



Spring 2018 Newsletter

PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. P.O. BOX 556, STURGEON BAY, WI 54235

SAVE THE DATES

The BSPOA Board has arranged a SUMMER SOCIAL EVENT. We have reserved the pavilion at Murphy Park for **Saturday, July 7, 2018** for a dinner party, with food catered by Door County Custom Meats. The event will start around 4 PM and is open to BSPOA members, family, neighbors and friends.

There will be no politics, no business meeting, and no keynote speaker. There will be great food (aka - Pig Roast), meet & greet, relaxed conversation, denim or shorts, and of course P E R F E C T WEATHER. Mark the date on your calendar (iPhone - church calendar - refrigerator magnet - or whatever works). Registration deadline will be mid-June. Full details, including cost, will be sent via snail mail (yes, with a pre-addressed return envelope) and there will also be email and website info for the technically astute. Hope to see you there!



The annual Bay Shore Drive Spring Cleanup is scheduled for **Saturday, May 5, 2018**. We will start contacting volunteers in April. See you then!

FREE SMOKE ALARMS AVAILABLE

In late spring, the American Red Cross will be sponsoring a free smoke alarm installation. The goal is to reduce fire related death & injuries by 25%. To make this event happen we need the help of volunteers within the community. On Saturday May 26th, we will be passing out door hangers to inform residents how they can receive a free smoke alarm. On Saturday June 2nd we will have teams of three do the actual installation, safety education & documentation.

If you would like to be part of this event, keep these dates open. As the time gets closer we will be communicating more details. For questions, contact Ron Maloney 920-559-6386, maloneyron@yahoo.com.



A runner on Bay Shore Drive during the "Fall 50" (see page 7)

SCHOOL ADVISORY GROUP FORMED

By Kyle Luedtke

The Citizens Facility Advisory Committee (CFAC) has taken on the charge of identifying and confirming the needs and exploring potential solutions to Sevastopol School's district's facility and site needs. The primary goal of the CFAC is to recommend a solution that is cost-effective for taxpayers, as well as offers an enduring, energy-efficient, and adaptable end product that will support the Sevastopol School District's future students and the residents of all the communities we serve for decades to come.

The CFAC held its first meeting on October 23, 2017. We are fortunate to have 35 diverse community members serving on this committee. This group represents the various communities and age groups of our school district. A wide range of backgrounds of the individuals on the committee has been and will be beneficial for the work at hand.

As the committee explores various options additional information is needed to assist the group in making any quality and thorough recommendations. The Applied Population Laboratory at UW-Madison is researching and predicting future enrollment trends for the district. R.W. Baird & Co. has provided financial data. Bray Architects has and will continue to provide potential possibilities.

The CFAC group toured Kewaunee School District on January 22. Kewaunee recently completed a two-phase project which included renovating part of an existing building, razing of an older one, adding a stand-alone building and the completion of an addition.

All CFAC meetings are scheduled on Monday evenings from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm and are open to the public. If any community member would like additional information or would like to schedule a tour of our school please contact either Roch Lautenbach, Director of Maintenance, or Kyle Luedtke, Superintendent. Both can be reached at (920) 743-6282.

DARK SKIES & POLLINATORS

By Dan Mathein

Most people are familiar with the fact that when we have dark skies (absence of artificial light pollution) it is easier to see the stars. The visibility of the solar system is only part of the story. Another impact of dark skies is on the "night shift" of pollinators. When the day crew of pollinators — bees and butterflies — goes to sleep, the night crew becomes active and goes to work. That night crew (moths) like the butterflies during the daylight, is active collecting nectar and pollen after dark.

In my biology 101 class we looked at the beautiful butterflies in the Order Lepidoptera, where we learned the way to tell the difference between a moth and a butterfly was the antenna. Moths have fuzzy antennae while butterflies have smooth ones. We invested very little classtime studying the importance of moths even though they are active from dusk till dawn pollinating our fruits and flowers.

Much has been written about the negative impact of poisons on all species of beneficial insects. My first exposure to the impact of light pollution on the night crew was while reading *Bringing Nature Home* by Douglas W. Tallamy. To quote Tallamy, "...moths are drawn to lights at night where they stay until the light is extinguished... If they don't meet an untimely end from hungry bats, they spend so much energy circling lights that they soon die of exhaustion. The preponderance of lights where there used to be dark forest is taking a heavy toll on these wonderful animals throughout their range."

