



# Winter 2009 Newsletter

PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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## MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

*By Russ May*

It was another snowy Sunday afternoon. Bay Shore drive was snow covered and my wife and I were on our way home from Green Bay. The car in front of me was going 20 miles an hour. Twenty miles an hour! We were a bit beyond Bayside Cemetery. The speed limit was 35. Now I think 35 is fair. However, I'm not impressed with those who travel 50 and 60, pass on double yellow lines and give no heed to walkers or anyone else. I often wish the sheriff's department had operational speed cameras to slow folks down — but 20 miles an hour? That's even slow for me.

Did I mention that coming north, highway 57 was clear? I wasn't in 4-wheel drive — just ordinary 2-wheel. Well, the little red, 20 mile per hour car stopped. In the middle of snow covered Bay Shore Drive, it just stopped. Had I hit the brakes, I would have hit that car. Not wise.

I swung out, expecting to safely go around and avoid an accident — did I mention I was in 2-wheel drive? Suddenly, I was going backwards, spinning and moving sideways — seemingly at the same time. When the truck stopped, I was in the ditch facing south. The occupants of the little red car smiled as they drove by. Luckily, I did have the option of 4-wheel drive, and with a bit of patience, I was able to drive out and head home.

I have not forgotten that red car, which means I now use my 4-wheel drive on snow-covered Bay Shore Drive most of the time, and I intentionally keep more distance between any color vehicle and me. Thirty-five miles an hour continues to seem a safe speed. And, most importantly, as many times as I've traveled that road, I've once again been reminded to never take the trip for granted.

Likewise, I think that's one of the functions of BSPOA — to help those of us who live on or near Bay Shore Drive recognize what a wonderful place we have to call home and to never take it for granted.

Do you remember what gave energy to BSPOA in the first place? It was quite a while back when an investor bought tourist cottages for restoration purposes, but instead built one large condominium complex. Since several recreational properties are grandfathered in along Bay Shore Drive, a number of residents decided it was advisable to form a homeowners organization, so there would be easy communication if desired. These organizers felt we couldn't take our neighborhood for granted.

There are lots of issues that could potentially impact Bay Shore Drive and change the character and nature of our road. For instance, increase the speed limit to 55, allow continued use of phosphates and fertilizer runoff, encourage the belief that "Once I've got my piece of Bay Shore Drive I can do what I want — nobody's business but mine." — and on and on.

BSPOA, your property owners association, won't simply stand by. We don't take our home, your home, or our neighborhood for granted. Review our Mission Statement. It's on the back of the newsletter. Issues and questions affecting Bay Shore Drive are one of our primary concerns. We are eager to share information and to encourage your input and discussion. That is not to say we will all agree on issues — we won't. In fact, we may even disagree — but the one thing we cannot, must not do, is to take our home and neighborhood for granted.

## MEET RANDY KENNY

*By Barb Bunning*

We're pleased to introduce Randy Kenny, the newest addition to the BSPOA Steering Committee. Growing up in Manitowoc, Randy was able to enjoy Door County since early in life. He vacationed here and worked during the sixties at John's Galley in Ephraim. Illinois was his choice for further schooling, where he graduated from Northwestern University (Industrial Engineering) and University of Chicago (MBA). Next came a job with Proctor and Gamble in the late 60's then on to Welch Foods and a career in food manufacturing. Randy built and managed three Craisin™ (sweetened dried cranberries) manufacturing plants, which were located in Tomah, Wisconsin, Middleboro Massachusetts, and Markham, Washington for Ocean Spray.



Randy's wife, Mary (Habermann), grew up in Little Harbor, was a Sevastopol High School graduate, and has worked as a medical technologist and real estate agent. Education was important in her home, as Mary's father was Director of the Sturgeon Bay Vocational School, precursor to NWTC.

The couple met in Milwaukee, and with both having previously lived here, it's not surprising that Randy and Mary selected to return fulltime to Sevastopol in September 2005. They built their current home in Little Harbor on the Habermann family property site. Years ago Mary's Dad built their family home himself, so you can imagine the memories that flowed as the old house came down to make way for Kenny's retirement home.

