



# Glidden Drive Association

## President's Message

By Rich Kinka

Spring is reluctantly coming to Glidden Drive. A few of the summer residents have returned and the rest will soon follow. Welcome back to all of you.

There are several people I would like to thank for their efforts concerning the association.

Laddie Chapman will once again publish our newsletter and maintain the association records. He will be happy to receive any articles and related pictures that you would like to see included in the quarterly newsletters. Also, Laddie maintains a website that contains much information about the association and has several links to other sites around the County. Check it out at [www.doorbell.net/gda](http://www.doorbell.net/gda). Thanks to Phylis Spence for doing the newsletter the past two years.

Send any address, phone or email updates to [gda@doorbell.net](mailto:gda@doorbell.net)

Jim Huhta will represent us in the annual negotiation for propane service. He will work with representatives of the other associations we are allied with, including Dan Woelfel of Whitefish Bay, to try to obtain the best possible price. Thanks, Jim.

The winter dinner was a very nice affair attended by around fifty folks. Thanks to Jocelyn Barnes for her efforts in arranging the dinner and entertainment.

We are fortunate to have three people volunteer to serve on the association board for the first time: Gary Henger, Katy Kasriel, and Fred Shumway. Thanks to them for stepping up.

I would like to thank Joanne Huhta and Biz Virlee for their long service to the association board, Joanne as secretary and Biz as a director. They will be leaving the board when their term is up in July.

Next year will mark the fiftieth anniversary of the Glidden Drive Association. It takes a lot of effort and dedication by association members to maintain an organization like this for fifty years.

**IT'S A PARTY!**

**Sunday, May 29, 2011**

Come to our **Welcome Back Party** at the Happy Hour, Valmy, from **3-5PM**, and bring your favorite Hors D'Oeuvres dish. Everybody is welcome, including guests. Cash bar.

Info: Joanne Huhta 743-1994

My thanks to all of you who have served in the past and for those who presently serve on the board or who assist the association in other ways. To celebrate the occasion, Jane Hensge has volunteered to organize an event befitting this milestone. Jane would welcome any ideas you may have concerning this event or if you would be interested in assisting her in carrying it out.

Some dates to remember and mark on your calendar. More information on each of these will be forthcoming in the newsletter.

May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Welcome back party at the Happy Hour in Valmy.

July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Our annual meeting at the town of Sevastopol hall.

August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Summer picnic at the Sevastopol town park pavilion.

Members are always welcome at the board of director's regular meetings. We usually meet every two months on a Monday morning at the town hall. For the exact time and date, contact any member of the board.

For all of you that I did not mention by name, thank you also for your membership and for your interest in maintaining this beautiful place called Glidden Drive.

## Propane Update

By Dan Woelfel

As a prelude to the forthcoming selection of propane vendor for the coming heating season we need to communicate a change in how you can participate in the discounted pricing.

Over the past 5-6 years, we have been fortunate to obtain favorable pricing for our association members with out having to prepay or make partial payment deposits with any of the vendors. Each year we have substantially grown the volume of business that we have done with these companies. The result is that we have been able to continue to negotiate favorable terms and conditions for our association users. The only requirement from you the user has been that you maintain a membership in your respective association and that you follow through on our commitment to the vendor to change or use them as the supplier.

For the 2010/2011 season, we selected Lakes Gas as the vendor after having used Ferrellgas for a number of years. As we do each year, we submit a list of users names to the company selected and they mail out information letters and contract details/prices to each user. Each year they report to us the gallons used and the list of those association members who are customers. This year after the vendor was selected we had a number of users who for whatever reason choose not to make the change to Lakes. As a result, our commitment to them has not been fulfilled. We bargain in good faith.

Next year we will be changing the process for those using the contract. If a user elects not to join in for the 2011-2012 heating season, they will not be included with the group the following year (2012-2013). The vendors are tracking our commitments to them and we do not want to risk creating a problem for ourselves when vendors feel we are not living up to our end of the bargain.

We understand that many of you had resistance to paying \$30 for a propane leak and tank inspection. However, this proved to be a worthwhile investment. Some of our users found they had leaks and other propane problems and they were fixed before anything happened. It is too early to guesstimate where propane may be for the next year given the unrest in the oil markets but standing together can and does make a difference.

Look for more information in your mail around June or July.

## Around The Drive

By The Old Beachcomber

### Hitching Post Reopens

Good news, everyone! The Hitching Post, our favorite end-of-the-drive establishment, will be reopening for business on May 16. Mark & Amy will be your hosts.