Light pollution's impact on our environment will never make headlines in the *Advocate* or *Pulse*. Well-water pollution or phosphorus pollution of Green Bay sells more newspapers probably because few of us spend our evenings counting dead moths on the ground under a security light. Luckily, up here in Door County, we can probably (and safely) turn off any unnecessary lights at night. This will not only give the night crew an opportunity to do their job, it might also save a dollar or two on the old electric bill.

BAY SHORE BLUFFLANDS BUCKTHORN BLAST

By Denice Reda Hubbard

In fall of 2017, BSPOA and the Door County Land Trust joined forces in the eradication of invasive species at the Bay Shore Blufflands Preserve on Bay Shore Drive. The Buckthorn Blast is a three-year partnership dedicated to the eradication of destructive buckthorn and honeysuckle that are invading the seven mile stretch of the bluff land corridor. With the assistance of Door County Land Trust staff, BSPOA members, community volunteers and restoration contractors, we hope to restore this ecosystem for present and future generations to enjoy.

In 2018, Denice and Ken Hubbard, who currently administer the BSPOA invasive species 50/50 Grant Program, will be working with the Land Trust to develop quarterly programs and activities for our members and their families who are interested in assisting in the eradication of Buckthorn and Honeysuckle in the preserve. Other activities will be designed to increase awareness and enjoyment of this beautiful jewel that lies within our association boundaries.

If you have not yet had the pleasure of hiking (or simply taking a leisurely walk) in this unique preserve and ecosystem, trail heads (parking lots) are located on both Bay Shore

Drive and Reynolds Road. Look for upcoming notices in our newsletters and from Constant Contact regarding dates of upcoming programs and to sign up for a Buckthorn Blast.



Glossy buckthorn (*Frangula alnus*)

Tall understory shrub or small tree which grows up to 20 feet tall, often with several stems arising the base, and spreading crown.

Gray to brown bark with prominent light-colored lenticels.



Amur Honeysuckle (*Lonicera maackii*)

A quick-growing deciduous shrub reaching up to 15 feet tall with a hollow stem pith and pale, shredding bark.

In Memoriam

Art Malone Apr 14, 2017

Roger M. Nulton Aug 27, 2017

Karl May Sep 7, 2017

Robert Landry Nov 16, 2017

(Past BSPOA board member)

Louis C. Williams, Jr. Dec 27, 2017

CAMPING REGULATIONS REVISED BY EGG HARBOR

As a result of concerns expressed by town residents, the Town of Egg Harbor revised its private property camping ordinance to clarify provisions, to bolster sanitary requirements, and to better control the use of private property by campers.

It took several meetings by the town board to come up with a version of the ordinance they could agree on, although it did not satisfy some of the recommendations made by the residents.

Major changes to the ordinance are as follows:

Sanitary Requirements: Disposal of sanitary and gray water waste must be provided by any combination of the following: connection to a county sanitarian approved onsite disposal system, a self-contained holding tank(s) with disposal at a sanitary dump station or service, or a portable toilet with disposal at an approved sanitary dump station or service. Recurring permit applications will require documentation on previous waste water disposal. Garbage is to be removed after each stay or by use of service.

Camping Units Permitted: Not more than one camping unit per property owner and occupied by that property owner shall be permitted on an individual campsite. There is an allowance for one non-property owner using camping on the premises. A camping unit is broadly defined as any portable device of no more than 400 square feet in area and used as a temporary dwelling, including but not limited to a camping trailer, motor home, bus, pickup truck or tent.

Group camping is restricted to no more than two camping stays of not more than ten consecutive days for each camping stay.

The new ordinance makes it clear that camping is allowed for recreational use only. Private property cannot be used at any time as an alternate for a permanent unit. In addition, no accessory structure can be used as additional living space. Enforcement responsibility is that of the town chairman since the town has no paid staff assigned to this duty.

If anyone has questions or concerns on the use of private property for camping they should contact the Egg Harbor Town Clerk at 920-743-6141. A copy of the approved ordinance is available on the town's website at www.townofeggharbor.org.

PROPANE UPDATE

How's your tank? Be diligent, proactive and periodically inspect your propane tank so you don't run out of gas. If your tank looks anything like the one pictured here, it may be time to replace your tank with a new one for a cost of about \$1,600 plus delivery. Or, you can have Lakes Gas lease one of theirs at no cost as long as your annual use is over 500 gallons.

If you are using your house more than in previous years or have made any additions which increases your usage, let Lakes know. They can calculate your estimated usage based on historical data as well as degree and wind-chill days.

