



Glidden Drive Association

Around The Drive...

By The Old Beachcomber

Summer again, and not a moment too soon!

With the lake level up a little and much spring rain, it should be a good season for mosquitos and other growing things.

Land is being cleared for two new houses. Herb Nichols' log cabin across from Spruce Lane should have its foundation poured any day now. Then custom-cut logs will be brought in from Tennessee to build the structure.

Association News

Summer Picnic: Plans are being made for a repeat performance of last year's pig roast in Sevastopol Town Park, August 24. Food serving time is planned at 4:30PM, but there will be tennis, softball, horseshoes and a playground for the kids, not to mention beer and soda, so come anytime after 1:30PM for sports and socializing.

A GDA Board meeting was held Thursday, April 11, at the Hitching Post. Highlights:

- Annual membership dues were raised to \$20 per household, effective for the next membership drive. This is the first increase in 11 years, and will help defray increased postage and printing costs.
- A memorial contribution to the Maritime Museum was made in Howard Olson's name.

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1st Annual Glidden Drive Plant Exchange

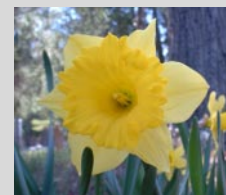
Saturday, June 8, 9AM-1PM

3973 Glidden Drive
(house with seagulls), Kinka's

Do you have too many hosta, daylilies, sedum, perennials, etc.? Join us to trade your plants on a one to one basis.

Dig your live, fresh plants and wrap in newsprint or pot and come to trade as many as you wish. Trade the extras for something new or different. Please label and mark your plants for sun or shade. No money will be exchanged. Come early for the best selection.

Call Nancy Fauser at 746-0857 or Chris Kinka at 743-1896 if you have questions. We can make Glidden Drive more beautiful than it already is and have a good time.



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- The annual contribution to The Nature Conservancy was made, earmarked for the Shivering Sands Protection Fund.
- Since we received positive feedback from members after last year's summer Pig Roast at the Sevastopol Town Park, it was decided to do it again, but serve food later in the day. Tom Girman will handle the details. Menu choices will be pork or chicken. Invitations will be mailed in June.
- It was decided that taking a position on the Justice Center situation might not be appropriate for this organization, especially since there is no concrete proposal on the table at this time.
- It was agreed that White Pine Lane needs to have a vehicle barrier placed to discourage illegal driving on the beach. The original barrier is in the bushes nearby, pushed aside when residential construction equipment used the lane for access to nearby homes.
- The short, decorative Pebble Lane fence, which has seen better days and had become wobbly, was removed, but not replaced.

The next GDA Board meeting will be at the Hitching Post, sometime in early August. Please contact any Board member if you have an item for the agenda.

Women's Luncheon Schedule

The women's birthday luncheons are going to be a



The GDA Board considers the fate of the Pebble Lane fence. It was removed.

Public Meeting About Spikehorn

Saturday, June 8, 9:30AM to noon

Baileys Harbor Town Hall

The DNR will be available for questions about the 1500 feet of shoreline on Spikehorn Bay near Cana Island. This property may be sold to neighboring landowners or retained in the public domain.

An info sheet supplied by Bill Schuster, Door County Soil & Water Conservation Department, is available on the GDA Web Site.

little different this year. The women have decided to always meet at Cherry Hills Restaurant, at noon the first Wednesday of every month except July, when it will be the 2nd Wednesday. Anyone who wishes to attend a luncheon should call Debbie Sween (743-4526) no later than 9PM the Sunday before, as she will be phoning the restaurant about the number going.

Thanks to Kathy Little for the lunch info.

Variance Request Denied

A variance request was filed by Dr. James Wishau of Green Bay to build a large house on the lot immediately north of 4152 (Barggren).

At the Door County Board of Adjustment Public Hearing May 14, the request was denied. The vote was 4-1, with Roger Peterson recusing himself and replaced by an alternate, Ray LeBrun. Votes to deny were cast by Lars Johnson, Don Sitte, Chairperson Sue Kohout, and LeBrun. The only "yea" vote was from Monica Nelson.

This request was to build a 3-story residence 25' closer to the road than zoning regulations allow. (Zoning regulations allow a 35'-tall house without a variance, so the height was not in question.) It would also have been 50' from the Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM), but this did not require a variance due to averaging. Nearby houses, built years ago, are quite close to the water.

