PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

By Russ May

As a kid, I spent several weeks every summer at a scout camp on Lake Geneva in southern Wisconsin. It was a neat place to be. The lake was deep, clear and cold. Even in the middle of August, when you jumped in, there was the sense you should check, for the ice must not be fully melted.

The beach was clean and sandy. The pier went out quite far, but you had to demonstrate you could swim before going into the deep. Once there, the high dive was wonderful. No matter how deep you dove, the bottom was just a little deeper.

Then came the day we were to learn how to use the canoe. If one only observed from a distance, they seemed terribly unsteady. Unsafe! After a bit, I got the hang of it. We were about a mile from shore when my buddy said, "Let's capsize the canoe." That was not a happy thought. I had never even considered thinking such a thought. However, the next thing I knew the canoe was under water and we were floating a mile from shore.

I learned several things that day. For one thing, canoes don't sink. They may fill with water, but they do not sink to the bottom. The next lesson was, if you stay with the canoe you will be safe. It is even possible to sit in a canoe filled with water and paddle it to shore. The final lesson was – it is possible, with a little effort, while in the middle of a lake, to empty a canoe full of water, climb in and paddle to shore. Before long I was having fun. For years afterwards I looked

forward to taking a new scout about a mile out into the lake and...

In hindsight, I also learned that capsizing isn't the worst thing that can happen. The worst is to never risk getting into the boat – terrible things could happen, the boat might sink, I might drown. Hesitation, reservation, fear of this or that, rob us of much life has to offer. As long as we play it safe, we'll never get wet.

I share this because, while we both know it's wonderful to have a place in Door County, you may not have taken the risk of getting involved. Just sat back and enjoyed. There is more to living here than living here. Opportunities abound to get involved. BSPOA, for example, has an annual spring clean up, but every time you take a walk you can take a small bag and pick up the litter left yesterday. Are you a non-resident concerned about political decisions being made? You are welcome to attend and speak at Town, Village, City and County Board meetings. You may not have a vote, but you do have a voice. BSPOA has a host of volunteer opportunities from being an observer at Town meetings, to helping with projects, serving on the Steering Committee or, identifying a problem and helping solve it.

Granted, playing it safe has its merits in some situations, but as a lifestyle it's incredibly limiting. Unless we, each of us, invest in our communities, we miss the richness of new experiences, new friendships, new discoveries, opportunities and possibilities. We also miss the satisfaction of having made a difference. Give us a call and learn how you can get involved.

INVASIVE LIP GRANT **UPDATE**

PROPANE UPDATE

By Jack Van Lanen

By Bryan Troutman

In the spring of 2008, BSPOA members committed to spend 398 hours over a two-year period for the Landowner Incentive Program (LIP) grant. The pledge was given to eradicate honeysuckle and buckthorn in the Bay Shore Drive and Blufflands Preserve area. By the end of the 2008 season, we accumulated 279 work hours!! That leaves 119 hours for this year.

Our efforts are making a difference. When the DNR did a walk through the Blufflands last fall, they were stunned by the progress. And when Mary Standish, BSPOA member and cofounder of the Door County Land Trust walked the same property this spring, she discovered that native plants and flowers and many species of birds are inhabiting the areas where buckthorn and honeysuckle have been removed. Even if it's hard work, this should be proof that invasive eradication works!

Want your invasive species examined? Want help with removal of invasives? Want to help BSPOA remove invasives? (It's fun and rewarding.) I hope you'll call me at 746-4465.

ATTENTION MEMBERS

By Nancy Buhl

We are now sending e-mails regarding activities and event. Please add BSPOA.556@Charter.net to your contacts/address book in order that our messages don't go into your SPAM folder.

If you have not updated your e-mail address within the last 3 years, or if your e-mail has changed, please send your current address BSPOA.556@Charter.net. Thank you!

