



Summer 2012 Newsletter

PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

By Betty Parsons

DO YOU MAINTAIN A PERSONAL BUDGET? Do you have an interest in numbers? If so, we hope you're interested in your town's budget and how the town spends your money. In past years, we've been fortunate to have a committee member(s) with finance interest, which enabled our association to monitor and to participate in the budget process for the town of Egg Harbor and Sevastopol. Transitions occur, so right now we're seeking such a person for each township.

Involvement and time is minimal. Just three meetings each year! Budget work sessions are held in October. The work session is the critical meeting, as the budget is fluid and being determined. This is the meeting when cost of items can be questioned and discussed prior to budget formulation. The next meeting, a special town meeting and public hearing for the budget, is held in November.

While there's discussion opportunity, the budget is assembled and influence is more difficult. Following these two meetings, we'd want a report for the BSPOA Steering Committee. Ideally, this would be done in person; but if not possible, the summary could be given to the Chair.

Among our many members, we're *hopeful two interested residents, one from each township, will step forward. If you're one of these extra special volunteers, who can add assistance and value to our organization, please, call me at 743-2303 or email bcparsons@charter.net*. Being able to have influence in the budget process and knowing how our towns' spend our tax dollars is of value to each member.

Thank you for supporting BSPOA and our mission. Hope you're enjoying the Door County summer, and I look forward to seeing you at our annual meeting!

President of BelGioioso Cheese is Speaker

BSPOA ANNUAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 22, 2012

By Deborah Mancuso, Annual Meeting Chair

BSPOA is pleased that last year's annual meeting speaker has graciously agreed to present this year's program! We all remember that nasty storm that forced us to cancel the 2011 Annual Meeting. This year, BSPOA's 15th /16th Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, September 22, 2012 at the Horseshoe Bay Golf Club, overlooking the Bay of Green Bay in a beautiful Door County setting.

Errico Auricchio, the founder and president of BelGioioso Cheese, Inc., is a native of Italy.

He'll share his story, his company's history from inception to becoming a high quality leader in the U.S. cheese industry, and will host a cheese tasting of his award winning cheeses.

Come join us! Meet our guest speaker, other members, officers and friends, learn more about BSPOA, and enjoy the cheese tasting and fabulous luncheon. Detailed information will be sent to you in a separate mailing. So mark your calendar. We hope to see you September 22nd!

CREATIVITY IN NATURE — THE BYWORDS

By Barb Bunning

How does one go from childhood summers in a vintage cottage to living in a creative and wondrous garden wonderland? Just ask Barbara and Doug Henderson at 5401 Bay Shore Drive.

Barbara's father worked summers as a researcher at the University of Wisconsin experiment station and in 1947 they began renting a cottage on Bay Shore Drive. As a child she watched her father work and navigate the garden areas at the experiment station. At home she spent time creating art with her mother. Each year, fall took them back to Madison.

As a child, the best part of spending the summer on Bay Shore Drive was playing with friends living nearby, particularly the Hansen children at the Bay Shore Inn. Ping pong, horseshoes, croquet and archery kept them occupied, along with investigating the bayside area. Barbara was allowed to walk to the Inn, not on the road, not on the beach, but down the middle of the properties between the two homes. Safety first, you know! Creativity in play was constant as they made things, such as a shoe box that became home for a snake. They created an animal cemetery for birds, where they would write on tombstones with charcoal pieces that washed up on the beach. They made sand castles, hosted tea parties, picked vegetables, collected shells, and swam in the bay.

Summer also brought cherry picking, and Barbara recalls cherry pickers living in the picker accommodations on the property. Picker accommodations were meager, with six families living in the 20 X 40' house with blanket dividers for separations, rather than walls. Migrant workers had a cook shed, bunkhouse and enjoyed the dance platform with lights, where evenings brought dancing and partying.

In 1967 her parents bought the picker shack and promptly moved to Nigeria for two years on an exchange program with the University. Barbara and Doug brought their young family to the shore to live in the shack and make modifications to make it into a summer cottage. The family loved being in Door County, and in 1972 they purchased their present home on the water. The house, originally built as a hunting shack, had



been enhanced over time by the previous owners. The family spent weekends and summers in the home and lived full time in the county from 1974-1978. Even after moving to New Jersey in 1978, the Henderson family returned each summer to Door County and the beloved property.