Once again our Propane Program has been successful. Current spot market prices are \$1.99, while this year's program price was \$1.12 (more than 40% savings). If you are not a part of our Propane Program and would like to join, please contact Bryan Troutman at bdtroutman@aol.com Have a great winter, I'm on my way out the door for the golf course!



A propane tank in need of some TLC

WHY DO MOTHS CIRCLE A LIGHT?

In a behavior called *transverse orientation*, some insects navigate by flying at a constant angle relative to a distant light source, such as the moon. But around man-made lights, such as a campfire or your porch light, the angle to the light source changes as a moth flies by. This confuses it. (Source: BBC)

EMERALD ASH BORER INVADES

As scientists predicted, the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is alive and well here in Door County. In the few years since arriving it has killed many of our ash trees and will continue to do so. At the present time science has not found an effective way to stop this nonnative bug from spreading and destroying native ash trees.

This invasive species is believed to have arrived in a shipment of product brought into Detroit from Asia. With no native control species to keep it in check, it has rapidly spread throughout the upper Midwest and beyond. The insect only feeds on ash trees. The adult EAB lays eggs in the tree bark, the larva feed on the inner bark, and this feeding process cuts off the ability of the tree to move fluid to the top. Once a tree is infected with EAB there is no saving it. Telltale signs of infestation include top dieback and in later stages the tree bark will change from dark gray to a light brown.

An ash tree can be treated with an insecticide that will prevent damage. To be effective, this 2-year treatment must be done prior to the tree being attacked. If you have a special tree that you want to save, consult with a respected tree service for a treatment quote.

Once a tree has been killed, the wood is still useful for fireplace use. EAB is not interested in dead wood, so you can cut it, split it, stack it, and burn it in your fireplace. Most lumber mills are also not interested in dead wood because sawing dry wood heats up saw blades and dulls the teeth.

If you have ash trees, and most of us do, now might be a good time to start planting replacements of other species.



EAB adult, showing size relative to a penny

JIM NELLEN: CANDIDATE FOR TOWN SUPERVISOR

We are proud to say that BSPOA Board member Jim Nellen is on the ballot for Sevastopol Town Board. There are three candidates for two open seats open and three candidates. Perhaps it would be beneficial for



Jim Nellen

BSPOA members to have a direct link to how the Town of Sevastopol governing body spends our tax dollars.

The Town of Sevastopol Board works with major areas of local government including a ten year refreshment of the Master Plan, town roads, and invasive species control.

Jim has been monitoring Town affairs for BSPOA. He is interested in insuring that the goals and needs of the Bay Shore area are represented in all of the Town's decisions.

The League of Women Voters held a candidate forum for this office in February; the forum is online at www.doorbell.net/video. A broadcast schedule for Charter TV channel 986 is also on that site, as the forum will be shown frequently up until the election.

This is a nonpartisan election which will have an impact upon the resident's quality of life for years to come. If you vote in the town of Sevastopol and want your voice heard—election day is April 3, 2018. **If you want an absentee ballot because you will not be able to vote in person, contact Town Clerk/Treasurer Amy Flok at (920) 746-1230 or office@townofsevastopol.com.** Contact her early, as the rules for absentee voting have changed, and timeframes narrowed.

SEVASTOPOL TV COVERS LOCAL EVENTS

By Laddie Chapman

Sevastopol TV is the *Video Voice of Door County!*

Our cable TV station, Charter channel 986, continues to cover local events that the Green Bay TV stations ignore. These include all Sevastopol Town Board meetings (live), Door County Board, Sister Bay Board, plus some County committee meetings when a Sevastopol item is on the agenda.

Besides the extensive government coverage, Sevastopol TV records other local events like the Valmy Thresheree, Jacksonport Polar Bears, and interviews with important local citizens. We have made video features of the Henschel Sawmill, the Valmy Treatment Plant, and even traveled to Mirabel to show you the cave underground with Mike Madden and caver Gary Soule.

Some Sevastopol students have been assisting with our video workload, since there are often simultaneous events in Door County that a single crew cannot cover. This is a wonderful learning experience for the students, and quite a valuable contribution to our community.

We realize the historical material that is being accumulated, and preserve all videos for posterity if at all possible. Some of the people we have interviewed or featured are no longer with us, but we have them on "film."

All locally-produced videos are also available on YouTube worldwide. The easiest way to find a recent show is by accessing www.doorbell.net/video. If you are looking for an older show, try using the YouTube search function by entering key words, or just call our Program Director.

DVDs are available, on request, for any of our shows for a small fee.

