



# Spring 2019 Newsletter

PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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## PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

*by Jim Schultz*

We have just gotten over another cold and snowy winter and can now look forward to Spring and Summer in beautiful Door County. The majority of the board of directors toughed it out here and were busy taking care of routine business and planning our activities for this year. [While the rest of us were playing hooky, huh? Wink, wink] I thought I would mention some of the important actions taken by the board.

We have had a change on our executive committee. Randy Kenny retired from his job as treasurer after serving in this role for 7 years. Randy's corporate business background helped to establish sound financial practices for the organization and guide it to its excellent fiscal condition. We would like to commend Randy for this and thank him for his dedicated service. This is an extremely important job that seldom receives the recognition it deserves. Randy will continue to serve on the board. The board elected Ken Hubbard to take over the treasurer position. Ken brings a different set of qualifications as he has a legal background and will undoubtedly ensure that high fiscal standards are maintained. We appreciate Ken's willingness to assume this job and look forward to working with him.

Annually the board establishes its organizational goals and budget. The priority goals for 2019 are:

### **Events**

- Summer picnic at Murphy Park
- Annual membership meeting

### **Community Service**

- Bay Shore Blufflands "Buckthorn Blast" with Door County Land Trust
- Spring cleanup
- 50/50 grant program
- Green Bay water testing
- Propane program

### **Fundraising**

- DC Triathlon
- DC Fall 50

### **Member Services**

- Membership communication: newsletters and electronic bulletins using Constant Contact
- New member recruitment

To remain a strong and viable organization, BSPOA must market itself to new potential members on an ongoing basis. The current membership of approximately 320 households has remained steady over the past few years with some members leaving and new members joining. In recognition of the need to grow our membership, a marketing sub-committee was established. The committee has so far studied the issue and has presented their initial report. Some of the questions raised are: How much should we grow? Who should be targeted? What neighborhoods should be targeted? Who will lead the effort? What will the marketing consist of? What is the budget? When will it happen?

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## ERADICATING INVASIVE SPECIES ON YOUR PROPERTY

*by Denice Reda Hubbard*

The Bay Shore Property Owners Association has had a 12-year, multi-pronged effort to eradicate invasive species in our neighborhood. The recent BSPOA member survey confirmed that this effort is important to our members, and is continuing in several ways.



### BSPOA 50/50 Grant Program

The BSPOA offers a grant for our members to assist with the cost of removal. Visit **BSPOA.org** to review the Grant Program specifications and requirements, download an application and review instructions on how to begin the process.

Springtime is an excellent opportunity to start the process of securing a certified contractor to eradicate invasive species on your property. Most contractors' schedules begin to fill up quickly for summer removal. If you wait until summer to begin the process, you may need to wait until fall or winter for the work to be done.

### Homeowner Assistance Available

Assistance is available for identifying invasive species on properties in Door County. The Door County Invasive Species Team (DCIST) will come out and conduct a free assessment for you. Visit **BSPOA.org** for further information and links.

If members would like to attend a training session on how to identify and remove invasive species on their property, please contact Denice Reda Hubbard at 920-746-4035. If we have sufficient numbers of interested members, we may be able to work with the Land Trust to

conduct a training session for our members.

### Volunteers Needed

The Door County Land Trust and Invasive Species Team appreciate and need assistance from volunteers with removal of invasive plants. Additional information and links for volunteering can be found at **BSPOA.org**.

Wisconsin Invasive Species! The Door County Invasive Species Team (DCIST) has many useful resources on this topic. Go to **<http://map.co.door.wi.us/swcd/invasive/>**

## BEFORE YOU PUT YOUR TOES IN THE WATER

*by Denice Reda Hubbard*

Ever wonder if the beach you are bringing your family and pets to swim at is safe? The Beach Health Website provides up to date advisories for approximately 100 beaches in Wisconsin. You can scan the list for your favorite Door County beach before you head out for a swim or sign up at their website to receive beach closing alerts via email. Go to: **<https://www.wibeaches.us/apex/f?p=BEACH:HOME>**.

## POISON IVY ERADICATION AT BAY SHORE BLUFFLANDS PRESERVE

The Land Trust has contracted with a certified contractor to spray for poison ivy growing on the hiking trails and elsewhere throughout the preserve. It's critical to keep pets on a leash during hikes so your pet does not disturb the preserve wildlife and landscape, and to avoid contact with poison ivy, which easily spreads to families from the family pet.

Spraying is planned for Mid-June and again in late July (if needed).

## BURN PERMITS

Sevastopol Town Board members will no longer be issuing burn permits. The town sub-contracts fire protection services from the City of Sturgeon Bay Fire Department. All future permits must be requested from SBFD. They have indicated that you can get same or next day service by calling the non-emergency number 920-746-2916. A fire department representative will visit the burn site to insure safety and, if appropriate, issue a permit at no charge.