Both jumped right into community activities, with Randy choosing church, Door County Learning in Retirement, Friends of Door County Libraries, photography, golf, politics and reading as his special interests.

Welcome to Randy and Mary.

## DOOR COUNTY UNDERWAY WITH GREENPRINTING PROJECT

*By Betty Parsons*

Greenprinting is a software program that generates information-rich, multi-layered maps that enables users to evaluate conservation goals and scientific data. Since Greenprinting supports goals important to our association, BSPOA joined with County departments, a coalition of county based partners, homeowner associations and donors from the private sector to enable the project to move forward.

This tool will enable the eleven coalition partners, known as the Door County Natural Areas Group, to have all their scientific data integrated and digitized into the Greenprinting software. Once digitized, the integrated information will provide informed, strategic data that can be used by policy makers for development proposals and conservation/resource management. The program will also be web based, which means it will be available to the public. As appropriate, it can be expanded and updated.

Mariah Goode, Door County Planning Department Director, has written the following, "five goals were developed at the October kick-off to provide the framework for the DC Greenprint Project: 1. Protect Sensitive Natural Resources, 2. Conserve Ecological Integrity of the Landscape, 3. Protect Coastal Habitat, 4. Ensure Surface Water Quality and Quantity, and 5. Ensure Ground Water Quality and Quantity." These goals, according to Ms. Goode, "reflect local comprehensive planning efforts and local natural resource protection agency goals."

The Trust for Public Land developed this tool, which has been implemented and validated in forty cities and is currently being implemented in other cities across the country. The Door County project is the first Greenprinting Project in Wisconsin and it is the first in the nation to be lead by a coalition rather than a municipality.

## BSPOA SURVEY RESULTS

*By Barb Bunning*

We asked and 25 of you responded! While not an overwhelming response, you provided thoughtful ideas, suggestions and input on issues that are greatly appreciated. Many of you also volunteered to contribute to BSPOA in various ways, and we were excited about that. (The annual meeting also provided some excellent responses.)

Thank you for your input, and we will try to respond to as many of your suggestions as possible. It's not too late to add to the response, so feel free to send in any additional ideas that you might want considered. We want to share some of the response information with all of you, so here goes.

Suggestions for newsletter articles:

- History of area, nature information on birds, fish, flowers. (Note the article from Roy Lukes in this newsletter.)
- Rain gardens
- Our cottage was moved about 35 years ago from about 600 feet north of us, and the history may be of interest. (It certainly is. Look for the article in the summer 2009 Newsletter.)
- Profiles of where people are from – or a directory which includes that information
- Publish research and possible alternatives regarding the impact of phosphorus on ground and Bay water quality.

Other issue suggestions

- Rain water filtering through rock – quality for drinking water.
- Newsletter distribution by e-mail
- BSPOA membership poll on their issue positions rather than the importance of various issues. For example, many of us favor a Walmart supercenter. (We will integrate this suggestion into our next survey.)
- For better “curb appeal and neighborhood appearance: (1) Regulation of vehicle size lim-

its for large vehicles or RVs parked year-around on residential property with less than 2 acres (“just visiting” friends for a few weeks excluded); (2) Regulation of outdoor “flood” or other bright lights which tend to reduce the beauty of dark-sky star gazing.

- The negative appearance of dumpsters at Schartner's Restaurant near the road on Bay Shore Drive.
- Continued evaluation of sanitary use.

## PROPANE PURCHASE PROGRAM

*By Bryan Troutman*

This is the second year of our joint propane purchase program with the Whitefish Bay and Glidden Drive Homeowner Associations. To date, we have had 47 homeowners express an interest in joining our program. As you may know, this year we negotiated a price with FerrelGas of \$2.05 per gallon. These homeowners represent usage of 63,570 gallons per year. Our price with FerrelGas represents a total savings over the Co-Op and Lakes Gas of approximately \$28,606. In addition, we were successful in negotiating with FerrelGas to drop their HazMet fees. Bravo !!!