The Board listened to testimony and was deluged by drawings from Dr. Wishau and his architect/representative. Both stated that the lot was unbuildable without the variance. No one else spoke in favor of a grant, although a favorable letter was received from the Town

DON'T FORGET!

Annual
Membership
Meeting

Saturday, July 6,
9:30AM

at the Hitching Post

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Ed & Loretta Allen

Neighbors You Should Know

By Tim Comeford

Both Ed and Loretta Allen have always lived in Wisconsin. Loretta was raised in Waukau in Winnebago County not far from Oshkosh, and Ed was from Oshkosh. But they did not meet until they were students at the University of Wisconsin at Madison where she was studying education and he majored in mathematics. After he graduated and while Loretta was still finishing her degree, Ed went on to study Geophysics in a masters program.

With his military obligation coming up, he took a temporary job with Shell Oil. He got to spend four months looking for the gooey, black stuff in New Mexico. He says that was enough to convince him that he did not want to spend his working life pursuing it.

After the Army, Ed returned to West Allis where his father, a Methodist minister, was now assigned. He took a job with Allis-Chalmers that started with a two-year training program rotating through the sales, engineering and production departments. Finally, in his words, "I was at the pulse beat of industry." After a while the beat became more of a throb so when the advertising department needed someone for a short-time project to help sell fire pumps he volunteered. He wrote a pamphlet and took the approach of helping the salesman get out of the doghouse by teaching him how to make the product attractive to customers. Because it wasn't on letter-size paper, wouldn't fit in company binders and did not conform to the company manual, it almost wasn't used. But it did sell pumps.

Loretta's aunt and uncle, Lucille and Elmer Bohn, lived in Sturgeon Bay where Elmer had a Rexall pharmacy. Their daughter Kay was married to Jim Smith. At a family reunion, the topic of purchasing a lot on a lake to build a family vacation spot came up.

Discussions led to decisions and soon the Allens and Smiths were proud owners of 100 front feet of real estate on Lake Michigan Drive.

As the sixties unfolded, Gordon Nevins, who was later to build and run the Mariner Motel in Egg Harbor, built an A frame shell for them. Ed did the wiring; Jim did the interior and they had their summer home. To this day the families continue to use and share this cabin.

Meanwhile, back in the Milwaukee area, Ed took an ad agency job and later went to Master Lock.

It was there that he was involved in an ad you may even see today—where they fire a gun at a padlock to show that it can withstand the blast.



ED & LORETTA ALLEN

Loretta taught for a while full-time and later as a substitute after their two children came along. Son Dane is a lawyer, married to June and they live in Green Bay with their children Rachel and Nick. Daughter Lauri is married to Rob Gulotta, a minister, and they live in Eau Claire with their children Joy, Christyn, Andrew, Bethany, and Sarah.

While enjoying the cabin on weekends and summers, Ed and Loretta decided to look around for a year-round spot and they turned towards Glidden Drive. Because not much was for sale in 1984, they even sent letters to property owners with return postcards if anyone wanted to sell, but this netted no responses. One day as they drove down the road, they met Dick Shappell who suggested they ask Howard or Lou Olson to keep an eye out for them.

In the spring of 1989, the Olsons called and Ed suggested they go look at the property on the weekend. Loretta suggested they go that day. Wisely, Ed agreed with her and they arrived about 5PM. In less than an hour they bought the home they presently own.

When they retired in 1996, they spent more time both here, and also in Sun City West in Arizona near where Ed's parents had moved in 1975. Now they spend about six months in each place after a bad storm during the holiday trek to Wisconsin convinced them that was best.

Ed, a history buff, belongs to the Door County Historical Society, and is writing a history of Sun City West.

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of Sevastopol Planning & Zoning Committee.

Testimony against the grant was given in person by Gary & Jo Ann Henger, GDA President Tom Jung, and GDA Director Laddie Chapman. A total of 17 letters, emails and faxes were received requesting denial of the variance, and most were read in a rapid summary form by Administrator Kay Miller.

Only the letter from the Sevastopol Zoning Committee was in favor. Due to time constraints, the Committee's approval had been sent directly to BOA, bypassing the Town Board.