There was extensive water damage last season from two sources; the plumbing under the bar had corroded very badly and the leaks from that were added to some drainage flooding. Mark took advantage of the seasonal closing to replace not only the plumbing, but the entire floor and U-shaped bar. With the bar shape changed, the room looks larger and will give him more space for tables and bands.

Mark plans to use the side room as a game arcade. He also hopes to expand the menu and provide pizza delivery to our neighbors on the Drive, so think of the Hitching Post if you get the unexpected, sudden munchies.

### GDA Helps Our School

At recent GDA Board meetings, your board tackled the problems of deteriorating lane signs, and Darrell von Berg will be replacing all of the damaged ones this spring with more durable material.

Rich Kinka reported that the County will start repaving Glidden Drive this year, but only from Nelson Lane to Donny's Restaurant. The remainder will be done in stages up to 2014.

The GDA Board agreed to donate up to \$400 to Sevastopol Schools to sponsor two trips to Whitefish Dunes State Park by the elementary grades. With tight budgets, the school has had to cut back on these valuable field trips and learning experiences. Our donation will pay for the bus and the Park entry fees.

Carolyn Rock, the naturalist at the Park, leads the learning session, tailoring her lectures to the grade level. Earlier this year, the first grade visited and learned how tracks in the snow help identify the animals that made them. You can see a short video about this trip at [www.doorbell.net/video](http://www.doorbell.net/video).

If you can help with financing these field trips, or wish to volunteer to assist in school activities, contact Principal Joe Majeski at the school, 743-6282.

### Historical Society Formed

A Sevastopol Historical Society is being formed, and all history buffs, past, present or future, are

welcome. Meetings will be at our Town Hall and once things get going, there should be historical presentations at each meeting.

George Evenson, our County Historian, is also a Sevastopol resident, and thought it would be best to formally organize as a non-profit corporation with a state charter. While this is a little more expense than just a bunch of friends getting together to swap stories, a formal organization will make it possible to get grants and allow association with the Wisconsin Historical Society as an auxiliary chapter.

If you are interested in any aspect of this new project, contact Town Clerk Linda Wait at 746-1230 for the next meeting date or go to the Sevastopol website at [www.townofsevastopol.com](http://www.townofsevastopol.com).

### Town Facilities Available

We have had several GDA functions at our new town hall and at the park pavilion in Instutite. Our board meetings also take place in the hall's conference room. Do you have a gathering that could make use of these spaces? The conference room is free to Sevastopol organizations, and the other facilities can be rented for a nominal fee. Precedence is given to Sevastopol organizations and first-come, first serve otherwise.

Contact Linda Wait at 746-1230 for more details and availability.

### Sevastopol TV

Our Sevastopol TV station continues to provide coverage of local events and other items of interest to our community. Recently, our Program Director, Laddie Chapman, attended a conference in Waukesa given by Wisconsin Community Media, an association of TV channels like ours in the state. I can assure you little Sevastopol was well represented at the group, most of which are larger stations with bigger budgets than ours. We were also able to swap some of our shows for other Wisconsin-produced material to enhance our broadcast schedules.

If you have a digital TV and subscribe to Charter, look for us on channel 986 through your Charter converter box. If you don't have a converter box, run a new scan of available channels and you might find us on channel 9-9. If that fails, try channel 97, which even works on old analog sets, but only in Sevastopol proper.

Sevastopol TV is not available on satellite, but you can see excerpts of some videos created for broadcast by subscribing to the YouTube channel: [www.youtube.com/user/shermanbay](http://www.youtube.com/user/shermanbay).

We are always anxious to get feedback from viewers, and we do have them, from Sister Bay down to Two Rivers. If you have any comments or questions, call Laddie at 743-8400.



The new bar and dining area at the Hitching Post. With the bar redesigned, there is a lot more room for tables and bands.



Mark McClellan is ready to serve you a cold beer with a hot pizza.



This is the corroded pipe from under the bar sink, with over half of the pipe missing.



## Dark Skies and Light Trespass

*Editor's Note: Two articles on the same topic were submitted for this issue by GDA members. Even though this may seem redundant, I have included both here. Perhaps it shows how important it is to our neighborhood.*

By Patric Johnstone

With nicer weather on the horizon, homeowners along Glidden Drive are thinking ahead to more outdoor uses on their property. Often that includes some creative uses of lighting to add ambiance or safety, or to entertain guests on mild nights. But poorly-planned lighting can be a detriment to not only the looks of your property, but to the well-being of yourself as well as the wildlife we share the Drive with.