In late spring of 2009, propane suppliers will be asked to provide us with a quote for 2009/2010. We expect to add Milton Gas as one of our prospective suppliers. As you are aware, oil prices have dropped significantly of late and we expect to take advantage of this in the spring/early summer, when we ask the suppliers to quote.

If you have NOT joined our group and you are interested in saving some \$\$\$\$ , please send me or email me the following information:

Name, address for billing and address of your DC location, annual usage, current supplier and if you own or lease your tank. Mail to: Bryan Troutman PO Box 1292 Boca Grande, Florida 33921 or email: bdtroutman@aol.com.



## BSPOA INVASIVE REMOVAL REPORT CARD

*By Jack Van Lanen*

Last winter the Door County Land Trust was awarded an \$18,000 land restoration grant from the DNR's Landowner Incentive Program (LIP) for removal of invasive species at the Bay Shore Blufflands Preserve and private properties located near the Blufflands Area. The grant came about as the result of a unique partnership between BSPOA and the DCLT, as BSPOA members pledged a total of 398 hours in volunteer time.

BSPOA support of this project was pledged for in-kind volunteer time to be spent on land stewardship in the form of invasive species removal. Volunteers pledged 398 hours, which is calculated at \$12.00 per hour and amounts to \$4,776.00 of in-kind service!

In May volunteers received training at the Blufflands in identification and eradication of honeysuckle and buckthorn. We worked throughout summer and fall and are pleased to report that we accumulated 279 hours of service. Since the program is a two-year commitment, we'll need to generate 119 hours in 2009 to fulfill our pledge.

**Here's how you can help.** Please contact me if you would be interested in assisting with removal of invasive species this coming summer and/or fall.

Volunteers work at the Blufflands on Tuesdays and/or do personal or neighborhood properties. Contact me at: [franvanlanen@hotmail.com](mailto:franvanlanen@hotmail.com) or (920) 746-4465. I hope to hear from you, as the remaining work far exceeds the balance of our remaining 119 hours.

It's fun. It's useful. It's great being outdoors. And, you'll get acquainted with your fellow BSPOA members. You'll also be helping to maintain the scenic beauty and ecological quality of our neighborhood.

Those who contemplate  
The beauty of the earth  
Find reserves of strength  
That will endure  
As long as life lasts.

— Rachel Carson



Mary & John Law



Betty Parsons & a neighborhood volunteer



Barb & Jim Bunning

## GREAT LAKES COMPACT BECOMES REALITY

*By Barb Bunning*

Significant progress has been made on the Great Lakes Compact since our last newsletter. On September 23, 2008 the Federal House of Representatives voted 390 to 25 for passage of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact. This will ensure more sustainable use of the Great Lakes, which contain 90 percent of the fresh surface water in North America. The bill had already been passed by the Senate and individually by the legislatures of each of the Great Lakes states.

This completed a seven-year-long legislative approval process. Wisconsin Governor Jim Doyle, said, "I applaud the members of Congress for their leadership in protecting the Great Lakes. (This) action reflects a successful partnership, one that we hope to build on in order to take even bolder steps to protect our Great Lakes."

Eight Great Lakes states negotiated the compact after more than four years of talks involving business, scientific and environmental interests. The protections against diverting water are needed to guard the lakes from future depletion. In general, there will be a ban on new diversions of water from the Great Lakes Basin, but limited exceptions could be allowed in communities near the Basin when rigorous standards are met.

The states will use a consistent standard to review proposed uses of Basin water, yet will have flexibility regarding their water management programs and how to apply this standard. Millions of Americans depend on the Great Lakes for drinking water and recreation. The Great Lakes Compact will help to preserve one of the nation's most cherished natural resources for future generations.

## KUDOS TO

Nancy Buhl, BSPOA Steering Committee, and her brother, John Pihl, computer consultant, for setting up the excellent data base system for our association!