Their permanent move to the home came in 1992 when Doug took the administrator position at the Door County Maritime Museum. In 1996 Barbara and Doug began enhancing the existing gardens with the addition of steps up the hill from the house to the top of the drive. The gardens, which started near the water with a vegetable garden, eventually worked their way up the hill to include flower gardens, architectural pieces and art in beautifully designed themed areas.

Garden art was crafted to enhance the natural growth using antiques, most of which are from Door County, with friends helping out by gifting interesting pieces to the growing sanctuary. Dilapidated historical and interesting objects come in, and they are turned into interesting and whimsical garden décor. The property now includes a variety of "rooms" including Beach, Green Lattice, Serendipity, Moon, Overlook and Tasha's gardens. Each garden is a room unto itself and all are designed with fun and the wonder of nature.

From childhood summers in a vintage cottage to living in a creative and wondrous garden, creativity in nature has certainly been the byword for the Henderson's on Bay Shore Drive.

PROPANE PROGRAM UPDATE:

By Bryan Troutman

Our propane group purchase program continues to be very successful and growing. BSPOA currently has 88 members in the program. When you combine our partners, White Fish Bay Homeowners Association, Glidden Drive Homeowners Association, Point Beach and Lake Forest, we have nice purchasing power. We have just concluded our negotiations for this coming sea-

son with Ferrellgas. Our pricing is based on a spread off of the pipeline cost, which we are able to monitor over the internet. This summer our pricing is \$1.00 per gallon, 82 cents lower than last winter. The favorable pricing reflects a lower cost of crude oil and excess inventories from the warm winter. Should you have an interest in joining our group for next year, please contact Bryan Troutman (920) 743-9088 or bdtroutman@aol.com.

DNR PIER REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT ELIMINATED

By Dan Mathein

WI Act 167 impacts waterfront property owners by: Eliminating the DNR pier registration requirement, Guarantees all riparian owners have a right to place a pier, Allows unlimited maintenance of nonconforming wet boat houses.

For additional info read "New Pier Grandfathering" in the May 2012 issue of Wisconsin Real Estate Magazine or contact the DNR.

WANTED: VETERANS

The Sevastopol Historical Society is planning an event for Veteran's day in November. If you are a vet from WW2 or Korea and have some stories to tell, please give your name to Linda Wait at the town hall in Institute, 746-1230.

We plan to have each vet talk about their experiences for no more than 10 minutes. If someone can't make it to the event, we can consider recording them at home.

For previous SHS presentations and many more Door County videos, visit www.youtube.com/user/shermanbay.

DOOR COUNTY BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PLAN

By Bryan Troutman

Your association has taken an active roll in fund raising, drafting the bid specifications and selecting the consulting firm to develop and implement the plan. As you may recall, the grant was an 80/20 grant, with 80% provided by the state and 20% provided by county and the private sector. BSPOA contributed \$1,000 to the project and asked other organizations to contribute. The advisory group has chosen the Bicycle Federation of Wisconsin as the lead consultant along with the Alta Group and Donohue & Associates. The grant has been approved by the Door County Highway Department and the Door County Board.

We now await final approval from the Wisconsin DOT.

Once the approval is finalized, which is expected in early February, the Bicycle Federation of Wisconsin will schedule public meetings and initiate data collection. Based on the data collected, they will identify the roads and areas where they will perform in-person field research. BSPOA may be asked to provide input, which we will be prepared for.

BSPOA MEMBERSHIP

Nancy Buhl, Membership Chair

Below are the **2011-2012 BSPOA members**. Complimentary memberships continue through August 2012, and are marked with an asterisk (*). New members are in bold print. If your name was inadvertently omitted, we are sorry and ask that you contact **Nancy Buhl** at **bspoa.556@charter.net** or (920) 743-3227.

Please consider sharing this newsletter with a friend, who may be interested in membership. To be more involved with BSPOA, contact Betty Parsons (920) 743-2303. Your support is appreciated and we welcome our new members.