Once we understand the goal of most outdoor lighting is to help us see at night, we can eliminate a lot of bad lighting choices that don't. Those often consist of glare, over-lighting, "light trespass" and poor color.

Glare usually comes from a light whose source is in our field of view. We can correct it by either shielding our eyes with our hand, or correcting the light itself, with either better aiming or shielding.

Floodlights create the most glare because people often try to use them to light too large an area with too bright a light, often aiming the light along the horizon at angles not useful to good vision.

Over-lighting is also a common result of floodlighting, where too much light is pooled in one spot. The eye tries to compensate by adjusting to the brightness, but areas beyond the light now appear darker because your pupils have constricted.

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This photo shows some mistakes with the outdoor up-lighting of a flagpole. Being floodlit, light is scattered needlessly. A narrow spotlight would waste less light and energy if the idea is to just light a flag.

By George Wentz

We are frequently reminded of the many unique natural characteristics surrounding Glidden Drive — the ancient Lake Michigan shoreline with its untamed waves, sandy beaches, rocky bays, and shelf-rock points; the hardwood forests, 100-year old pines, hemlocks, and cedars; a gazillion species of plants, flowers, shrubs, fungi, insects, and birds; many kinds of wild animals and reptiles. Most of us work diligently to protect all of these from harm and destruction so that our Rustic Road will remain an idyllic place to live, and we support the efforts of those in our midst — naturalists, environmentalists, conservancy groups, and governmental agencies — all of whom share the same purpose of preservation. So we deserve to take pride in the fact that we are good stewards of the property entrusted to us, making our Glidden Drive special to us, and the envy of others.

However there has been an ominously destructive change taking place. It has been slow and insidious, and therefore has largely gone unnoticed by many of us. It is not a topic of conversation at neighborhood parties, coffees, teas, luncheons, and other social gatherings. But this threat to one aspect of our beloved environment is very real! Here is just one example of concern from one of our residents:

"The loss of darkness is troubling. I have some new neighbors across the street and they have some of that 'decorative' lighting on — even though they are gone a good deal of time. Since it shines right into my eyes when my head is on my pillow I have taken to sleeping in the guest room. I often compose (in my head) some sensitive, tactful way to address it with them — but I'm afraid people either 'get it' or they don't. Maybe this is a topic for an article in the newsletter or for dissemination some other way along the Drive?"

Yes, the loss of darkness is the latest, growing threat to our environment. And isn't it a shame that unnecessary and/or excessive lighting becomes an annoyance that is difficult to bring up to someone, even when it gets to a point that it disturbs a person's own privacy. This is not some fanatic beating a drum for a cause. Outside lighting that is left on when not needed, or is excessive, or is simply decorative and serves no useful purpose, all contributes to what is known as "light pollution." Like pollution that turns water murky and re-

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## Dark Skies, George Wentz

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duces its clarity and quality, light pollution saturates the atmosphere and reduces the darkness that our eyes need in order to see the nighttime heavens.

For a broad overview of this growing problem, go to **www.darksky.org** which is the Internet website for the International Dark-Sky Association. The IDA was founded in 1988 and is now the recognized authority on the hazards of light pollution. Here, in a nutshell, is why they tell us we need to raise our level of awareness to this problem:

“Once a source of wonder — and one half of the entire planet’s natural environment — the star-filled nights of just a few years ago are vanishing in a yellow haze. Human-produced light pollution not only mars our view of the stars; poor lighting threatens astronomy, disrupts ecosystems, affects human circadian rhythms, and wastes energy to the tune of \$2.2 billion per year in the U.S. alone.”

We are not talking about just the obliteration of the night sky over big cities. We are talking about the obliteration of the night sky over rural states like Wisconsin, sparsely populated areas like Door County, and environmentally sensitive locations like Glidden Drive.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, in its February 2011 issue of the *Wisconsin Natural Resources* magazine, has published dramatic nighttime satellite photos that clearly outline the entire United States due to ground lighting shining up into outer space. The magazine article states that the Milky Way consists of 3,000,000,000 stars, and that 8,500 individual stars are visible to the naked eye. However, in many parts of the country a view of the Milky Way has been totally obscured by light pollution, and in large cities as few as only 15 stars are visible — 15 stars! — in the entire nighttime sky! There is a proposal in Wisconsin to create “preserves” where, such as zoos and other nature preserves, an area would be set aside where people could go to see what stars look like.