As most of you are aware, your association in conjunction with the associations of Whitefish Bay and Glidden Drive have initiated and developed a propane purchase program. The combined associations have almost 200 participants with a purchasing power of more than 150,000 gallons of propane. Last year we negotiated a contract with Ferrelgas for \$2.05 and \$2.15 per gallon. During the course of the contract, Ferrelgas agreed to drop all delivery and hazmet fees and they automatically lowered their pricing to \$1.59 and \$1.69. This was all done in good faith and translated into a nice savings for all of us. For this season, which began June 1st, Ferrelgas has agreed to offer us a price of \$1.19 per gallon for anyone that owns a tank and \$1.29 for a leased tank. This is a huge reduction over last year. We have discussed our requirements with all the other suppliers and believe this represents the best offer for our members. For those of you who have not had an opportunity to take advantage of our program, please contact Bryan Troutman at (920) 743-9088 or email bdtroutman@aol.com Please provide your name, address, service address if different, phone number, email address and your current supplier and estimated annual usage.

KUDOS

Representative Garey Bies, along with several other elected officials, introduced legislation (AB-03) to restrict the sale of fertilizer containing phosphorous. Bill passed. It applies to lawn and golf courses. Land for agricultural production is exempt. Google Garey Bies website for more infor-

Hats off to Arlene Woelfel and the **Sevastopol Sesquicentennial Commitee** and volunteers for the well-organized parade and day long celebration on July 18.

DOOR COUNTY TRIATHLON

By Bryan Troutman

The very first triathlon took place in 1974 in Mission Bay, California. It started out with a group of friends training together, resulting in a race that September, with 46 participants.

The Door County Triathlon took place on July 18th and 19th. The Bay Shore Property Owners Association (BSPOA) once again sponsored the water bottle exchange for the biking course at White Cedar Road, along Bay Shore

Drive. The Door County event had almost 2,000 participants.

On Saturday, July 18th, the Sprint Triathlon commenced with a shortened 1/4 mile swim due to windy weather, an 18 mile bike ride and a 3.1 mile run. On Sunday July 19th, the Half Iron commenced with a 1.2 mile swim, a 56.3 mile bike ride and a 13.1 mile run. The event was once again a great success for Door County.



Jim Kita, Bryan Troutman, Sue Wallander, Rich Ritchie, The Krause boys with Dad Jim & Chuck Chenoweth

WHY THE EFFORT TO BAN PHOSPHATES

BLIPS

By Betty Parsons

By Betty Parsons

Residents await summer and visitors have begun to arrive. Though surrounded by water and remarkable beauty, take a walk to the beach and you'll find the green, slimy, ugly stuff known as Cladophora. Several years ago, Door Property Owners, took on the issue of phosphates, which is the main nutrient that feeds Cladophora. DPO invited other organizations to come aboard and join the "Partnership for Phosphate Reduction". Your organization, BSPOA, is one of the eleven partners.

Please visit the superior website, www.dcphosphatefree.org, which is expansive and informative. You'll be able to obtain a detailed explanation about Cladophora, learn about phosphate free products and DC retail sources. Additionally, you can access past BSPOA newsletters by clinking on the "Partnership Members" link.

Here are a few fast facts:

- Excess phosphorus in lakes causes algae blooms and water quality decline.
- Runoff washes phosphorus off lawns, streets, and fields into lakes.
- Polluted runoff is impairing or threatening an estimated 90% of inland lakes.
- It takes 20 parts per million of soil phosphorus to grow healthy turf; 25 parts per billion
 (a quantity 1000 times smaller) can promote excessive algae growth in lakes.
- Healthy lawns can be maintained using phosphorus free fertilizers.

We hope you'll contribute to phosphate reduction by buying phosphate free lawn fertilizer and dishwasher detergent and by avoiding other phosphate products that wind up in the sewer or holding tank or that run off onto the surface. We all await the return of crystal clear water.

