

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

By Mike Standish

Greetings from Door County – known by Chamber of Commerce boosters as a veritable hot bed of liquid sunshine. I guess we shouldn't complain. While we've had a wet spring and a snowy winter, our neighbors south of Green Bay are being flooded out with huge rainfalls.

Your membership has grown to a record level – over 150 property owners stretching from Horseshoe Bay Farms to Sturgeon Bay. We like to think it's because BSPOA is active and doing good things for membership and the community. We are doing the mundane but important work of attending Town Board and Planning Commission meetings, Door County Resource Planning, Board of Adjustment, and other committee meetings as needed. We respond to local and state politicians with written communications concerning our positions.

We are also involved in some new activities. Support for the Common Ground Project at the Francis Hardy Center to help raise the public's awareness of environmental issues, co-sponsoring a Sevastopol candidate forum with the League of Women Voters, and raising over \$1,300 in funds and twenty volunteers to test

Green Bay water for 14 weeks at ten different sites along County B.

I speak with many people in the community. Summer people, full time residents, arts people, music and theater enthusiasts, sailors and golfers, volunteers and givers, and regular working folks. They will remark about one key difference between Door County and the many other places they've lived and visited. That difference is the people. They are so nice, friendly, involved, generous and committed.

I'm more than willing to believe all of this, but the bottom line is we need a continuing realization from both seasonal and full time people that we must be concerned with our community. Seasonal people in particular need to be aware of their responsibility to give back to the community through participation in worthy causes and good deeds. Shopping does not fulfill this obligation. Find something you can do one day per month of summer vacation that gives back to Door County. You'll then be part of the reason so many people like it here.

We're anticipating a big turnout at our September annual meeting. Hope to see you there.

FIRE PROTECTION IN SEVASTOPOL

By Betty Parsons

Sturgeon Bay Fire Chief, Tim Herlache, presented a comprehensive eight-page 2003 report at the May Sevastopol Town Board meeting and answered a number of questions. His excellent report included a listing of staff, fire department equipment, a fire report summary for Sevastopol,

breakdown of incident type and an incident list by alarm, date and time.

Of interest, fire departments are rated on a 1-10 scale with number one being the best rating. Sturgeon Bay is currently rated at a four

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OLDE STONE QUARRY PARK LAUNCH RAMP

By Jim Bunning

On Wednesday, April 7, the Door County Parks Department held a public information meeting regarding a proposal to expand safe boating facilities at the Olde Stone Quarry Park at 4879 Bay shore Drive. The proposal would consist of a 60,000 square foot harbor of safe refuge protecting six boat launch lanes and provide parking for 90 vehicle-trailer units. The proposed plan would also include the expansion of the shore fishing capacity, green areas, and a water retention pond. Prior to this public information meeting, the project had already been endorsed by the County and presented to the Sevastopol Town Board.

The plan, as outlined at the meeting by George Pinney, would include a shore hugging breakwall sheltering a 20,000 square foot area that is currently open lakebed area. The breakwater would also encircle 40,000 square feet of harbor water that would be dredged out in roughly the area currently occupied by the two existing launch ramps and vehicle-trailer parking area. The DNR will not entertain more than 20,000 square feet in the bay, and an environmental assessment study must be done for the 40,000 square foot dug out area. The six launch lanes are meant to meet an increased number of boaters in the case of inclement weather.

Being fully exposed to prevailing winds where Green Bay feeds into Sturgeon Bay, the proposed harbor would need little maintenance compared

to other harbors where constant dredging and silt removal is needed. The proposed harbor depth would be 13 feet at low water depth. "Even if the water goes down, there will still be enough water for launches," Pinney said. "The area won't need dredging or silt removal."

About 40 people attended the informational meeting and a number of them were Bay Shore Drive residents. Most people were in support of the project. Concerns were expressed about the lighting, potential of more traffic on Bay Shore Drive, and the parking spots on the inland side of Bay Shore Drive. The lighting will be on timers (full cut off) and would all point down. The 90 parking spaces are required by County Ordinance of 15 spots per launch ramp. Mr. Pinney said that the improved facilities at the park are not expected to result in a huge influx of visitors to the area. The additional features are intended to make the park useful as a harbor of refuge and a better launch site for people who man smaller boats - up to 20 to 25 feet.