In a timely article in the February 19, 2011 issue of the *Door County Advocate*, columnist Heidi Hodges wrote, “The lights are bright...a little too bright,” and went on to describe the excessive use of electronic signs around Sturgeon Bay, and the new overwhelming illumination of the Michigan Avenue bridge which she described as “a bright ball of light in the night.” The glow of light pollution can easily be seen hanging over Sturgeon Bay at night from many outlying areas.

The Town of Sevastopol, which includes our Glidden Drive community, adopted Ordinance 2011-01 which prohibits specific public nuisances. The ordinance includes this regulation:

“16) Lighting fixtures intended to illuminate outdoor areas shall be placed, directed and/or hooded such that no direct beams of light from the fixture shall be cast upon any adjacent properties or upon any public roads or highways.”

The purpose of my article is twofold: First, to share the neighbor’s concern about the loss of darkness, and especially how uncontrolled lighting can be a disturbing intrusion on a personal level; and second, to raise awareness that “darkness” is one of the natural resources that belongs to all of us, and call attention to the increasing risk that this valuable natural resource is being threatened by light pollution. In most cases light pollution is unintentional, and a homeowner simply does not realize that he or she is contributing to it. Nor does the homeowner realize that common garage lights, lamp posts, walkway lighting, and incidental decorative lights may also be an annoyance to neighbors. The solution to both problems is simple — remove unnecessary lighting and/or turn off lights when they are not really needed. As an

alternate solution, use motion-sensitive light fixtures that automatically turn on when motion is detected and automatically turn off afterwards. We are the ones who can control the problem of light pollution and preserve the darkness along Glidden Drive so that on any clear night you can look up and see the Milky Way and the brilliance of thousands of other stars that fill the sky. It would be a shame if some day we, our children, or grandchildren need to drive to a preserve somewhere in order to get a glimpse of the stars.

Check your home and your property to see what you can do to help solve these problems, and thereby relieve your neighbors of the dilemma of either putting up with the annoyance of your lights or risking an unpleasant confrontation with you. You are now aware that the right to darkness belongs to all of us, and we are stewards of this natural resource along with all of our other natural resources. Please help, and if you don’t think this issue applies to you, then don’t be offended if a neighbor asks you to restrict your lighting.

On the next clear night, please go outside and look up in amazement to the star-filled heavens above us, sparkling like diamonds against black velvet, and you will understand what this is all about.



A non-polluting outdoor light fixture.

## Dark Skies, Patric Johnstone

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"Light Trespass" is light intruding on neighbors, or beyond the property it is intended. It is not only poor aesthetic; light shining into bedroom windows interferes with a good nights sleep by disrupting the body's natural therapeutic production of the hormone melatonin.

All of the above you may be familiar with, but in recent years, the color of light has also been found to matter greatly in not only visual comfort, but how beneficial (or detrimental) it is upon our bodies and the environment.

Humans and animals depend on cycles of light and dark. There's more to daylight than just being able to see; the blue light of dawn changes our chemistry and makes us more alert. Darkness tells our body to rest. Too much of one or not enough of the other, health and attitude suffer. While this Circadian Rhythm (or "body clock") is easily upset, it can also be easily fixed with the right light at the right time, so there's more than just property values at stake here.

Another mistake is the cold, un-inviting blueish light you get when using light sources like mercury vapor, "daylight" fluorescent, metal halide or "cool-white" LEDs. Not only does it confuse nature, it contributes to what is known as "sky glow" that obscures the enjoyment of the star-filled skies that Door County has been famous for in the past.

A better solution for this would have been a low-voltage spotlight focused on the flag. You can find them at any garden supply. The incandescent versions have warmer colors, and you can add to them if you want path or patio lighting that isn't too overwhelming at night.

As a rule of thumb, avoid any light with a "color temperature" higher than 3200K. Lower numbers (warmer color) are better (like 3000K or 2700K) and look more like incandescent light. Higher numbers are

bluer. Despite what you hear from advertisers, people and nature better tolerate amber colors at night than blues.

Fortunately, few Glidden Drive residents leave floodlights on all night, or have dusk-to-dawn farm or security lights more appropriate for lighting a Chicago alley. The glare and spill they produce typify the urban eyesore many of us came here to escape.

But on occasion, lighting the deck for a BBQ or the driveway to carry in groceries is desirable, especially if it's done without disturbing the Drive's ambiance for us or our neighbors. Properly-installed motion detector lights are indispensable in the driveway, especially the lantern-style that vary in intensity rather than abruptly snap on and off.