Sevastopol TV can be received by any Charter cable TV subscriber in Door and Kewaunee counties. If you have trouble finding channel 986, or need further information, please contact Program Director Laddie Chapman at (920) 743-8400 anytime. A few viewers have reported problems with receiving the signal, and we can probably get Charter to fix it at no cost to you.



Community Choir, led by Cheryl Pfister and Judy Thompson, performs a Christmas Concert at Pinecrest for Sevastopol TV

WEEDS OR FLOWERS?

By Dan Mathein

After a recent meeting, one of our board members asked when I was going to cut down the weeds on my berm. My response was that those were not weeds but bird seed. It appears that when purple cone flower, brown eye susan, joe pye weed, iron weed, big blue stem, and other native plants dry down in the fall they do not meet the criteria of "flowers". I guess that beauty is in the eyes of the beholder.

During the spring, summer, and early fall the flowers provide numerous species of pollinators with the food they seem to enjoy. Standing in shoulder-high native plants in August is not for the faint of heart. But, the buzzing of native bees and, wasps, and colorful butterflies by the dozen is a treat to the senses of a nature lover.

OMG aren't you afraid of being stung? Not really. Bees (honey, bumble, or native) are not interested in humans because most of us do not provide pollen or nectar. Most of our native wasps only get feisty when their nest is endangered. And, who ever got stung by a Monarch butterfly?

After the first frost, the beauty of this fall and winter berm is in the eyes of our feathered friends. The goldfinches, pine siskins, and slate juncos appear to enjoy the fruit of these native plants. The dry plants also provide shelter for critters big and small, and winter habitat in and under the leaves that collect and do not blow away.

A native planting can be beautiful year around, but for many only after thinking differently.

BSPOA'S 20TH ANNUAL MEETING 2017

By Deborah Mancuso

It has been 20 years since BSPOA began in 1997 and the 20th Annual Meeting of Bay Shore Property Owners Association, Inc. was celebrated on September 23th, 2017 at the Horseshoe Bay Golf Club in Door County. The featured speakers were Jeff Herbst, Artistic Director/Performer/Director, and Holly Feldman, Director of Development and Public Relations, of Northern Sky Theater located in Door County's beautiful Peninsula State Park. They spoke to over 100 attendees on "The Theater...Beneath the Northern Sky". All enjoyed an informative slide show detailing the theater's past and present history, and the exciting plans for their future theater. Jeff Herbst also shared some background from his work on over 50 original productions, such as the musicals *Guys on Ice* and *Lumberjacks in Love*.

BSPOA's annual business meeting was then conducted by President Jim Schultz, followed by a delicious luncheon, and concluded with a door prize drawing for two tickets for upcoming shows at Northern Sky Theater.

Very special thanks go to our speakers, the Horseshoe Bay Golf Club and their great staff, chef, and event coordinators. BSPOA sincerely appreciates the hard work of the volunteers and all those who contributed in some way to help make this 20th annual meeting a success!

Watch for details and a special mailing this summer regarding 2018's Annual Meeting scheduled Sept 29th. We hope to see you there!

FALL 50 DRAWS MANY VISITORS TO DOOR COUNTY

The 12TH Annual Door County Fall 50 took place October 21st, 2017 on a unusually warm and sunny autumn day. The race included 514 relay teams and more than 100 solo runners. The course extended 50 miles from Gills Rock to Sturgeon Bay and brought more than 2,600 participants and their families from 25 states to Door County.

Participants crossed the finish line at Sunset Park in Sturgeon Bay beneath a massive big top tent to the cheers of fellow runners, friends and family. A finish line buffet included beer, soda, and pizza. Seven hundred 20 inch party pizzas, 240 bottles of wine, and 63 half barrels of beer were consumed.

Twenty-two BSPOA volunteers were again busy this year at the rest/exchange station on Bay Shore Drive near Carlsville Road, where fluids, fruit, and energy food was supplied to the participants. Hundreds of support vehicles were safely directed in and out of a parking field.

Managed by race director Sean Ryan and his staff with the help of nearly 300 local volunteers, this event is a huge undertaking. The race raised \$30,000 for twelve Door County charities, including \$2,000 for BSPOA.

Thanks to all of the BSPOA members and others who helped out at our station!



Ready, set, go!

BAY SHORE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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, nonprofit association. Its mission is to provide a forum for discussion and action on issues that impact the residential character of the neighborhoods and those that affect the character of Door County and/or the property rights of Bay Shore property owners.

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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