## BSPOA'S 12<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING 2008

*By Deborah Mancuso*

The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of BSPOA was held on September 27, 2008 at the Horseshoe Bay Golf Club in Door County – a wonderful facility overlooking the waters of Green Bay and the beautiful panorama of fall foliage. The doors opened at 11 AM for attendees to register and enjoy some camaraderie prior to sitting down to a delicious noon luncheon. President Russ May then conducted the annual meeting. Afterwards, attendees were entertained by 5<sup>th</sup> generation Washington Island musician, songwriter and storyteller Julian Hagen. Julian shared songs and stories of growing up on Washington Island and the joys and challenges a large family and island life can bring. The day ended with two lucky winners taking home Julian's recent CD.

Special thanks go to our entertainer, Julian Hagen; the staff, chef, and event coordinators at Horseshoe Bay Golf Club for a delightful luncheon, meeting accommodations and facility; and to all the volunteers in BSPOA that helped make this annual meeting a success!



Julian Hagen performs at the Annual Meeting. Photo by Len Villano.



## THE AREA'S NATURAL WORLD

*By Guest Writer Roy Lukes, Door County Naturalist*

Many people who live along Bay Shore Drive are privileged to reside in areas virtually surrounded by nature. Good stewardship of this valuable land, including its plants and animals, is vital. Much attention has been given in recent years to invasive plants and animals. Attempting to control these plants in order to protect the native species has become practically a full-time job, for example at the Toft Point State Natural Area near Baileys Harbor.

Fortunately many studies have been made at Toft Point through the past 40 or more years to identify hundreds of native species of plants and animals, from large to small. This base line data is so important from year to year, as it allows concerned people to make comparisons and to get a better feel for how the various ecosystems are faring. Knowing which native species exist on one's property and how to help them should concern all property owners.

Some of the more easily observed animals, for example, can be good starting points for the annual monitoring of one's property. My wife, Charlotte, has organized groups of birders, mostly in northern Door County, on an annual



White pine at BSPOA member Jim Webb's on Bay Shore

and seasonal basis since 1978 in order to keep track of increases and decreases of the bird life. The same could be done with, for example, butterflies, amphibians, dragonflies, and wildflowers. An ongoing annual study of dragonfly species in northern Door County has been in progress for the past several summers by Dr. Paul Burton of Ephraim, aimed especially at careful monitoring of the federally threatened Hines Emerald Dragonfly.

Our Friends of Toft Point has undertaken a project of exploring Door County in order to locate and measure the largest specimens of native, as well as exotic, trees. The aim is to actually include the ten largest specimens of each species. Our group thus far has made very good progress and is realizing how important it is to have many interested people throughout the county report large trees they either have growing on their property or have observed elsewhere in the county.

A report by Dar Harmann of the huge White Ash growing on her property turned out to be a very pleasant surprise. Presently it is the second largest White Ash in the entire state! This finding should be good cause to widen the project of measuring and recording of the large



BSPOA member Dar Harmann and white ash

trees growing along the entire Bay Shore Drive area.

The Harmann White Ash measurements are: circumference (taken at 4 ½ feet above the ground) = 171 inches; height = 97 feet; and ¼ of the average crown spread = 18 feet. Each tree measured ends up with a so-called "record number," obtained by adding the tree's circumference in inches, its height in feet and ¼ of its average crown spread to the nearest foot. The "record number" of the Harmann White Ash is 286.

The average crown spread is obtained by determining the narrowest crown spread and the widest crown spread, averaging the two figures and multiplying that by .25. An easy starting point is to simply measure the circumference of many trees in inches at 4 ½ feet above the ground. Here are examples of the circumference of several of Door County's largest trees at this point: Sugar maple = 164 inches; Eastern Cottonwood = 266 inches; White Pine (at the home of James Webb along Bay Shore Drive) = 131 inches; and the largest Black Walnut (at the home of Leon May in Sturgeon Bay) = 164 inches.

How wonderful it would be if every land owner developed such a deep love for their land that they would want to know the identity of all life forms existing on their property, this in turn would quite naturally lead toward the highest degree of stewardship imaginable. A starting point can be that of getting to know your trees well, including the largest of their species.