## SEVASTOPOL TV WINS AWARDS

*by Laddie Chapman*

Sevastopol TV will be given 3 awards for video production at the 2019 Wisconsin Community Media Videofest, May 9. This year's convention will be held at Wisconsin Dells.

Sevastopol's production of *An Evening with Jens Jensen* was produced by Roger Kuhns and Laddie Chapman, winning an Achievement Award for Documentary/Feature. A Merit Award will be given for a recording of the *Resident String Quartet*, and a Achievement Award for *Science is Fun! with Professor Shakashiri*, both produced by Laddie Chapman.

All of these video shows can be seen online at [www.doorbell.net/video](http://www.doorbell.net/video).

## BLUFFLANDS PRESERVE, LAND TRUST PARTNERSHIP

*by Denice Reda Hubbard*

As we begin our third year of the BSPOA partnership with the Door County Land Trust, the focus shifts from eradication efforts, to maintenance of treated areas and planting of native species in the preserve.

Maintenance of treated areas is required to combat the emergence of new buckthorn trees when birds feast on and spread tree berries with their droppings.

As native species overtake the preserve, there will be less need for eradication. Such an undertaking takes time (for planting and growing) and funding (for purchase of plants and maintenance of the preserve), but the end result will be enjoyed by future generations.

In the planning stage for 2019 is a new garden plot of native species (hedgerow and pollinator plants) to be built near the trail head on Bay Shore Drive. This garden will be an excellent resource for our community to see firsthand what native species look like during each season and what to plant after they eradicate invasive species in their own yards. This garden will require funding for the plantings, along with the maintenance of the proposed native species plot. We appreciate the efforts of BSPOA members Dan Collins, Nancy Aten, the Land Trust staff and others for their work on this new project.

## NEW SUPERVISOR

*by Laddie Chapman*

At a special board meeting on April 27, the Sevastopol Town Board chose Mark Haen to fill the remaining term vacated by his father, Tony.

Tony passed away shortly after winning the April election.

Mark was chosen from a field of three candidates, including Darrick DeMeuse and Kurt Krauel.

## In Memoriam

Louis C. Williams, Jr. .... Dec 27, 2017

Kathryn Mary Stanaszek... Jan. 14, 2019

Maude Graef ..... February 19, 2019

Arvid Alvin ..... March 29, 2019

## SEVASTOPOL TOWN PLANNING

The Town of Sevastopol is in the process of updating its 20-year comprehensive plan, previously adopted in 2008. The update will establish a framework for Town development and preservation. The planning process uses new data to review and update prior plans for land use, housing, transportation, economic development, community facilities and parks, natural and cultural resources, and other issues.

The Town is working cooperatively with the Bay Lake Regional Planning Commission to modernize the plan into a user-friendly tool that will not only be used for making local land use decisions, but also as a marketing asset for the Town. The comprehensive plan update for the Town of Sevastopol is expected to be completed by July 2019.

Thanks to Sevastopol TV and the magic of video recording, you can relive the original public input planning meetings from 12 years ago. Go to [www.doorbell.net/video](http://www.doorbell.net/video) and scroll down to "06-28-07-" or "11-08-06 Sevastopol Planning Meeting".

## PROPANE BUYING PROGRAM 2019-2020

by Bryan Troutman

Our existing contract with Lakes Gas expires May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019. At that time we will be negotiating a new, one year contract. Pricing is dependent on production, transportation and overhead costs, influenced by the experience of the past very cold and snowy winter.

With a new contract, we will be accepting new members to the program. I have heard from many of you over the winter, and this is the time to join. If interested, please contact me at [bryantroutman65@gmail.com](mailto:bryantroutman65@gmail.com).

Have a great spring. I will report back by email in May. Many thanks for being a supporter of our program.

## Book Review

## HORMONE DISRUPTING CHEMICALS

by Dan Mathein

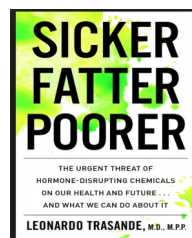
According to the US Environmental Protection Agency, lawns and gardens are sprayed with 90 million pounds of insecticide and herbicide each year. This number does not include agriculture application. OK – what's the big deal? Our government says they are safe. Perhaps not totally. Organophosphate residue on agricultural crops is also a source of concern. Crops such as strawberries, apples, cherries, celery, spinach, grapes, pears, potatoes, nectarines, peaches, tomatoes, and peppers seem to be the most likely to contain pesticide residue. Perhaps switching to locally grown organic could be personally beneficial.

According to L. Trasande, M.D., things that are designed to kill things, can and do have an impact on any living thing they come in contact. In his book *"Sicker, Fatter, Poorer: The Urgent Threat of Hormone-Disrupting Chemicals to Our Health and Future . . . and What We Can Do About It"* (2019), Trasande and many other researchers are finding that the "icides" (herbicide, insecticide, fungicide, and pesticides) have an impact on human health. These impacts are not showing up as a case of food poisoning. With low levels of exposure the negative impacts are subtle.