The Glidden Drive Association Board was unanimous in their disapproval of the Wishau project. (You can download the letter, signed by all Board members, from the GDA Web site.)

Property research by GDA members was hampered by significant errors in the official records and, on at least one critical day, non-accessibility of most of them. Besides having the wrong number in the DC addressing database for this property, real estate records give the size of the lot at .57 acres. But recent surveying by the DC Planning & Zoning Dept. suggests that both the acreage and some of the published perimeter dimensions are substantially wrong, making the lot critically smaller than thought. (This was not known in time to revise the GDA letter accordingly.)

The BOA felt that the house plans were too grandiose for the small lot, but left the door open for future approvals if the plans were scaled down.

FYI: The complete DC Planning & Zoning Regulations book is available online by chapter.

Door County Government News

The April 2 election restored a few of the Door County Supervisors to their previous post, including Charles Jarman in District 15. Due to redistricting that first took effect at this election, 15 now includes all of Glidden Drive.

At the following April 16 Supervisor Board meeting, Charlie Most (Liberty Grove Town Chairman) was elected Chairman, and David Engelbert (Brussels) was elected Vice-Chair.



Tom Jung testifies at the BOA hearing

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Charles Jarman won the Supervisor position with a 255-204 vote over challenger Dan Peterson. Jarman replaced Pete Polich, who was elected in the February recall election. Jarman, the incumbent before the recall, had been in favor of spending \$30 million for the original Justice Center plan.

Jarman writes:

"Hi, I'm Charlie Jarman, your District 15 representative on the Door County Board. I want to thank you for the chance to represent you. The turmoil of the recall and the election is over and now we get down to work. In the past, I have served on the Resource Planning, Agriculture, Extension, Land Conservation, Administrative, and Negotiating Committees. I have asked to be appointed to these again. The County Board Chair will make the appointments, which will then be ratified by the County Board.

"I hope we can do a quick re-evaluation of the Justice Center and allied programs and arrive at a more economical solution. I have always tried to get you the best bang for your buck. There is still work to be done on the cell phone tower ordinance. We will be replacing Greg Lamb as the business advisor for the U.W. Extension. The Land Conservation Committee will be implementing a riparian buffer program. The Administrative Committee will be exploring alternatives to our health insurance program, a 40% increase in the last year!

"As you can see, there are a lot of decisions to be made that will require time and careful consideration. I will use as measurement the wise use of your tax dollar and other resources. You have started a good practice of involvement in the government process. I ask that you continue this and contact me if you have questions, concerns or opinions. Please realize that I hope to have many people talking to me, and be patient and understand that if I don't do what you tell me to, it doesn't mean you weren't heard. My job is to sort through all the opinions and arrive at a decision.

"I look forward to your contacts."

Charlie Jarman may be reached at (920) 743-3763.

As requested by many citizens, some of the Board meetings will be held in the evening this year.

The Justice Center plans are being re-investigated. One possibility being explored is enlarging the existing courthouse and taking over the city block behind it. This



Charlie Jarman

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Pam's Barns

Glidden Drive resident Pam Erickson likes to take pictures of barns. Here are some from her collection. The exact dates and locations of most are not known, but they all come from Door County in the past.



Anyone know where this barn is?



A round barn somewhere in Door County.



The Door County Coop on the West side of Sturgeon Bay.



This barn is on County T (north), near Bechtel Road. It was recently painted bright yellow.

ALL PHOTOS BY PAM ERICKSON



This barn may be on Maple Road.



This structure is on County TT and is now a residence for a landscape company.

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block is currently used for parking, a few offices, and a residence.

There Is Hope For Cable

We may get our cable channels back! Or something like it. Progress is being made towards a separate Sevastopol PEG (community access) channel.

At the Sturgeon Bay Community Protection and Services Committee Meeting on Thursday, May 9, Supervisor JoAnn Schley and Chairman Leo Zipperer represented the Town of Sevastopol in an attempt to restore the PEG channels that we lost last December when Charter Cable upgraded our service. Since these channels are generated by Sturgeon Bay City, the Committee controls access to them.

The Committee seemed receptive to the idea of sharing cable content, but is likely to want some payment in exchange. SB residents contribute their entire 5% cable franchise tax to their PEG channels.