## MARK YOUR 2009 CALENDARS

**February 17** – Primary Elections if necessary.

**April 7** – General Elections

**April 14** – Town Board Annual Meetings

Egg Harbor: 7:00 PM

Sevastopol: 7:00 PM

**May 10** – Bay Shore Drive Cleanup

Those who volunteered at the annual meeting, or have helped in past years, will be contacted. A 1 to 2 hour effort reaps a clean road and a great feeling. Others wishing to assist, contact Mary Law at 743-2072.

**July 18** – Sevastopol Sesquicentennial

Parade at 10 AM and events throughout the day.

**July 18** – Door County Sprint Triathlon

**July 19** – Door County Half Iron Man

Both events are staged from Murphy Park

**October 3** – BSPOA 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

11 AM at Horseshoe Bay Golf Club

## SEVASTOPOL SESQUICENTENNIAL

### Volunteers Needed

A dedicated committee of volunteers is enthusiastically working to make sure the July 18<sup>th</sup> celebration is a fun and diversified day for all participants. In addition to the parade, which includes part of the UW Marching Band, there'll be music, an art fair, antique cars, tractor and motorcycle

shows, games for kids, baseball games, historic book sale, pig roast and fireworks at dusk.

This ambitious event requires volunteer assistance. Please consider giving a few hours of your time. Contact chair Arlene Woelfel at 743-8686 or [doorcountykid@charter.net](mailto:doorcountykid@charter.net)



## RESOURCES FOR PHOSPHATE FREE AUTOMATIC DISHWASHER DETERGENTS

57 Depot Baileys Harbor  
Town Square Merchant Baileys Harbor  
Greens N Grains Egg Harbor  
Main Street Market Egg Harbor  
Julie's Upscale Resale Sister Bay  
Piggy Wiggly Supermarket Sister Bay  
Bley's Grocery Jacksonport  
Econo Foods Sturgeon Bay  
Pic 'N' Save Sturgeon Bay  
Target Sturgeon Bay  
The Healthy Way Sturgeon Bay  
WalMart Sturgeon Bay  
Welsing's Foodland Valmy

### Phosphate Free Automatic Dishwashing Detergents

Bi-O-Kleen  
Citrus Magic Gel  
Ecover Tablets  
Method Dish Cubes  
Palmolive Eco  
Planet Powder  
Seventh Generation  
Shaklee Powder  
Sun & Earth Tablet  
Trader Joe's  
Wave

### Lawn Fertilizers

When buying lawn fertilizers, remember that each manufacturer makes several formulas. The only way to be sure your lawn fertilizer has no phosphates is to look at the middle number on the bag or box label. It should read zero, like this: 10-0-10.

This list is expanding slowly. If you find additional resources or products, please notify BSPOA by contacting Betty Parsons at: [bcparsons@charter.net](mailto:bcparsons@charter.net) or 920.743.2303

For further information regarding the phosphate reduction program contact [info@DCPhosphateFree.org](mailto:info@DCPhosphateFree.org) or [www.DCPhosphateFree.org](http://www.DCPhosphateFree.org)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!

## CLADOPHORA AND PHOSPHATE – A PROGRESS REPORT

*By Peter Sigmann*

The algae problem continues, but there are some hopeful signs:

- The algae load was less severe this year. Some beaches had very little of the green stuff.
- Phosphate monitoring on the beaches showed a moderate improvement. Very high readings were less common and the peak in August was less pronounced.
- Farmers have largely stopped applying phosphate fertilizer because of nutrient management requirement and cost.
- Phosphate-free lawn fertilizer is widely available.
- The number of stores carrying phosphate free detergent for dishwashing machines has increased.
- Sewage treatment may have been intensified because phosphate concentrations in the out-flow vicinity are substantially lower than in 2007.

New concerns have arisen: Monitoring of phosphate in creeks from time to time shows very high levels, especially in Southern Door. ... A likely suspect is application of liquid manure in excess of the ability of the land to absorb. We will check the creeks more frequently next year.

