



Fall 2018 Newsletter

PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC

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PRESIDENT'S THOUGHTS

BSPOA culminated the 2017-18 program year with its 21st annual meeting on September 29, 2018. It was enjoyed by over 100 members and guests at the Horseshoe Bay Golf Club. We were entertained by an informative program, the luncheon was delicious, the wine good tasting (provided by Stone's Throw Winery), the view of the bay spectacular, and of course the conversation amongst everyone was lively.

Our guest speaker was extremely interesting. Dennis Hickey is a fisherman, researcher, lecturer and businessman. Hickey Bros. Fisheries is a 4th generation family business that has survived while most other local commercial fishermen have gone out of business. They have been able to adapt and respond to challenges faced over the years by diversifying into other endeavors. Whitefish is the mainstay of their business. They catch enough to provide most restaurants and grocery stores in Door County and a few in Green Bay with fresh whitefish we all relish. They produce golden whitefish caviar that is exported to Scandinavia, filet and package fish caught by sport fishermen, they build high quality fishing nets, and build boats. They conduct research on Lake Michigan and in several Western states. They are also under contract with the National Park Service to remove unwanted lake trout from Yellowstone Lake in Wyoming to help save the native Cutthroat trout from extinction. In its latest ven-

ture, Hickey Brothers has opened a retail fish store called Baileys Harbor Fish Co. We would like to thank Dennis for sharing his story with us and wish he and his family future success.

The annual meeting affords us an opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments of the past year. As I reflect on this I realize much has taken place in terms of projects, issues, and social activities. Once again support was provided to participants in the Door County Triathlon and Fall 50 relay races; 17 miles of Bay Shore Drive and adjoining roads were cleared of litter during the Spring; the second year of our partnership was completed with the Door County Land Trust to remove buckthorn and other invasives from the Bayshore Blufflands Preserve; a summer picnic was held at Murphy Park in July which at-



Guest speaker Dennis Hickey

tracted 150 members, family and friends who enjoyed roasted pork and all the fixins, socializing, and good music; and we began using more electronic bulletins via email to inform members of issues and events. These are only a few of the many accomplishments this past year. For a complete listing of our 2017-2018 activities see our website at www.bspoa.org.

None of this could have been done without the help dozens of volunteers who gave their time and expertise. On behalf of the Board of Directors, we truly appreciate and thank you for your support.

CAVE TOUR

This year on April 4 and 5, several members of BSOPA along with volunteer coordinator Jane Graf assisted in the 3rd annual county sponsored/supported tour of Wisconsin's second longest, most dangerous, and difficult cave, Horseshoe Bay Cave, located on a bluff north of county Hwy G & east of Bay Shore Drive.

This year about 140 toured the cave (in groups of approximately 15) each led by cavers William Schussler, Grant Thomas, or Jennifer Redell, who is Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources Cave and Mine Specialist-Bat Program. Ages of participants ranged from young children, parents and grandparents to middle aged "singles".

Each participant is outfitted with disposable coveralls, calf-length rubber boots, knee and elbow pads, rubber gloves, and a helmet with a working light. The tour itself is preceded by an orientation about the cave, instruction about the importance of the different species of bats who use the cave to overwinter (hibernate) and bat's importance for humans.

When the group reaches the first of several rooms within the cave, another brief lecture describes the geological structure of the dolomite limestone. This is the Niagara Escarpment, which comprises all of Door County. It was formed 450 million years ago near the equator and drifted north forming Niagara Falls and the Door Peninsula.



Dr. Roger Kuhns lectures a group of Land Trust members at the entrance to Horseshoe Bay Cave.

2018 FALL 50 RUN

The 13th Annual Fall 50 fun run took place on October 20th. Nearly 2500 runners and their supporters traveled from Gills Rock to Sturgeon Bay. Unlike last year's balmy weather, winter-like conditions of blowing rain and snow and temperatures in the 30's, made the going difficult for everyone including 20 hardy BSPOA volunteers who worked at one of the 10 rest stations.