If all goes according to plan, the project estimated to cost \$3.5 million to \$4 million should be paid for 100 percent by state and federal grants. The money comes largely from fishing license fees, boat registration fees and hidden federal taxes on fishing lures. If the grant funding were approved, construction would begin during the fall of 2005.

Fire Protection

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with expectations of becoming a three. A rating in the range of 3-5 is typical for towns the size of Sturgeon Bay. Sevastopol is rated at nine with the expectation of moving to number seven. A range of 7-9 is typical for towns where the rating is heavily based on the quantity and speed of water movement. In turn, insurance rates are based on these ratings.

Two firefighters now staff the east and westside stations twenty-four hours a day. Fire Chief Herlache chose to hire an additional firefighter for each of the three shifts, rather than hire a replacement for the opening of assistant Fire Chief. As many part time shifts as needed can be simultaneously called. In the case of simultaneous fires in Sevastopol and Sturgeon Bay, Southern Door would be called to assist. If anyone is interested, a total report can be obtained from the fire department.

HELPING TO CONSERVE THE LAND

By Barbara Bunning

News from The Nature Conservancy is always interesting, and the latest conversation with Mike Grimm once again underlined the impact of their work to protect lands and waters.

Related to the Green Bay Shore area is a grant proposal written in 2002 that recently resulted in a \$13,000 grant from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to eradicate the Buckthorn, Honeysuckle and Canary Reed Grass in the Bay Shore Blufflands Preserve. The Preserve is located at the corner of Carlsville Road and Bay Shore Drive. This money comes from the restitution settlement for the PCB pollution in the Fox River Basin, as does the tree-planting project described earlier. The work will be contracted out this summer.

Moving away from the Bay Shore, the Conservancy has purchased 240 acres of land to bring the Shivering Sands area to a grand total of 550 acres. 170 acres soon will be closed on to bring the North Bay area total to 890 acres. Even the Mink River area has added 190 acres for a total of 1700 acres preserved. All this acreage will be managed for longterm viability of the habitat and will contribute to saving some of the beautiful Door County natural areas we all appreciate.

If you are interested in obtaining more information on The Nature Conservancy or how to contribute to this worthy organization, please contact Julie Schartner, Chris Sherbet or Mike Grimm at 920-743-8695.

WANTED!

Contributors and writers wanted – do you have a tale to tell, a history to relate, pictures of bygone days? Help us out and contact Barbara Bunning at 746-4025.

TREE PLANTING ALONG BAY SHORE DRIVE AT THE BAY SHORE BLUFFLANDS

By Bryan Troutman

In a cooperative effort, The Nature Conservancy and the Door County Land Trust through its Stewardship Committee have planted more than 3000 trees at the Bay Shore Blufflands Preserve this spring. The tree species include white cedar, white pine, white spruce, red oak, green ash, balsam fir, Norway pine, red dogwood, swamp white oak and speckled alder.

The monies for this project, as well as other projects in Door County, Mink River and North Bay, have been made available through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services. These funds became available as a result of payments made by Lower Fox River paper companies and associated waste treatment facilities release of PCB's to the Lower Fox River. PCB's released from paper companies facilities into the Lower Fox River are carried downstream and into Green Bay. The Green Bay water circulation is very complex, with an overall counterclockwise pattern, which is influenced by wind, river discharge, and upswelling from Lake Michigan and ice cover.

The specific injuries to the natural resources of the Lower Fox River and Green Bay have been carefully documented. It was agreed that the monies from the paper companies for their damages may only be used for restoration of resources injured, destroyed or lost as a result of the release of contaminated substances from the paper company sites. The injured resources include surface water, sediment, fish, wildlife and their supporting ecosystems. Restoration in Door County has been focused on preserving and filtering water run-off through the coastal wetlands and associated uplands such as the Bay Shore Blufflands.

Bryan Troutman serves on the BSPOA Steering Committee and is a participant on the Door County Land Trust Stewardship Committee.

DREUTZERS FROM SWEDEN TO BAY SHORE DRIVE

As told by Blaine Dreutzer to Barbara Bunning

A Swedish descendent begins Blaine Dreutzer's story of Bay Shore history. Blaine's great grandfather, O. E. Dreutzer, served in the Swedish navy in the 1830's. Moving to the United States, O. E. joined the American Army and spent two years fighting Indians in Florida. After living again in Sweden, O. E. returned to the U.S. in 1853 and settled in Kenosha. He became a self-taught lawyer and was counsel to Norway during the Civil War. Door County beckoned in 1870 where O. E. became the District Attorney.