Paul & Ann	Alexander	Dan	Collins &	Ray	Gozdecki
Larry & Linda	Alfred		Nancy Aten	Susan	Gould- &
Christopher & Christine	Allie	John & Helen	Collins		Gilbert
	Alvin	Bob & Margaret	Cowles, Jr.	Joe & Joanne	Gonzalez
Harold & Nancy	Ames	Sue N.	Cox	Bob & Maude	Grano
Violet	Austin	Mike & Cindy	Crotty	Katherine	Graef
Larry & Diane	Axelrod	Nancy	Czarnecki	Sandra	Green
Jon & Susan	Bankson	Russell & Sandra	Dagon	James & Carol	Greenwood
Bruce & Crystal	Bauer	Jim & Suzanne	DeRousse	Greg & Debb Orr	Gross*
Barb & Tim	Bay Shore	Willard & Annette	Dhein	Jim & Paula	Grewe
Joe McMahon Mgr.	Inn	Stephen & Suzanne	Dickinson		Hab-
	Becker	Jim & Georgia	Dower	Peter & Diane	schmidt
Carl & Susan	Becker	George & Joan	Draeb	David & Denise	Hagen*
Robert & Mary Lou	Berns	Tom & Joan	Dubnicka	Alex & Renu	Haen
Donald & Linda	Bialk	Dennis & Janet	Duebner	Becky	Hansen
Jeff	Bither	Neil & Sharon	Du Jardin	David & Dyana	Hansen
Chuck & Leanne	Blahnik	Elizabeth	Dustman	Doug & Cathy	Hansen
Jon & Christianna	Board		& Earl	Jon & Sue	Hansen
Rich & Barb	Borghesi	Thomas & Doris	Gorden	Margaret W.	Hansen
Dave & Nancy	Borys &	Steve & Kay	Eastman	Robert & Madeline	Harlan
Patty	Crystal	James & Karen	Eatough	Darlene	Harmann
	Shoirt	Lyman & Paddi	Ebbeson	Kenneth & Mary	Hartenian
John	Boudos &	John & Cathie	Elliott	Richard & Linda	Hartl
	Bob Dwyer	Marge	Estey	Dick & Carrie	Hauser
Mark & Jane	Breseman	Marianne	Evans	Howard & Charlotte	Hayes
Greg & Becky	Britton	Bob & Marge	Ewig	Brad & Pam	Hays
Rich	Propsom &	Ron & Jean	Fink	Mike & Patricia	Healy
	Jane	Myrna	Flansburg	Nancy & Richard	Helland
Nancy	Bruesch	Jim & Mary	Fogarty	Doug & Barbara	Henderson
David & Denise	Buhl	Lisa	Fravert	John & Dolores	Hermann
James & Barbara	Bunning		& David	Gordon & Betty	Hess
Larry & Martha	Bunning		Cotting-	Susan	Hickman &
Chris & Katie	Burris	John & Candace	ham		Sue Andra
Bob & Mary	Callen	Fred & Barb	French	Gerrold & Paula	Lackey
Lee & Fern	Carlisle	Mike & Carolyn	Frey	Kenneth & Jean	Higgins
Dorothy	Carlson	Jeff	Friedl	Dr. Richard & Deb	Hill
Samuel & Vicky	Carlson	Wayne & Linda	Garbers	Greg & Mary	Hogan
Ron & Lucille	Carmen	Steve & Mary	Gerlach	Mark & Deborah	Holub
Jill	Cattelan	Bob & Jill	Gerndt	Shriley	Homan
	Cavanaugh	Phyllis	Gershan	Scott & Liz	Honold
	Cedar	Terry & Sue	Geyer	Bob & Becky	Hootman
	Horizon	Wilbert	Godres	Gary	Hoover
	LLC	Bob & Ann	Goldman	Mark & Susan	Hosters
Charles	Chenoweth	Mark & Cindy	Goldsmith	Susan	Hunt
John & Laura	Chiminski		Goldsmith		St. Laurent
					& David
					Burr