Despite the bad weather the event was considered a success according to the Sean Ryan, Event Director. He anticipates donating a total of \$30,000 to the local community groups who provided volunteer support for the event. Once again participants were treated to a gala party at Sunset Park in Sturgeon Bay. BSPOA would like to thank our volunteers for their time and effort!

THE WISCONSIN BEACH HEALTH WEBSITE

Ever wonder if the water at the beach you are bringing your family and pets to swim at is safe? The Beach Health Website provides up to date results for approximately 100 beaches in Wisconsin. You can scan the list for your favorite beach before you head out for a swim or sign up at their website to receive beach closing alerts via email. You can enroll in the alert program at wibeaches.us.

In Memoriam

Peggy Mason Nov 2016

(Past BSPOA board secretary)

Suzanne Lindsay Jun 13, 2018

Katherine Nowack Salisbury Sep 11, 2018

Mary A. Law Sep 23, 2018

(Past BSPOA board member)

BAY SHORE BLUFFLANDS BUCKTHORN BLAST

By Cinnamon Rossman

2018 marks the second year of partnership between the Door County Land Trust and the Bay Shore Property Owners Association dubbed the **Bay Shore Blufflands Buckthorn Blast**. Two varieties of buckthorn shrub, common and glossy, have become a real thorn in our side! These non-native, invasive shrubs cause a number of problems, such as sick birds, the loss of native plants like trillium and Lady's slipper orchids, erosion and a disruption in native wildlife habitat.

With the help of BSPOA, volunteers, neighbors, Door County Invasive Species Team, Land Trust Alliance LEAP grant and professional contractors, Door County Land Trust has made significant progress towards the eventual eradication of buckthorn, honeysuckle and other invasive plants at the Bay Shore Blufflands Nature Preserve. The goal is to increase partners knowledge, skills and commitment to improve the entire seven-mile stretch of Niagara Escarpment threatened by invasive plants.

The **Buckthorn Blast** project has three phases: First, professional contractors swept through the nature preserve to eradicate buckthorn and honeysuckle on 214 acres of the 232 acre enhancement area. The remaining 18 acres will be treated this December to finalize the first phase. During the second phase, contractors and volunteers will carry out spot treatments in select areas. This work will continue through the fall and winter of 2019. In 2020, we will enter the final phase of the **Buckthorn Blast**...maintaining the nature preserve and working with neighbors to improve adjacent lands and push to plant native species to replace the buckthorn and honeysuckle.

During 2019, Door County Land Trust will again host work days and educational hikes and demonstrations on the nature preserve. Techniques for removing buckthorn and examples of native plant alternatives will be demonstrated. Anyone interested in learning more about improving their land for the benefit of native plants and wildlife is welcome.

A free **Buckthorn Blast** kit is available by contacting Door County Land Trust at 920-746-1359. Other information and resources are available online at www.DoorCountyLandTrust.org/Buckthorn.



Common buckthorn

50/50 INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL GRANT PROGRAM UPDATE

By Denice Reda Hubbard

There is still time to participate in the 50/50 Invasive Species Control Grant program for 2018. Grant Applications can be downloaded from the BSPOA website, along with application instructions and a list of the approved invasive species that qualify for removal.

Often, invasive species are easy to identify in late autumn, as they usually remain green far later than non-invasive species. In addition, some invasive species can be removed in winter before snow covers the land.

Email Denice or Ken Hubbard at: d.redahubbard@gmail.com if you have questions regarding the 50/50 Program.

NOTE: BSPOA members who remove invasive species on their own property have the option of submitting the number of hours of work they performed to the Door County Invasive Species Team. The DCIST utilizes volunteer hours to apply for grants and funding from a variety of sources. You can download the form on the BSPOA website.