Year of the Niagra Escarpment

In March of this year, the Wisconsin State Legislature adopted a resolution, which declares that 2010 will be the "Year of the Niagara Escarpment". According to Representative Al Ott, resolution author, it "will promote awareness and education to this distinctive landscape. The Niagara Escarpment will be acknowledged as an essential geologic and natural resource to our state."

BSPOA Spring Cleanup

Big thanks to the 24 BSPOA volunteers and Windemere, as the 13 mile sweep was once again completed this spring. Many volunteers heeded the weather forecast and did their "pickup" prior to May 9, which was a drippy day. While the Birmingham crowd was smaller, the fun was remained big.

Door County Greenprinting Update

In the winter 2009 newsletter, we reported that BSPOA contributed to the Greenprinting Project, as it reflected BSPOA goals. (Refer to previous newsletter for explanation of Greenprinting.) According to Bill Schuster, DC Soil and Water Department, "Data collection and model development has been ongoing since the kickoff meeting and early drafts of portions (specific goals) of the model are nearing completion." During May and June, goals are a "Greenprint review and final refinement." Delivery and implementation of the system is expected soon after August. The software, with its information laden maps, will help evaluate conservation goals and scientific data and will be available for government, organizations, developers and resident use.

Door County Silent Sports Alliance

Though a relatively new organization, DCSSA has already made significant contributions to DC.

Their mission is to promote and enhance participation of the silent sports in DC. To learn more about this organization, go to www.doorcountysilentsports.org.

Deer Resistant Plants

The University of Wisconsin-Extension, Cooperative Extension lists hundreds of plants that are resistant to deer. To obtain a list, call 746-2260.

BSPOA ANNUAL MEETING OCTOBER 3, 2009

By Deborah Mancuso, Annual Meeting Chair

BSPOA's 13th Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, October 3, 2009 at the Horseshoe Bay Golf Club, which is located in a beautiful Door County setting that overlooks the Bay of Green Bay. We are pleased that Bill Parsons, past president of Palmer Johnson, Inc., custom yacht builder for the world, specializing in yachts from 30' to 200', will be our speaker. The focus will be on "La Baronessa", the world's largest aluminum motoryacht. Bill will tell the story of this unique 195 foot motoryacht and her sisterships, who are part of the PJ heritage. Come and join us to meet other BSPOA members, officers and friends, renew friendships, learn more about BSPOA, and enjoy a fabulous luncheon. Detailed information will be sent to you in a separate mailing. So be sure to mark your calendar. We hope to see you in October!

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 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

FRANK E. MURPHY PARK AND SURROUNDING LAND

By Candace Worrick, BSPOA Member

This article and the barn article introduce you to Frank E. Murphy and others, who are the inspiration and benefactors for two historic properties of Door County. Since the BSPOA annual meeting is held at the Horseshoe Bay Golf Club, we thought these articles were timely and should be featured together. — Ed. note

The Frank E. Murphy County Park is located in Door County on 14 acres at 7119 Bay Shore Drive, where Highway G or Horseshoe Bay Road intersect with Bay Shore Drive in the town of Egg Harbor. The Park is located along the shoreline of the waters of Green Bay.

One cannot hear about the Frank E. Murphy County Park without learning about the surrounding land, as it abounds itself in history, dreams, and the reality of those dreams. The park exists due to the efforts and generosity of not only Frank E. Murphy, but his nephew Elbridge N. Murphy, the Murphy/Cowles families, the Andrew J. Anderson Estate, and certainly the Door County Parks Department, which maintains the park so as to ensure its viability for years to come.

The scenic beauty, climate, accessibility and



The Murphy Park pavilion



The Murphy Park beach today

unique geological aspects lured Frank Murphy to dream of building an enduring world class facility. The resort would be grand enough not only to attract those who could afford the high class resort life, but President Coolidge, who used it as a "Presidential Retreat" in 1927.