Trasande makes a very convincing case that chemicals that are "endocrine disruptors" can show as pathology after years of light exposure. The problems can be passed on to the next generation. We have all heard the statement that he or she is overweight because they have a glandular problem. Research indicates that minor disruptions to the endocrine system can have life changing impacts.

Oh good grief – more gloom and doom from some guy trying to sell a book. Perhaps/perhaps not. Only by reading *Sicker, Fatter, Poorer* will you be able to make an informed decision (the book does include 37 pages of references).

50 years ago I believed in "better living through chemistry". Perhaps not. The more I learn the greater my awareness of what I don't yet know!





## Welcome New Members

Wayne & Gail Bergman  
Per & Kathy Brodin  
Heidi Erickson  
C. Thomas Hendrix  
Brian & Nicole Kilka  
Robert Ray & Jessica Ray

## SPRING CLEAN-UP

*by Jim & Mary Fravert*

Preparation for the 2019 annual BSPOA Spring Cleanup is underway. Volunteers are being contacted and cleanup areas assigned. Spring is here, the snow is going away, and 35 families will soon be picking up trash along the roadsides of Bay Shore Drive and nearby roads.

Thanks in advance to all of you helping this year and to those who in previous years have helped keep our part of Door County looking cleaner.



Janet Gale on the job

## THE RIPPLE EFFECT

*by Dan Mathein*

Example 1: The emerald ash borer invasion is killing the Ash trees though out Door County (and in the entire eastern half of North America). Science has not found any way to stop this invasive insect. We are told that individual "specimen trees" can be treated with chemicals to protect them. Of course, this treatment also kills any insect that feeds upon the treated ash tree. According to research by entomologist Dr. Douglas Tallamy, 150 different insect species feed on ash. When the ash trees are gone these insects will be faced with massive habitat loss. With the loss of these insects and their larva, the birds that depend upon this source of food will diminish in numbers.

Example 2: Bats, dragonflies, and certain birds such as purple martins, nighthawks, and flycatchers feed while flying. They are noted for their efficiency in eating mosquitos. Well-intentioned people often spray insecticide to kill mosquitoes. You can even have your property professionally treated to eliminate those pesky critters. Of course the result is fewer mosquitoes, which represents habitat loss for the friendly fliers who depend upon them for food.

Example 3: An article on page 10 of the February 13, 2019 Green Bay Press Gazette reports on studies showing that 40% of the world's insect species are headed for extinction within the next few decades. I found it interesting that this news item was printed on the obituaries page. The ripple effect will be tremendous since insects are at the functional and structural base of the world's ecosystem. The researchers point to habitat loss.

Perhaps mankind would be well served to take a close look at how we are destroying natural habitat. Ash trees dying, spraying insecticides, invasive plants that native insects can't eat, a nice green lawn with no dandy lions, removing brush piles, draining standing water, grinding up dead trees - have I made my point?

Every action we humans take has a ripple effect.

## SMALL ADJUSTMENT = BIG IMPACT

by Dan Mathein

Years ago I attended a lecture by the President of Rotary International during which he spoke of “thinking global while acting local”. Last week I read an article in the Press Gazette detailing the efforts by Milwaukee Brewer pitcher Brent Suter in reducing plastic pollution. Ryan Braun asked for stats (I guess all baseball players like stats). Suter replied “Here’s a fact about plastic pollution: we’re on a pace to have more plastic in the ocean than fish by 2050.” Suter has a degree in environmental science from Harvard so I’ll take him at his word. Suter got 74 members of the Brewer organization to make a commitment to not use single-use plastic bottles during spring training.

Perhaps you are wondering – what’s the big deal and how does it apply to a retired BSPOA member? Let’s run the numbers. BSPOA has over 300 member households. If each household reduced their single use plastic bottle consumption, by only one, that is 300 per day. Over one year’s time (365 X 300) our members could reduce plastic pollution by 109,500 bottles. If you buy them by the case at ten cents each that is \$10,000 dollars. Of course if you buy them at the convenience store, for one dollar each, it would be over \$100,000 in savings.



Plastic bottles pile up, even if recycled

Plastic does not decay. It is a “forever” material which is great for lawn furniture and never refinish decking planks. The problem is it doesn’t go away. Our rivers, lakes, landfills, and even the oceans are full of it. Why isn’t more recycled? Why doesn’t somebody do something? What the heck can we do about it? Time for a paradigm shift from what we can do to what **I** can do. Can I have a global impact by acting locally?