SHORELAND PROPERTY OWNERS BEWARE:

Contact Local Land Use Experts Before Beginning Construction Project

In June BSPOA presented a discussion by the Door County Land Use Services Director Mariah Goode on recent changes to Wisconsin zoning laws and their impact on shoreland development in Door County. The meeting was attended by more than 30 BSPOA members and other area associations.

Today's shoreland zoning regulations are complicated and differ significantly from those in place for many years. They are intended to protect water quality, near-shore wildlife habitats, and natural scenic beauty. A variety of project types may be regulated including but not limited to:

- Vegetation removal, tree trimming, tree cutting or removal
- Landscaping
- Construction, placement, or replacement of driveways, decks, patios, walkways, firepits, retaining walls, etc.
- Remodeling or reconstruction of existing buildings
- Construction of new buildings

Mariah explained how the regulations affects property owners along the shoreline, the general public, and the environment. She emphasized that property owners are ultimately responsible for actions taken on their property. While planning a project you are encouraged to contact their office to talk about your options. They can be contacted as follows:

Door County Planning Department
Door County Government Center
421 Nebraska Street
Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235
Phone: 920-746-2323
Fax: 920-746-2387
Website: <http://map.co.door.wi.us/planning>

2018 WATER TESTING RESULTS

In July and August 2018 volunteers for BSPOA collected water samples for *Escherichia coli* and total phosphorus at six testing locations in Green Bay along Bay Shore Drive in the towns of Egg Harbor and Sevastopol. Two inland location at or near Schaefer Creek were also sampled.

E. coli can be harmful to humans, and phosphorus can lead to algae blooms and other water quality problems. The presence of *E. coli* can be caused by fecal matter from animals or humans coming in contact with water. The samples were analyzed by the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, paid by BSPOA.

When *E. coli* test readings are above 235 a caution advisory is issued, and the beach is closed if above 1000. In the summer of 2018 levels of *E. coli* found at Murphy Park exceeded the advisory level five times, and was closed due to *E. coli* levels on August 22, 2018.

Green Bay *E. coli* measurements along Bay Shore Drive were all less than the advisory or