Geological Aspects

After the Great Glaciers receded from the Great Lakes some 16,000 years ago, lake basins and a hard wedge of dolomite limestone remained. This wedge or ridge stretches from Niagara Falls, New York, southwest through Wisconsin's Kettle Moraine Forest. The formation is known as the "Niagara Escarpment" and is a globally significant land formation that harbors great ecosystem biodiversity. Due to its unique geology and the presence of rare plants and animals, it is a distinguishing natural resource. This landscape supports a unique natural relationship and communities that include alvars, oak savannas, communities of threatened dwarf lake iris, and cliff face communities of slow growing cedars that are over 1000 years old. In addition, the Escarpment provides habitat for a number of migratory birds, bats, endangered relict land snails and Hines Emerald Dragonflies.

Sculpted by ground water and now mostly buried by glacial sediment, one of Wisconsin's longest (slightly over ½ mile) caves, Horse Shoe Bay Cave is located on private land near the park. Portions of the cave contain an underground river. (The public can visit and tour the cave by making special arrangements with the land owners or by becoming a member of the Wisconsin Speleological [the science of exploring caves] Society.) Interestingly, the cave has been linked in legend and rumor to gangster Al Capone and Chief Tecumseh. As legend has it, Al Capone and his gang used the cave as a hideout during prohibition years when the federal agents were casing the county for them. Another legend has Chief Tecumseh, brother of famous Pontiac, fleeing the Potawatomi who were after his scalp following a massacre in 1760. Tecumseh apparently fled the cave through a second exit. Although the second exit does not exist today, it's possible that it was destroyed by early settlers, who tilled and worked the land.

Climate and Accessibility

Climate and accessibility were definitely factors that influenced Frank Murphy to develop the land into a golf and vacation triumph. Due to the modifying influences of the large bodies of water which surround it, the land that Frank Murphy planned to develop was the most equable climate in the state. Accessibility was also of great importance in his decision. Frank studied the position of his land as it related to large cities such as Chicago, Minneapolis, and Milwaukee. It was evident that tourists could visit the resort by taking the train or by motoring.

Beauty

It was the scenic Door Peninsula that made the choice an easy one for the Murphy Family. The majestic beauty of the sandy beaches, towering cliffs and rocky palisades, the mystery of the cave, the wildlife, wildflowers, and the song of the birds were intoxicating!

Taking Shape of the Dream

After Frank E. Murphy acquired land in the Horseshoe Bay area, he established Murphy Farms. In 1916, he and his nephew, Eldridge N. Murphy, began construction on the now historic Horse Shoe Bay barns. In the 1920's, the "Horseshoe Bay Country Club" clubhouse was constructed and a few cottages, which even had hot and cold running water, were built. course, all those who wanted to play outdoors were quite satisfied with fishing, swimming, boating, tennis and golf. Indoor activities included dancing and "social pleasures".



Volleyball at Murphy Park

The Dream Is Sidetracked

Even though Horseshoe Bay Country Club was advertised as the "California of the North" and a "vacation triumph," the club did not succeed, as the Great Depression (1929) effected many dreams and aspirations.

A New Adventure

Although the club was forced to close, the Murphy's decided to utilize the land for farming and the enterprise was quite successful. In the years following the closure of the club, the farm became known for its breeding of Holstein dairy cattle. One of the cows was named "Johanna Star Reka" and was renowned for being the third largest milk producer in the world. And, Murphy's blooded cattle were valued at thousands of dollars.

In addition to breeding, Frank Murphy became involved in growing fruit orchards, and the orchard eventually became the county's largest employer. It grew multiple types of apples, and in its time, was the largest producer of apples, cherries, and plums in Door County. Due to the amount of fruits produced, a large dock was constructed to ship the goods to Peshtigo and to

Fishing off the Murphy Park dock

Dykesville, where they were then distributed by rail to their final destination. Farming and fruit production continued into the 1990s.

