scenic county roadway will remain open and natural forever. Visitors and residents will be able to hike and explore this unique landscape and scientists and students will have a living outdoor classroom in which to study and learn more about the Niagara Escarpment and the animals and rare vegetation in the habitat.

**What's Next?** The balance of the original Hutter property, excluding Chateau Hutter, totals approximately 93 acres. We are hoping that other adjacent properties can remain contiguous and part of the Blufflands Preserve.

**How Can We Help?** The Land Trust is not in a position to take on additional obligations until its bank loans to Baylake Bank are repaid through its fund raising efforts and state funding is completed by the end of the year. Your financial support of the Door County Land Trust through its fund raising efforts is appreciated.

## SOLID FILL DOCK LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE

**Background:** We met in July, 1999 with Rep. Hutchison and members of the Wisconsin DNR, and were hopeful that new legislation limiting solid fill dock structures could be enacted.

A bill that would have strictly regulated the further building of solid fill dock structures on the bed of Lake Michigan/Green Bay was introduced this spring in the state legislature. State Representatives David Hutchison, R-Dyckesville, and Carol Owens, R-Fond du Lac, introduced Assembly Bill 930 in late March. The original version of the bill would have banned private solid piers by requiring any newly built ones to be used in association with a marina, boat livery or harbor of refuge that would provide public access. The bill was amended to allow construction of private piers, provided they met certain strict restrictions.

Had the bill become law, it would have placed substantial limitations on the type and size of permanent private docks that could be built in state waters for shoreline homeowners. Instead, it lingered in committee without action as the legislative session got bogged down with other issues, most notably a bill to renovate Lambeau Field in Green Bay. The pier bill needs to be reintroduced next year to have an opportunity to become law.

## **BSPOA YEAR 1999- 2000 ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS**

**The activities and projects listed below summarize some of the many in which your Steering Committee has been involved. We look forward to your membership for the upcoming 2000-2001 year.**

- ❖ Represented BSPOA at Sevastopol Town Board Meetings, Sevastopol Planning and Zoning Committee, Resource Planning Committee, Board of Adjustment, Natural and Scenic Areas Identification coalition, and Sevastopol Neighborhood Association,
- ❖ Represented by two members on the Sevastopol Land Use Committee,
- ❖ Encouraged and monitored legislation to limit construction of solid fill docks along the Green Bay shoreline, and testified at numerous large development and solid fill dock hearings regarding permit requests.
- ❖ Met and worked with the local Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to develop more complete permit for solid dock applications,
- ❖ Published Summer and Winter newsletters, alerted members via flyer or phone of local issues and held an annual meeting in September.
- ❖ Issued an "ALERT" in December regarding Sales Tax Rebates due to non-resident member property owners,
- ❖ Supported the Hutter property purchase, with Bryan Troutman actively pursuing purchase options, meeting with various organizations and institutions to ensure agreement to save the natural property,
- ❖ Wrote opinion letter to Sturgeon Bay City Council urging systematic and inclusive evaluation of bridge options; participated in May 25, 2000 round table discussion re bridge project at invitation of Wisconsin Dept. of Transportation.
- ❖ Initiated efforts to compile historical in-

formation on Bay Shore Drive

- ❖ Attended Computer Aided Decision Support System presentation in Green Bay for Land Use Planning and Growth Policy Development.

### **BAY SHORE BLUFFLANDS PRESERVE SEPTEMBER TOUR**

A special free tour for BSPOA members will be provided

Saturday, September 16

10:00 a.m. - Noon

The 2 hour event consists of naturalist led hikes that will give you an opportunity to get out on the land and discover the beauty and diversity of life found on the Land Trust's newest preserve.

To register for this tour and for more information, call the Door County Land Trust at 920-839-9990.



### **Can't always be in Door County?**

Connect to DoorBell.Net on the World Wide Web and get your fix – a Lake Michigan picture is posted daily along with a weather observation. Other items of general and local interest are changed frequently!

**[www.doorbell.net](http://www.doorbell.net)**

## MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

Below is a list of the **1999-2000 BSPOA** members. Please feel free to share this newsletter with a friend who might also be interested in membership. If you are interested in being more involved in BSPOA, please contact Jim or Barb Bunning at 920-746-4025. Thank you for your support.

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