O. E.'s son, Y. V., took the original 1850's Hansen homestead at 4102 Bay Shore Drive when he married Elizabeth Hansen (of the Bay Shore Inn Hansens) and proceeded to tear down a good portion of it. Y. V. then spent five years building on a large addition where he, his wife and three children lived. In 1894 he also built a cottage across the road where the family enjoyed the summer seasons until 1907 when Y. V. died.

Blaine's grandmother (Y. V.'s wife) remembered as a little girl being affected by the 1871 Peshtigo Fire. Her mother took the children across the road to a flowing well near the shore, covered them with wet blankets and put them in the well for protection from the storm of the fire.

Y. V.'s son/Blaine's father, Cedric (Y. C.), took care of the dairy farm and pea, cherry and apple crops. Just south of the cottage were the Solwys and Iversons. North of the cottage was the cottage of Y. V.'s brother, Gus Dreutzer, who was Postmaster in Sturgeon Bay.

Blaine's family followed previous generations by enjoying the cottage in the summer time and moving across the road to the big house in winter. Blaine lived in the house all his life. As a child he fished in the summer and hunted in the winter, and of course there were 80 acres of cherry orchard in which to work and play. A 14-foot plywood boat provided lots of fun on the water, fishing near the shore for mostly bass and



perch just as is done today. In the fall he went to the first Laurie quarry to hunt grouse and rabbits. At this point in time only one family resided on Laurie Lane. Cherry pickers' camps stood across the road by the shore (still standing) and behind their main house, providing many playmates.

Schooling took place in Cherry School (at the corner of County BB and Cherry Road) with all grades together in one room and one teacher managing 30 children of all the ages and grades. After the war the school population grew to around 40. Blaine remembers the coal stoker being filled in the basement furnace and a bell tower standing on the school top, though it no longer remains.

Clara Krett was the teacher in 1943-44 during the war, never knowing how many students would be coming to school – anywhere from 30-60 or 70 per day. This was largely due to the children of the shipyard employees who often moved in and out of town. Clara certainly earned her pay in that classroom. By the time Blaine reached eighth grade (after the war), he was the only student in his class. Two rooms were later added on, it became a school for special education students, and the old Cherry School now functions as a childcare center.

More than 6000 people were working in the

Dreutzer

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shipyards, mostly coming from Kentucky and Tennessee. If one worked in the defense industry shipyards, the worker wasn't required to enter the army. Buses for shipyard workers ran regularly to provide transportation from Green Bay to Sturgeon Bay.

During WWII Doc Olson, who had an office in the building where the Fairfield Art Museum now stands, had 25-30 dogs that made the neighborhood their own. The dogs often surprised the residents living near Olson's home at 4147 BSD by having pups under various house porches. Ike Bergeson would drive a team of horses around the neighborhood and do custom work in orchards, pulling out tree stumps and providing the muscle for other jobs as well. Residents watched Ellis Solway drive his tractor down the road and Lawrence Iverson farmed south from Dreutzers.

There were no houses between where Westwood Shores Condominiums now stand and the Dreutzer home. Blaine recalls that George Pittenger lived north aways, and George built the large stone house on Hatch's property (4343 BSD). Moving south from Hatches were the Brooks and Hannon properties.

Earlier life in Sturgeon Bay definitely had entertainment. Evenings and weekends found Blaine visiting at the neighbors with his Dad. A bit adventuresome, Blaine also had fun climbing in the trees surrounding the schoolhouse. Children enjoyed a trip to town on Saturday mornings for the special serial movie of the week, and a traveling stage show troupe came to the high school in the winter. A Youth Center, run for many years by Jim Larson, provided a place for high schoolers to socialize in town.

Blaine worked for Martin Orchards to earn money and learned to drive a bulldozer on the job. After working here, he went to college, returned to Sturgeon Bay where he entered the army reserve, got a degree from University of Wisconsin at Green Bay and married his wife, Peggy.

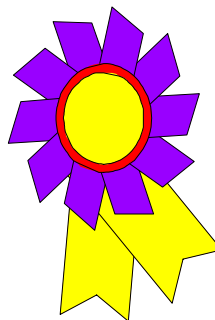
Many fond memories of growing up on Bay Shore Drive keep Blaine in the know about early days on the Drive - and help us go back in time to learn how it was back then.