Today's Horse Shoe Bay Farms

The original clubhouse stood until it was torn down in 1975. In 1995, the Frank Murphy Cowles family, descendants of Frank E. Murphy, began the fulfillment of the original dream: home sites with beautiful water views were made available. And in 1998, construction on a world class golf course was started.

In July of 2000, the golf course was completed. The back breaking 604-yard par 5 course was built with the glistening waters of Green Bay forming a gorgeous back drop. There are 15 species of trees on the course including Frank Murphy's favorite apple, cherry and plums. More than 25 acres were seeded with 4 strains of native grasses and 16 varieties of wildflowers.

The main clubhouse was built to resemble a barn in honor of Frank E. Murphy's large dairy farm. In a case on the wall, a set of china is displayed — a lone remnant from days past.

The Frank E. Murphy Park

In 1934, the park at Horseshoe Bay was another gift to the county by Frank E. Murphy. The 11 acres of land were very desirable due to its accessibility, beauty (shore frontage), and historical association. In return, Mr. Murphy stipulated that: 1) That the property shall be perpetually used as a public county park and be open to the public for recreational purposes, 2) That the park be named and known as the Frank E.

Murphy County Park, 3) That the pier shall be in proper repair, 4) That a stone wall be built on the south and the east side of the property, and the height and the thickness of the wall is to be suitable for the purposes intended, and 5) That the park will be kept clean and attractive and will be at all times open to the public for recreational purposes.

To complete the 14 acres of the Frank E. Murphy Park, the ancestors of Andrew J. Anderson, specifically Helen C. Anderson, George C. Anderson, the four daughters of Mae Delorme, Albert Skalecke, and Margaret Anderson, filed quick claim deeds to Door County for three acres.

Today, the Frank E. Murphy County Park is enjoyed by residents and tourists alike. The park has a playground, 1,600 feet of sand beach, picnic area, shelter with restroom facilities, boat launch, and a volleyball court. In the summer months, one might see snorkeling, fishing and swimming off of the pier. Quite often large cruisers are seen tying up together for an afternoon party. For the younger beachgoers, the water is shallow near the shore and the sand is very conducive to building castles. Sun worshipers also enjoy the park as they are able to bring their beach chairs and read until the sun begins to set. Sunsets at Murphy Park are beautiful and the park is said to be popular wedding site. In past years, the Door county Triathlon has been based from this park on a weekend day in late July.

Horseshoe Bay, including the Frank E. Murphy County Park, is a unique combination of history and beauty. Those, who continue to be its caretakers, remain sensitive to the commitment of land preservation and respect the endeavors of such men. Without their dreams, determination and dedication, Door County would be without this precious jewel.





Chris Eicher and Travis Loucks dive off the dock in early August.
They said the Green Bay water was warm.

THE BARNS AT HORSESHOE BAY FARM

By Bryan Troutman

The barns at Horseshoe Bay Farm have been a Door County landmark since the early 1920s, and I'm happy to report that they will continue to remain a Door County landmark. The barns were recently acquired by Barbara and Glenn Timmerman, who are longtime Door County residents. They felt strongly that the barns should remain a landmark to the people.

There are a total of five barns remaining from the original Horseshoe Bay Farm. They sit on 9 acres of land. The barns are all of wooden construction, and amazingly, are built

with wooden nails. One barn housed the cows and hay; another was a milking barn, which also housed the bull, connecting to the milking barn. "This is where all the action took place"! Another barn housed the horses to power the farm equipment, another contained the maintenance shop and the last barn was used for storing apples and produce awaiting shipment.

George Evenson, President of the Door County Historical Society says, "The site has become a Door County landmark today, and also a state landmark, representing a historic period in the life of the dairy state." The condition of the barns today is a credit to the previous owners. In fact, the Cowles family, the previous owner of the farm, hired a crew of Amish carpenters, who were familiar with the barn construction, to inspect the barns and make necessary repairs.

The Timmerman's have made application for both state and national historical status.