Chuck & Barbara	Jackson	Robert & Deborah	Moulton	William Yvette	Senger
Eric & Marja	Johnson	Bob	Mow	Charlie & Sharon	Serwe
Darlene	Kabat & Dan	Mark R.	Muhr	Greg	Sessler & Dale
	McHugh	Ron & Patty	Murphy		Kaufman
Mike & Jeannine	Kelsey	Gene and Bea	Musolf	Helen	Sheets
David & Jeanne	Kennedy	Keith & Sherry	Mutchler	Kregg & Melanie	Shilbauer
Randy & Mary	Kenny	Greg & Lynn	Naples	Jerry & Mary	Smart
Jim & Patty Meyers	Kita	Fred & Jackie	Nazar	Hap	Smith
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Mark & Mary	Knabel	Doug & Judy	Nelson	Michael & Sarah	Steinle
Bob	Koehler	Ken & Ivy	Nelson	John & Nancy	Stogny
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Steven & Carol	Konetzke	Roger & Marilyn	Nulton	George & Mary Lou	Stutz
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	Stillman	William & Betty	Parsons	John & Darlene	Tilden
		Angela	Pas-	Cathy	Timmer-
			qualucci & Rob Perota	Glen & Barb	man
Jeff & Brenda	Lange	Jim & Elaine	Pas-		Tobin
Terry & Marilyn	Lappin		qualucci	Lyle L.	Troutman
Molly	Larkin	Phil	Passen & Barbara	Bryan & Diane	Turley
John & Mary	Law		Gregorich	Joyce	Turner
Bud & Brenda	Lenahan		Peirce	Scotty & Sheila	Utzinger
Paul & Josephine	Leyva	Ryan & Courtney	Peterson	Margaret M.	Valicenti
Tony & Judy	Licata	Ralph & Patricia	Pezzetta	Thomas & Jean	Vallee
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Daniel	Lindner	Robert & Lannae	Pohl	John & Fran	Vavra
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Myron	Marlett	Bill & Jerri	Rosenfeld	Andrew & Janet	Welter
Peg	Mason	Jeff & Joanne	Salisbury	Bill & Pam	Wikkerink
Dan & Jackie	Mathein	Katherine Nowack	Salisbury	Lee & Lydia	Wilke
Karl & Erika	May	Michael	Sankey	Evelyn	Williams & Mary
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Mark & Jane	McCabe	Laurie & Bob	Schaefer		Wilmsen
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David & Corinne	Meyer	Judith Wagner	Schuda	John & Pat	Worrick
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Chris & Shari	Moore	Warren	Seiler		
		Rick & Pam			

HORSESHOE BAY FARMS NOW ON STATE AND NATIONAL REGISTRY OF HISTORIC PLACES

By Glenn Timmerman

On June 1, Murphy Farms (Horseshoe Bay Farms) was listed in the National Register and State Register of Historic Places after a 1-year application and review process initiated by Glenn & Barbara Timmerman, the property owners. The listing includes all the barns as well as the 5 historic homes on the water. The property was listed for its architectural significance and the important role it played in the history of agriculture in Door County.

The significance from an architecture standpoint represents the fact that it is now the most intact of the few large show farms that were built by the wealthy in Wisconsin at the end of the 19th and early 20th century. These were a national phenomenon during this period and are the rarest farm type to be currently found in the state.

From an agricultural standpoint, the farm was one of the top Holstein-Friesian breeding farms of its time in Wisconsin. It included two of the most expensive, purebred bulls in the country and the largest dairy cow in the world (Wisconsin Forbes The Fifth). The farm advanced the idea in the 1920's, which is now widely accepted, that the future of raising livestock lay in specialization and breeding pure bred animals. This concept changed the economics of the dairy industry forever.

At its peak the farms two components (on the shorefront and on the bluff) totaled 700 acres and over 30 buildings. The acreage devoted to fruit raising eventually became the largest fruit producer in the county and also its biggest seasonal employer.

The background stories behind this 85-year institution are visionary, colorful and filled with unique characters and events.

YE OLDE CAMPFIRE

By A. Nonemouse

Love that smell of wood smoke from a backyard campfire? Think again. With a very dry winter and spring your nostalgic campfire may be a hazardous event. Oh, don't worry, I have a garden hose. Oh, it is rolled up in the potting shed. If anything happens I can just go get it and put out the fire. Let's see, five minutes to find the hose, five minutes to hook it up, and then you might need to dial 911.