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SEPTEMBER 11

The BSPOA Annual Meeting will convene on September 11 at 11:00 a.m. for a visit with Bay Shore Drive neighbors, luncheon and an interesting program. Watch to see the exciting details in an August mailing.



KUDOS

League of Women Voters



for Candidate Forums

Roadwork on Bay Shore Drive

Efficient, fast, appreciated



DNR

for purchasing 4.1 acres of
land to enlarge Whitefish
Dunes State Park

SEVASTOPOL TOWN BOARD

By Betty Parsons

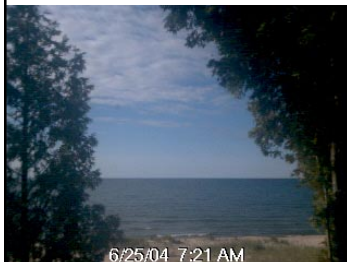
The newly elected Sevastopol Supervisor is Dan Woelfel. Supervisor Tom Olsen resigned at the April board meeting. John Staveness, runner up in the April elections, was appointed as Mr. Olsen's replacement at the May meeting. Supervisor Tom Girman was elected as new vice-chairman, replacing Mr. Olsen.

The Sevastopol Planning/Zoning Committee, which includes Jo Ann Schley, John Staveness, Sonya Jorns, Tom Borkovetz and Roger Meikle, will also serve as the Sevastopol committee for SmartGrowth. All local government units are required by law to have a land use program consistent with the county's comprehensive plan in place by 2010.

The Door County Sheriff's department will have a deputy visit town board meetings whenever possible to address citizen questions or concerns. Items mentioned to date include the unusual amount of large-item debris along roadways, underage drinking and vandalism to mailboxes.

The Board supports the "Refuge of Safe Harbor" project at the Olde Stone Quarry Park and has sent a letter supporting that position to the Door County Board of Supervisors.

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Connect to www.doorbell.net and get your fix. A weather observation and recent shoreline picture is available daily!

WHAT'S HAPPENING TO OUR QUAINT LITTLE LANES?

By Deborah Mancuso

In a previous newsletter, we brought to your attention the conflict of town boards redoing lanes in a township vs. property owners wanting to preserve the quaintness and natural aesthetics of these lanes. Property owners also hoped to save taxpayer dollars by avoiding this project expense or reducing the costs by limiting the scope of the project.

If you drive down Bay Shore Drive/County B and its adjacent lanes, you'll discover that some of these lanes have lost their quaint, rustic charm. They have been blacktopped and 30-50 feet tall cedars and pines removed to widen the lanes, add ditches, and make way for shoulders. Reasons the town boards give for these changes is safety, being able to have fire truck access, and state DOT mandates.

Dead end lanes that range from less than 100 feet long (White Cedar) to Sunset Lane or Lady Slipper Lane (less than 1000 feet long) don't seem to deserve this treatment, especially when the stated reasons of the town board have been met. Repaving or resurfacing an existing width dead end lane when it's needed is understandable. Widening and clearing adjacent land on small country lanes is questionable. We support maintaining the natural beauty of Door County whenever possible.



LADDIE CHAPMAN

BAY SHORE WATER QUALITY – WHAT IS IT?

By Barbara Bunning

If you see your neighbors wading fully clothed knee deep into the bay water on a Tuesday morning, don't worry about their mental health. He or she probably will be one of the BSPOA Water Testing Project testers at work. We can thank Rich Ritchie and Tom Manthey, BSPOA Water Test Coordinators, for their time and effort to solicit funds, recruit fulltime and parttime volunteers and manage the entire project.



The samples are collected early on Tuesday morning of each week when volunteers drain water from a specific depth beneath the surface into a special bottle. The process is a little more complicated than that, but it gives you an idea of how the process works. Samples also will be collected after a rainfall of 1 inch or more, and all water samples are delivered by noon that day to Crossroads for testing. The project is taking place at selected spots on the shore between the Sturgeon Bay city limits and Murphy Park.

At the time of this printing, \$1300 has been donated to support the weekly testing at ten sites from June 15 through August 31. We thank all those who contribute to this important project as it benefits our children, grandchildren and visitors in addition to ourselves. The project should provide quality Green Bay water data to Door County and State of Wisconsin officials in efforts to track water quality on the shores of Door County.

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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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