*BSPOA extends appreciation to Door Property Owners for permission to use their phosphate articles in our newsletter.*



## WAL-MART UPDATE

By Betty Parsons

As most of you know, Wal-Mart wishes to build a supercenter, which would be located behind its current Sturgeon Bay facility. The current building would be torn down after completion of the new facility. One of the requirements in the City of Sturgeon Bay's Big Box Ordinance, is that any retail facility of 50,000 square feet or larger must obtain a fiscal and economic impact study. Fiscal impact studies compare incremental governmental revenues and costs as a result of the transaction, whereas economic impact studies examine such figures as impact on existing businesses, employment (jobs gained versus jobs lost), job salaries, etc.

In fall, the city let contract specifications to approximately 30 firms from which Vierbicher Associates, Inc., a firm with three Wisconsin offices, was selected by the City Council. Vierbicher will complete its draft by the end of January and the final report is to be completed between February 16<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.

The Planning and Development Department will review the draft, and the final report will be presented to a joint-meeting of the City Council and Plan Commission by Vierbicher Associates. Citizens will be able to access the draft and final report and to ask questions at this meeting. Thereafter, the following steps will take place:

1. Wal-Mart goes to Plan Commission to ask for *rezoning* of land (the land was annexed to the city last spring) and for a *conditional use permit*. This meeting includes a public hearing for both requests. Wal-Mart will submit all reports and plans, which include environmental analysis, traffic study, fiscal and economic impact study, design, landscape and drainage plan, to Plan Commission. These reports will also be available for the public.
2. Plan Commission then forwards their recommendations from the above meeting to the City Council. City Council votes on rezoning of the land, but the condi-

tional use permit decision rests with the Plan Commission. This meeting does not have a public hearing component, however, the public, according to protocol, has a 15 minute segment, 3 minutes per person, opportunity to speak to items on the agenda prior to and after the City Council meeting.

It is likely that Plan Commission and City Council meetings for Wal-Mart will take place in March. BSPOA hopes to provide a separate membership mailing and/or email for these meeting dates.

## DOOR COUNTY TRIATHLON

By Bryan Troutman

Your association once again sponsored the bicycle water bottle exchange for the Door County Triathlon. Eight volunteers were positioned at the corner of

White Cedar Road and Bay Shore Drive. We offered water and Gatorade to the 1,200 participating athletes. Fluids distributed at the race totaled

almost 100 gallons. The triathlon raised \$15,000 for the benefit of the Door County YMCA and The

Friends of the Door County Parks System. Total money distributed since the event started in 2006 has exceeded \$35,000. Next year's event will likely be a two-day format on July 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. The "Sprint Triathlon" will take place on Saturday and the "Half Iron Man" on Sunday. Next year's event is expected to exceed 1,500 participants.



## LAKE MICHIGAN THREATENED

### *Can Asian Carp Be Stopped?*

*By Bob Landry*

Lake Michigan has been the bastion of native flora and fauna for hundreds of years, but recently invasive species, both plant and animal, have invaded all of the Great Lakes. The survival of the native varieties is endangered. This phenomenon has largely been caused by the arrival of transatlantic ships entering the Great Lakes through the Saint Lawrence Seaway. They dump their ballast water and other contaminants into our pristine waters. Expensive ways and means are being employed in an effort to eliminate or counterbalance these corrupting invaders. None of these invaders, however, have had such a disastrous effect as the projected threat of a new invader, the Asian carp.

Asian carp are unique in many ways, which make them perilous to the Great Lakes environment. An adult attains forty inches in length and 50 pounds in weight (some have been caught weighing 100 pounds). They are voracious eaters consuming the nutrients vital to the life cycle of native creatures. They breed rapidly and quickly become the dominant species in all water they find compatible. They have a peculiar characteristic. Large schools of Asian carp leap up to six feet when agitated by motorboats. Fishermen, water-skiers, and other boaters are imperiled and many have been injured by the frenzied behavior of the fish. Unfortunately, the Great Lakes are ideal breeding waters all varieties of Asian carp. Now they are on the threshold of the entrance to the Great Lakes from the Mississippi.