## BSPOA SURVEY RESULTS

by Jim Mitsche

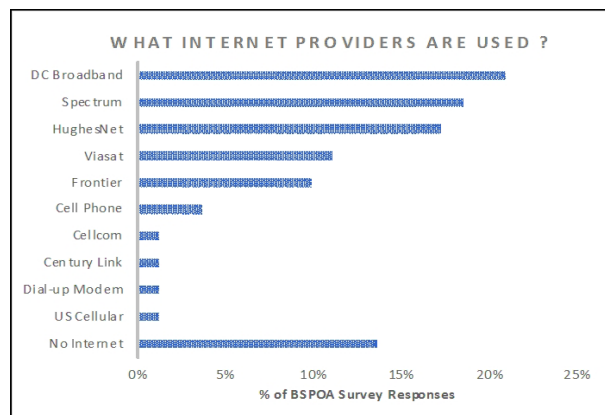
In January 2019, 130 of you responded to a survey the BSPOA Board sent out to better understand the membership and their needs. Thanks for the excellent 40% response rate!

What did we learn?

1. 50% of BSPOA member residences are occupied full time. A quarter are seasonal, and the rest are occasionally occupied or a rental.
2. 80% of the residences have 2 occupants.
3. 1/3 of the responders were 60 to 70 years old; a third are 70+.
4. 70% are retired.
5. Pollution (groundwater, lake and invasive species) and schools were areas of concern.
6. Cell phone and internet services were most serious problems.
7. Folks use a mix of internet services (see accompanying chart).
8. Most read the BSPOA newsletter, but only half look at the website.
9. There is good awareness of BSPOA activities.

Also, there were many thoughtful and helpful comments, which combined with the survey results, will help guide BSPOA board of director’s activities and initiatives in the future.

Thanks again!



What internet providers are used by BSPOA members – Survey Result

## DOOR COUNTY TRIATHLON – JULY 13 & 14, 2019

by Bryan Troutman

The triathlon (swimming, cycling, and long-distance running) began in the 1920's in France. The origin is attributed to a race called "Les Tois Sports". In the US, the race began in 1974 as the Mission Bay Triathlon. The Door County Triathlon began 15 years ago in 2004.

The Bay Shore Property Owners have managed the bicycle water bottle exchange since the race began in Door County. For the triathlon on July 13th, the exchange takes place at the quarry, the turnaround point.

As the sport became popular, it led to the beginning of the most famous triathlon in the world: the Hawaiian Ironman®, in 1978. The first race began with 15 athletes with only 12 completing the course. The Door County half-iron (1.2 mile swim, 56.3 mile bike, 13.1 mile run) will be competed on July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019, and again anticipates the maximum of 1000 participants. On July 14, the Bay Shore Property Owners will again manage the bicycle water bottle exchange. The exchange is at the base of Carlsville Road for the half-iron race.

A kid's triathlon (ages 6-14) was added several years ago. It will be held the afternoon of July 13<sup>th</sup> starting at 2 pm. There are several families who compete in all 3 races over the two day event, and some families have over 3 generations participating. A wonderful family success story.

Each year the Door County Triathlon board of directors chooses a Door County landmark to honor. This year they are honoring Al Johnson's Swedish Restaurant & Butik in honor of their 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Let's support the athletes with signage and cheer for them along Bay Shore Drive on the July 13 and 14!



The 2019 Door County Half Iron medals honor Al Johnson's Swedish Restaurant

## ANNUAL BSPOA SUMMER PICNIC

BSPOA's Annual Summer Picnic will be held Saturday, July 6, 2019 at Murphy Park. Food this year will be a taco bar (chips, salsa, guacamole, beef and chicken tacos with the fixings) and dessert catered by La Cocina from Ellison Bay.

This year Erin Krebs will entertain us. Erin is a 4-time WAMI nominee for female vocalist of the year (2016–2019). Her blend of jazz, pop and swing has been delighting crowds for years. Erin will be singing popular tunes from the 40's to today. You can view her website and sample her performances at [ErinKrebs.com](http://ErinKrebs.com).



Jazz artist Erin Krebs will perform at the BSPOA picnic this July 6

## PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

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More work needs to be done by the committee and final decisions made by the board. We will keep you informed of what is ultimately decided on, including the specifics of the marketing outreach planned.

As you may be aware, we sent out an electronic survey to our members in early February 2019. The results of the survey are included in this newsletter. This project was produced and directed by board member Jim Mitsche. We would like to thank Jim for a job well done! The responses received from our members are valuable and will help the board in its' decision making.

Finally, I would like to put in a plug for the 2019 Water Summit. This is the culmination of a year of celebration and education by Celebrate Water Door County. It will be held at the Landmark Resort on June 4-6, 2019, featuring a keynote speaker, educational sessions, and field trips. This is open to the public and I encourage anyone interested to attend.

For more information visit this website: [www.celebratewaterdoorcounty.org](http://www.celebratewaterdoorcounty.org).



## 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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