Door County has an abundance of very inflammable brush. While we enjoy our large yards with beautiful trees and shrubs, they are all quite burnable. Outdoor burning in a dry environment can lead to a call to the fire department and then to your insurance company. If your fire pit is at least 50 feet from the woods and your house, you still may consider it not wise to light a fire if there is a breeze, wind or if you are burning anything that creates sparks. Oh, right, what the heck good is a fire if there are no sparks when you throw in a nice piece of pine? "Gotta have the crackle and snap to be a real fire."

Please think twice and be safe – perhaps a nice scented candle on the dining room table.



BSPOA Volunteer hands out cold water in support of Triathlon

INVASIVE PLANTS

By Kari Hagenow, Door County Invasive Species Team Coordinator

I'd like to take a moment to thank BSPOA for allowing me to speak to a wonderful group of landowners recently about invasive species. It was refreshing to see concerned citizens taking the first step to learn more about this continuously growing issue in Door County!

So what is "invasive" anyway? **First**, it is *nonnative*. These are exotic plants that were not originally found in our neck of the woods – many were brought here from Europe or Asia. **Second**, "invasive" indicates that these plants are aggressive. They are able to out-compete our native plants and lack predators in their new environment. **Third**, the invasive plants on our radar are generally those that have economic, environmental, or human health impacts. Wild parsnip, for example, causes burns and blisters when its sap comes in contact with the skin and is then exposed to the sun. Certainly one to keep a look out for!

Another is spotted knapweed which is gaining a strong foot hold in Door County.

There are numerous costs associated with invasive species. A few examples might include – higher energy costs as power companies pay to clean zebra mussels from water intakes, limited access to natural areas for recreation due to thickets of honeysuckle, impaired views of the shoreline by towering phragmites, and degraded fish habitat due to Eurasian water milfoil.

There are literally thousands of species of plants that fit one or all of the invasive criteria. A few not mentioned above that are problems in our area include: reed canary grass, buckthorn, Japanese knotweed, barberry, garlic mustard, and the list goes on. The Door County Invasive Species Team, and other local government and nonprofit agencies (e.g. The Door County Land Trust) can provide information on common invasive plants as a starting point and staff is available to assist in identification.

So how are we supposed to know what is good, what is bad when we are blankly staring at a whole yard of plants that need identification? The answer is to start with one – learn one invasive plant that is commonly found within your area. Learn about its control and why it is detrimental to native habitats (or to your pocketbook). Once you learn one species you may be surprised by how empowering it is to be able to identify something in your own backyard.

I hope that you'll take the time to learn more about invasive species. These invaders have no concept of parcel boundaries and it is up to all of us to work together to protect Door County. Remember, the Door County Invasive Species Team is a resource for you as a landowner – we're here to work with you and to help you – whether it's identifying that *one species* for the first time or working with your neighbors to eradicate reed canary grass (my personal nemesis) from an entire stretch of shoreline.

For more information on the Door County Invasive Species Team, please visit our webpage at <http://map.co.door.wi.us/swcd/invasive/> or contact Kari at 920-743-8695.



Wild parsnip

BAY SHORE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

PURPOSE: The purpose of this association is to maintain the safe, natural and aesthetic character of the Bay Shore Drive area.

MISSION STATEMENT: The Bay Shore Property Owners Association is a voluntary, non-profit association. Its mission is to provide for discussion and action on issues that impact the residential character of the neighborhood and those that affect the character of Door County.

GOALS:

❁ To monitor proposals for development of recreational/commercial properties that relates to and affects residential character of the neighborhood.

❁ To keep members informed of development proposals and issues that impact the residential character of the neighborhood.

❁ To educate and motivate members and non-members to preserve and enhance the natural, visual and historic resources of the area.

❁ To encourage management of growth through effective town, city and county land use planning and zoning.

❁ To form an alliance with other existing property owner associations.

❁ To address other issues that affect Bay Shore Drive indirectly but affect the quality of life in Door County.

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