There is no mystery as to how they got here. In the early 1970s, the catfish farmers in Arkansas imported Asian bighead and silver carp from China to keep their ponds free of algae and suspended matter. During the floods in the early 1990s, many of the ponds were flooded and the Asian carp were released into the Mississippi River. As they worked their way up the Mississippi they out-competed native species and became dominant. They continued their way north past St. Louis to the Illinois River, which con-

nects with Lake Michigan, thus allowing passage into the Great Lakes. The Army Corps of Engineers plan to stop the fish with an electrical barrier setup at the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal, thereby denying entry into Lake Michigan.

Preliminary tests in 2002 showed positive results that low voltage electric lines stretched across the waterway would stop the fish. The Army Corps of Engineers, which operates the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal, spent 9 million dollars to erect two low voltage electric lines across the canal. The electric gate was completed in early 2006, but it has not been turned on with sufficient voltage to stop the fish. Chuck Shea, the project manager, is running additional tests to determine the amount of voltage necessary to stop the fish without risking injury or death to sailors, boaters, swimmers, and water-skiers who use the waterway. However, the Corps has been reluctant to put the barrier into full operation until that risk is determined. But time is running out. The fish have migrated to about 15 miles from the electric barrier at the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal. Early in November Shea said, "I think it's probably ready to go." But the barrier was not turned on, despite many strong leaders who demanded immediate action.

Illinois Lt. Gov. Pat Quin, who serves as the chairman of the Great Lakes Commission, said, "Failure to use that barrier as it was intended to keep carp out of Lake Michigan is not an option." No response noted.

On November 21, Wisconsin Governor James Doyle, writing on behalf of all the governors of the Great Lakes, wrote to the secretaries of defense and homeland, "Our region and our nation cannot afford continued delay." No response noted.

When will the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal barrier be put into operation? Will it stop the Asian carp before reaching Lake Michigan?

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome our new members and encourage other neighbors to join in supporting BSPOA.

Bob and Mary Carlisle  
Ron Cattelan  
Stephen and Suzanne Dickinson  
Steve and Kay Eatough  
Gregg and Babette Gustafson  
Gordon and Betty Hess  
Mark and Deborah Homan  
Philippe and Isabelle Housmans  
Jeff and Beth Krohn  
Mike and Joan Manduca  
Myron Marlett  
Mark and Jane McCabe  
Robert and Deborah Moulton

## GOING GREEN

US households dispose of nearly one billion plastic bags annually, millions of which end up littering the environment. By reducing plastic bag consumption by just two bags per week, you'll throw away at least one hundred fewer bags per year. If tied together handle to handle, these plastic bags would make a rope long enough to wrap around the earth more than 126 times.

## BSPOA 2008 – 2009

The following members were elected to terms of leadership in BSPOA for the 2008 – 2009 year, which runs from September 2008 through the October of 2009 annual meeting. Please address questions and comments for our association via e-mail to **bspoa.556@charter.net** or by phone to steering committee members listed below. **We value your input.**

**Chairman:** Russ May ..... 746-8964  
**Vice-Chair:** Mary Law ..... 743-2072  
**Secretary:** By Committee ..... 743-2303  
**Treasurer:** Bob Graef ..... 743-8455

### One-Year Term

Nancy Buhl ..... 743-3227  
John Van Lanen ..... 746-4465  
Randy Kenny\* ..... 743-5452

### Two-Year Term

Lisa Frederick ..... 746-8333  
Bob Graef ..... 743-8455  
Russ May ..... 746-8964  
Bill Rix ..... 868-3394

### Three-Year Term

Bob Landry ..... 868-3679  
Mary Law ..... 743-2072  
Deborah Mancuso ..... 743-5582  
(spring – fall)  
Bryan Troutman ..... 743-9088  
(spring – fall)

### Emeritus Members

Barb Bunning ..... 746-4025  
Jim Bunning ..... 746-4025  
Betty Parsons ..... 743-2303  
Bill Parsons ..... 743-2303  
Mike Standish ..... 743-8585

\* new to steering committee

## 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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