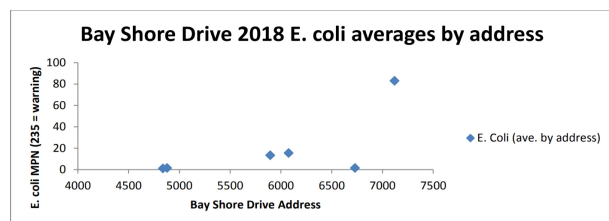


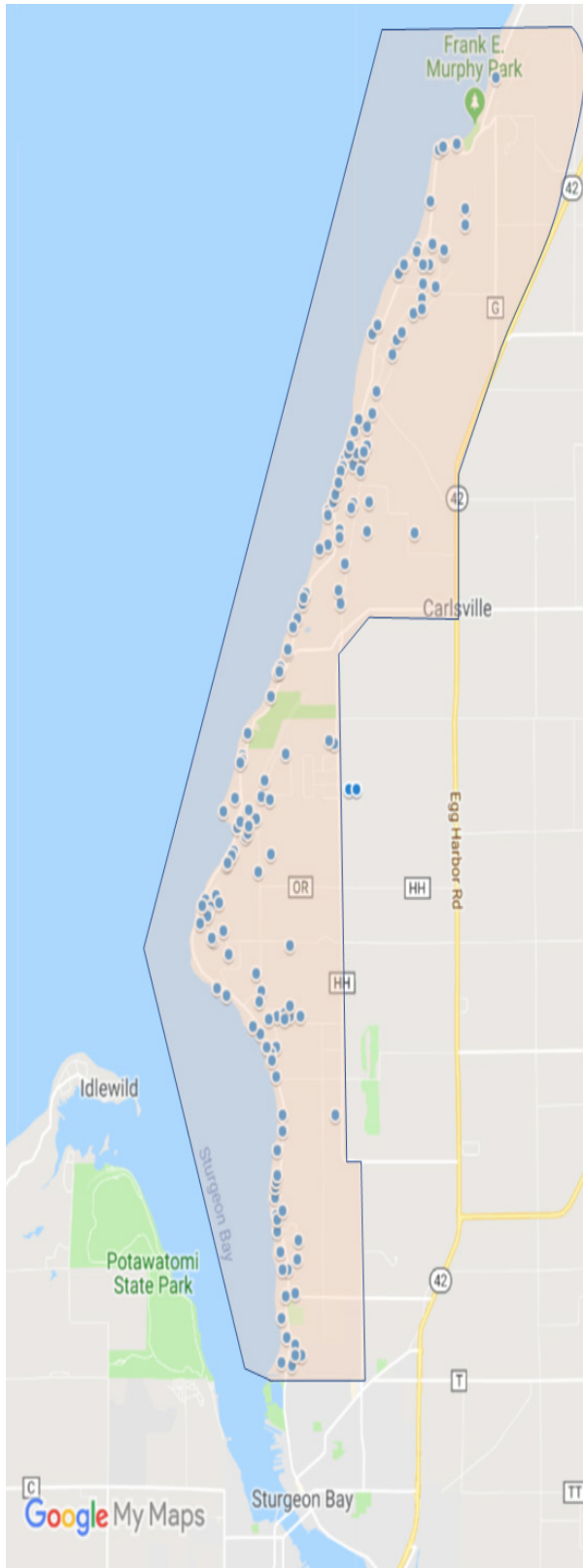
Figure 2, BSPOA *E. coli* test results in Green Bay were low in 2018. The highest average reading of 83 is at Murphy Park.

beach closure level. One inland samples near Schafer Creek exceeded the advisory level, and another exceeded the closure level.

The cause of high *E. coli* levels at this inland location remains unknown. Prior DNA testing at this location proved inconclusive. It has been suggested that waterfowl may be a likely source, but bovine and human sources have not been ruled out.

All results for total phosphorus levels were considered very low.

Thanks to 2018 water sampler volunteers Larry Alfred, Galena Baumann, Dan Collins, Deanna D'Abbraccio, Emily Hearley, and Terry Riker. Let us know if you wish to join us in this work next year.



BSPOA members — address within BSPOA territory

BSPOA HAS OVER 300 MEMBERS

The Bay Shore Property Owners Association currently has about 320 members representing about 600 people. The membership territory ranges from the Sturgeon Bay City limit to the southern edge of the Town of Egg Harbor, roughly one mile inland from the Sturgeon Bay and Green Bay shoreline. Members are split about 50/50 between Sevastopol and Egg Harbor Townships.

NEW MEMBERS

Robert & Michele Asp
Brad & Deb Baune
Mario & Beth Bernardi
Bruce & Cheryl Bishop
Tom & Rebecca Dexter
Scott & Tammy Duncan
Bill & Carol Hackbarth
Joe & Kate Hoffmeyer
Steve & Rachel Jaco
John & Sally Korolewski
Heidi & Brittany Kortendick
Mark & Heidi Miller
Richard Nastav
David & Lori Nicholas
Jason & Jamie Palmer
Tom & Mary Paulson
Brian & Carol Rugg
Ann Sandine
Jeff & Angela Sprau
Vince & Jeanne Topic
Jim & Mary Ann Tyndall
David & Kate Utzinger
Scot Wederquist & Cheryl Speer
Daniel & Joyce Williams
Thomas Young

HORSESHOE BAY FARMS

By Bryan Troutman

Wednesday October 3rd was moving day at Horseshoe Bay Farms. Two of the original farm houses, built in 1917 were moved across Bay Shore Drive (Horseshoe Bay Road) to be incorporated with the farm and barns. The entire property will then be sold to a charitable foundation, partially funded by the Nicholas family. Fund raising efforts are under way so the property can be updated and all the out buildings painted and reroofed. A master plan is being developed so the property will be available to residents and visitors, with an emphasis on education. Anyone interested in becoming a donor should contact the Door Community Foundation. It is wonderful to see such an iconic and well know property being preserved. It remains the largest, intact historical farm complex in Wisconsin.