This will offer long term preservation and usage of the barns. It will also give them access to certain tax incentives and grant money for long term presence and maintenance. Many of you may remember the fire engine which appears in the Egg Harbor 4th of July parade. It was purchased for the farm in 1928 and remains an important part of the original farm. Tradition is important and every day the Horseshoe Bay flag is raised, as it was during farming operations.

It is widely known that the county is trying to purchase the adjoining pasture land to expand Murphy Park. The entire complex will be a wonderful, historical treasure for the people of Door County and our many visitors.

On behalf of the BSPOA membership, we extend gratitude to Barbara and Glenn Timmerman for their vision, dedication to preservation, sharing of time and talent and for their generosity. Historical status will ensure that the site can be enjoyed by current and future generations of residents and visitors.

A History

NECESSITY IS THE MOTHER OF INVENTION

As told to Barb Bunning by Jim and Barbara Schaefer

As we know, each and every property on Bay Shore Drive has its story. The interesting tale revealed at 5779 Bay Shore Drive began 40 plus years ago when Jim and Barbara Schaefer decided to buy property with the goal of building a cabin. John Martz introduced Schaefers to the Englemans in 1974, who owned a perfect, undeveloped forested property. Deal done.

This is where the creative part of the story begins. The above mentioned Mr. Martz knew of a house for sale about 1000 feet north on Bay Shore Drive that temporarily straddled two properties. Just the house was for sale, not the two properties. It was beautiful knotty pine inside and in good condition. There were other buyers interested in the house, but there was a catch. It had to be moved from its unusual position crossing the property line.

Three ways were suggested for the 1975 move. The first made use of a helicopter to lift and move the house before settling it back on terra firma. The second was the long-used "move it across the ice" method. The winning idea was suggested by Mr. Magli, a highly re-





spected, local carpenter. He would cut the house in half, move it in two sections down the road, and guarantee the move and rebuilding.

This sounded like a good plan to Schaefers, so the land was cleared, and a foundation put in place. A farmer's flatbed truck was to provide transportation for the road trip, but the moving project had to wait until the farmer's spring planting was finished.

The carpenter cut the house lengthwise down the middle, the kitchen and living room formed one section and the bedrooms and bath the other. Needless to say, the chimney was left standing. Planting done, the first half was loaded onto the farmer's flatbed truck and pulled by a tractor. Then came the v-e-r-y s-lo-w move out onto Bay Shore Drive, down the road, and towards the water on Schaefer's property. According to Barb, "the house just slid right onto the waiting foundation." Only one light blub was broken in the process! After all that success, the solid rock behind the house was dug into by dynamite blasting for the holding tank and utility pole. (That definitely sounds like Door County.)





This was definitely a friendly neighborhood project, as neighbors came to watch and help. When an extra storage area was needed, a oneroom cabin was purchased and moved from 5767 Bay Shore Drive. It now serves as a cozy, knotty pine, guest cabin.

At age ten, Schaefer's son, Jimmy, watched the neighbor building a stone wall at the water's edge. Intrigued, Jimmy independently began to build a stone wall on the Schaefer property. Scouring the beach for flat rocks, he selected the perfect size for construction, laying them like bricks. It took years to finish, but the beautiful wall now runs along the entire property waterfront. The last addition was a separate two-car garage. This story is definitely one of creativity and ingenuity.

GOING GREEN

Go ahead and use the dishwasher. Running full loads is actually less water-intensive than hand washing. If you do it yourself, don't keep the water running; fill the sink, scrub, rinse.

SEVASTOPOL SESQUICENTENNIAL



Two BSPOA floats were in the July 18 Sesquicentennial parade in Institute to celebrate 150 years since the Town of Sevastopol was founded. Did you know that the original and short-lived name was Laurieville? An illustrated history book, Sevastopol Stories, is in its second printing and copies can be purchased for \$10 at the Town Hall while they last.





New Town Hall next to Sevastopol Schools

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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