Sturgeon Bay has three PEG channels in operation, with a 4th due to begin soon. The number of PEG channels is negotiated as part of the Charter Cable agreement with the government, giving the cable company a monopoly in exchange for the free channels.

But Sevastopol's contract specifies only one PEG channel. Theoretically this could be renegotiated, but since these channels represent a loss to Charter, and Sevastopol is much smaller than Sturgeon Bay, it is not likely that Charter would give up more channels.

Therefore, even if the City allows rebroadcast of their signal, Sevastopol would have to choose which channel of four to use. Although the main interest is in government functions, there are non-government shows and events of interest, also.

The Committee did not reach any decision at this meeting.

Tom Soik, the videographer who helps maintain much of the City's channels, gave interested parties a tour of Sturgeon Bay's cable/video control room after the meeting. It became evident that one solution might be for Sevastopol to set up their own studio/control room on a smaller scale. It could be situated at Sevastopol Schools and run by the students. The equipment isn't much more than a pile of consumer-grade VCRs and a scheduler controlled by a cheap PC computer.

Most content for Sevastopol's PEG channel could come from video tapes created by Sturgeon Bay. This way, we could pick and choose among content first aired on any of the 4 SB channels and not be limited to just one.

Except for City Council meetings, Sturgeon Bay's broadcasts are not live, but tape delayed, so Sevastopol's would be similar, and could be scheduled independently of SB.

Charter Cable Regional Director of Government Relations, Jim Ebenhoe, said it might be possible to provide Sevastopol with a live feed for some shows, with the rest supplied by tape. This seems like the best of both worlds.

It is expected that Sevastopol's 5% franchise tax will generate \$10,000 or more per year. In the past, all of these funds have been given to the Schools anyway (\$12,000 last year), so perhaps now the Schools can give something back to the community. These funds would be sufficient to finance the modest studio as proposed, and part would have to be contributed to Sturgeon Bay.

When contacted, Sevastopol Schools Superintendent Joe MacMahon said he would be "very supportive" of this idea.

More info is available thru links on our Web site.

Sevastopol Says Toss Trash Tax

At the April 9 Annual Town Meeting, a proposal to tax all households to provide weekly, curbside trash collection was turned down. The cost per household could have been about half of current subscriber prices, but the trash collectors required an exclusive arrangement, so everyone would have to be charged whether they used the service or not.

Night Riders

On Sunday night, April 7, an SUV was seen driving on the beach from end to end of Sherman Bay (about a mile), entering and exiting on White Pine Lane. Driving on the beach is illegal and dangerous, since people walking, sitting or lying on the beach are not expecting high-speed motorized vehicles.

The Sheriff was contacted and a dark blue Ford Bronco with several local teenage boys was stopped and questioned by Sheriff's Deputy Tim Fuerst, the first to arrive on the scene. The boys, none of whom live on Glidden, claimed to be "just driving around," and were directly observed turning into another lane, but they said they had not driven on the beach.

With the help of two other Sheriff Deputies, the boys'



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auto was driven onto some damp sand and the tire tracks compared to the ones left on the beach.

They did NOT match. This means that there must have been TWO similar vehicles driven by joy-riders on the SAME road at the SAME time in our remote area on a school night; unlikely, but possible. Did they know each other? Such stuff is what makes court cases interesting.

The officers were very professional and treated the boys politely but firmly. It's nice to know we have such a great Sheriff's Department that will go out of their way to handle this kind of situation.

Closeup photos of all tire tracks were taken for future reference. Be on the lookout for any vehicles seen on the beach and try to get a license number when possible. The Sheriff's non-emergency number is 746-2400.

Water Matters

The Soil & Water Conservation Department offered reduced-rate water tests this spring, and may do the same next year. Did you get your test results yet? Do you know how to interpret them?

Here is some help. This is not to be taken as medical advice, but was derived from searches of available literature.

Nitrates: The allowable federal max is 10 mg/l (milligrams per liter, same as parts per million). Nitrates are a natural element in the ground, but they can also come from septic systems, garden fertilizing, or farm animal waste disposal. A value much lower than 2 should be no cause for alarm, especially if it doesn't increase over time.

Coliform/E. Coli: The desired number here is zero. (The lab specifies this as "safe.") This means that no bacterial colonies could be grown from the sample.