Moving day.



Glenn Timmerman gave Sevastopol TV a tour of Horseshoe Bay Farms. Go to www.doorbell.net/video to see it.

PROPANE BUYING PROGRAM

We are currently in the second year of a three year contract to purchase propane from Lakes Gas Company. Along with our partner homeowner associations, Lakes supplies almost 700 consumers. They are not accepting any new customers until the contract period expires on May 31, 2019.



Many of you have seen their trucks delivering throughout the county. The current trucks in their fleet are Peterbilts with Cummins diesel engines and a 3,200 gallon tank. and cost \$120,000. Most consumer fill-ups are around 300 gallons, giving these trucks the capacity to serve 10 consumers before returning to the tank farm. If you are currently not in the propane program and would like to join for next year, please email bryantroutman65@gmail.com.



1st Official Annual Christmas Party
Friday, November 30th
5:00 – 7:00 p.m. - Town Hall

- Tree Lighting
- Food, Drinks & Treats
- Ornament & Cookie Decorating
- Games & Singing

- Christmas garb encouraged
- All Sevastopol residents of all ages invited – kids & adults
- Free – Mix, Mingle & Jingle in Community Fellowship !

4528 Hwy 57, Sturgeon Bay WI
Phone: (920) 746-1230



BSPOA ROAD CLEAN-UP

After a very rainy and snowy spring, May 5th was a sunny beautiful day. BSPOA volunteers helped clean up 12 ½ miles of Bay Shore Drive and feeder roads. It's always amazing how much trash is picked up—One family picked up six garbage bags full! Volunteers observed that a large part of the trash was made up of cans and bottles of soda and beer, as well as fast food containers. A big thanks to the Door County Highway Department for picking up the bags of trash Monday. We are so fortunate to have so many people volunteer and help make Bay Shore Drive beautiful again every year.

Please mark your calendar: our 2019 Spring Cleanup will be Saturday, May 4 (the weekend before Mother's Day).



KNOWLES-NELSON STEWARDSHIP FUND UPDATE

Many of our beloved preserved lands in the peninsula are the result of funding from the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Fund. This valuable resource is about to expire. If you would like to see this program continue, it only takes 5 minutes of your time to tell elected officials why clean water, wildlife and our way of life in Wisconsin matters to you.

Why is this program important to our BSPOA members? Many Stewardship lands that you enjoy in the peninsula rely on such funding. Visit dnr.wi.gov/topic/lands/PAL/ to find stewardship lands near you.

Visit gatheringwaters.org/action to learn more.

2018 BSPOA SUMMER EVENT: PIG ROAST

The 2018 summer member's event held at Murphy County Park was a tremendous success.

155 members, family and friends attended the Pig Roast which provided the perfect setting to meet other members and neighbors, make new friends and connections and enjoy the beauty of the waters of Green Bay.

Door County Custom Meats provided the main entree that was served along with a variety of side dishes and desserts. After dinner, a concert by Katie Dahl closed the event while guests relaxed and enjoyed the conversation and views of the water.

Feedback from those who attended was positive, and the BSPOA board is considering another summer member event for July, 2019. Options for entertainment, food vendors, event games and activities are open for discussion.

We welcome BSPOA members to join the summer event planning committee. If you would like to help the committee plan another summer event, please email us your contact information. The summer event committee will begin to meet later this fall to consider another summer event for 2019.

We encourage members to email their thoughts, ideas and suggestions for future summer events to our committee this fall. Forward your comments, suggestions and ideas to Ken Hubbard at: kennethhubbardlaw@hotmail.com.



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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