"Can lighting" recessed under eaves are the least likely to cause glare, but if you are stuck with floodlights, consider installing a dimmer switch and aiming the light as far downward as practical. Dimming will help reduce the blinding effect from pooling too much light, or just install a smaller bulb. Do you really need to wash the beach with floodlight, that only blinds you as you walk back up to the house? Once again, try low-voltage lights for an easier-on-the-eyes, less inner-city look, and only use them when you need them.

For entertaining, you might be amazed at how useful "rope lights" or a string of miniature Christmas lights gently and uniformly illuminate an area, and add a festive touch on occasion.

Glidden Drive, as much of Door County, is blessed with an ecosystem not yet spoiled by urban sprawl and the mistakes of cities. We may not be able to stop the march of "progress" but by being responsible with seemingly little nuisances like outdoor lights, we can help steer it in a favorable direction.



Outdoor lighting that directs light primarily downwards or limits it to the intended target.



An example of good deck lighting.



## My Point of View

By Gary Henger

Grandparents, are you listening? Here's a tip for a fun tour. The Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum is a small gem, and is reasonably priced for seniors and children. It is located in Chicago's Lincoln Park just off



Gary took these pictures at the butterfly exhibit.

Fullerton Avenue near Lake Shore Drive. My grandson Charlie calls it *The Bug Museum*.

In addition to bugs there are snakes, frogs, the beautiful butterfly room, an

interactive exhibit, two indoor playgrounds, a restaurant, and a great outdoor view of the Chicago skyline. See and do everything there in less than two hours then go across Fullerton to the Botanical Garden and Lincoln Park Zoo, both free of charge. Park in the zoo parking lot.

If you want to make it a full day visit, take them to the top of the John Hancock Building on Michigan Avenue. Big John is better than the Sears Tower because of its views of Navy Pier, Lake Michigan, and Lake Shore Drive.



Stay overnight at a hotel on the Magnificent Mile and the next day take the grandkids to Lego Land in the Nordstrom Plaza, Nike Town, Disney's Store, and the American Girl Store, all along Michigan Avenue. Bring your wallet for the overnight and next day's sights. It's worth the cost to see the smile on their face!

## Glidden Perspective

By Barbara Mallien

There are times when you wish winter was over, or the rain would stop or it was Fourth of July, and then you remember how fast everything goes without even wishing. Times when you would like to go back to a different time in your life and relive it again.

May is here and the buds are sprouting, daffodils are six inches high, primroses are in bloom, crocus has shades of purple, and even pansies, only two inches high, are covered with blooms. Yes, Glidden Drive has spring fever and will soon be welcoming all our neighbors back home.

We did have some winter storm damage; trees are bent and some are broken. The lake is lower this spring and the shoreline changed again with all the wind and ice. My family took a walk along the shore from our home north to Glidden Lodge on Easter Sunday; a little over a mile but something I have never done. I have lived on the Drive for over seven years and did not realize how that part of Glidden shoreline looks so much like Cave Point. The stone ledges and huge rocks on the beach presented a challenge (well, at least for me).

We saw a flock of swans go past about two weeks ago and we hear the sandhill cranes go over at least once a day singing their wonderful song. The gold finches and purple finches are here and we have the pileated woodpecker every day, doing his best to empty the suet block.



It is good to see neighbors back to walking and even some bikers. Our son was here for Easter weekend and he did his fourteen-mile run both days. He will be back in July for the big race at Murphy Park.

Our summer lunches for the ladies are on the second Wednesday of each month at 12:30 p.m. The location for the June lunch is not yet set. Call me at 743-4214 so we know how many to expect.

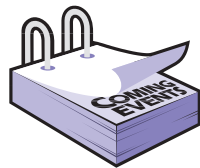
Welcome back to all our snowbirds. We all look forward to seeing you soon.

*Ed. Note: Barbara Mallien sends frequent emails about and pictures of Drive activities. If you wish to receive these, contact her at [bmallien@gmail.com](mailto:bmallien@gmail.com)*



These pictures were taken in the Mallien's back yard.

Mark  
Your  
Calendar



**Sunday, May 29, 2011:** Welcome Back Party, Happy Hour, Valmy, 3-5 PM. Bring finger food to share, cash bar.

**Monday, June 6, 2011:** GDA Board Meeting, 9AM, Sevastopol Town Hall, Institute. Members are welcome to attend.

**Saturday, July 9, 2011:** Annual meeting at the Sevastopol Town Hall, Institute, 10AM. Come early for coffee and donuts.

**Saturday, August 20, 2011:** Summer Picnic at the Sevastopol Town Park pavilion, Institute.



In Memoriam

George Arlen

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