E. Coli comes from animal & human gut products. If it gets in your water supply, its source may be septic systems or a nearby farm.

Lead: The allowable fed max is 15 µg/l (micrograms per liter, same as parts per billion). Although naturally occurring, the usual source of lead is household plumbing, especially old systems, which used lead pipes. More modern ones use copper pipes with lead solder, and the newest ones, plastic. But even the lead solder or metal components used with plastic pipes can cause lead to enter the water supply, but flushing the system by let-

ting the water run for a while can reduce the amount. Drawing tap water for cooking or drinking is safer from the cold outlet than hot, since lead dissolves faster in higher temperatures.

Water filters like *Brita* claim to remove 98% of lead, but have no effect on E. Coli or nitrates.

A deep well should test with fewer contaminants than a shallow one, like a sand point.

A typical test from a 330-ft Glidden Drive well resulted in:

Nitrogen (nitrate) = 0.0056 mg/l

Coliform Total = safe

E. Coli = safe

Lead = 1.4 µg/l

There are several links to water info on the GDA Web site.

An interesting thread on this topic exists on the web at *The Straight Dope Message Board*, sponsored by The Chicago Reader newspaper (see link on our Web site). It has some good links to other water info, including a Chicago city water analysis link for comparison. The SDMB is a forum frequented by many intelligent and well-educated people, plus "a few total dipsticks." Can't win 'em all.



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Low-Cost Medical Rides Available

If you or someone you know over 60 needs a ride into Sturgeon Bay or Green Bay, you may be able to use the service provided by the local Red Cross. Representative Judy Gregory has told us that low-cost van transportation is available for medical visits, to see family or friends at a hospital, or just shopping. The service has become quite popular since its inception in February.

Trips to Green Bay cost \$10, and are on Tuesday and Thursdays. In-county trips are Monday and Wednesdays, for \$2 (the route starts in the north).

Judy says you should sign up for the service in advance, then just call the day before you need a pickup. Call 746-2167.

Volunteer drivers and donated vehicles are wanted as well. Drivers are given emergency training and all liability insurance is provided by the Red Cross.

Thanks to Lyn Hirst for bringing this to our attention.

Nun Better

After her recent stay at a Glidden Drive house, Patrica Hooker wrote a nice article about "going home again" to where she spent her childhood on Glidden

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Drive. Be sure to read it in the Spring issue of Door County Magazine. It includes a picture of Ruth Schoenfeld's log house at 3828 Glidden.

This cabin was originally built by Henry Tucker in 1937. You can read more about the house's history in the February 2001 GDA Newsletter, *A Nice Place To Watch The Sunrise*, available on our Web site or by request.

Pat Hooker was once a Roman Catholic nun.

The Eagle Soars

Watch the eagle live on your computer! Dan Woelfel has found a wonderful site that shows a bald eagle nest high in a tree somewhere in northern Wisconsin. The webcam is positioned just above the nest and you can watch the nesting pair and hear the sounds of the wind and the chick in real-time (live). There is even a text log of events (two chicks were hatched, but one did not survive).

You can leave a browser window running in one corner of your computer screen and listen to the sounds while you do something else. This works a lot better if you have Internet cable service, but dialup is adequate for jerky video and sound.

Viewing times have been restricted since this site began, so check the timetable. Thanks for the URL, Dan!

<http://www.americaneagletv.com/>

In Memoriam

Howard Olson, 94, passed away on Thursday, Feb. 28, 2002, at the Dorchester in Sturgeon Bay.

Vega Connelly, a longtime Glidden Drive resident, passed away May 21, 2002, in Downers Grove, IL.



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Loretta has been active in the Methodist Church women's groups and in church educational functions. She has done watercolor painting and she now is beginning to enjoy it.

They both enjoy gardening and hiking. They especially are fond of hiking on the beach and along Glidden Drive. They have also begun to carry garbage bags with them. Recently on their first excursion of the season, they came home with two bags full including a frying pan and a radiosonde from a weather balloon. They advocate that we all pick up trash like this if even for a short section of the road by our houses. It surely can't hurt and will make it a more attractive area.

The Allens especially like it here due to the closeness to nature. They enjoy the animals, birds, stars, the water and the woods. Most all of us can agree with that.

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