



# Glidden Drive Association

## Big Storm Hits Door County

by Laddie Chapman

On Thursday, Sept 29, a windstorm narrowly targeted Door County and resulted in power outages over most of the peninsula due to trees severing power lines. Sturgeon Bay was least affected, and the portion of Glidden Drive that is served by the Sturgeon Bay utilities (3700 to 3999) was without power for only a few hours. The rest of Glidden was not so lucky, and power was not restored for two days.

The Clark Lake area suffered for four days and a few places in the county were powerless for longer.

The few residents who had private generators were well prepared. Donny's Glidden Lodge Restaurant tried to serve dinner as usual on Friday using their emergency power, but their generator wasn't up to the task of keeping the restaurant running; it was only big enough to supply minimal refrigeration for food storage.

George Wentz had many trees downed on his property and his main electrical service inlet was damaged, but most of the trees avoided his house. The Seiler's tenants were serenaded with a percussion symphony that evening when some large trees crushed the roof and forced evacuation.

Most homes had little damage or none, but the road was littered with debris, and impassable in parts. Many residents helped clear a path enough for cars to squeeze by, but wisely avoided moving any power lines.

Our Sevastopol cable TV station continued to broadcast for about 4 hours, then went dark as the emergency power ran out in Institute. Some commercial local radio stations were unable to continue broadcasting, as their batteries ran out as well.

Such is the hazard of living where nature knows best.



Downed trees like this one blocked the exit from the Drive at the north end.



The Hitching Post was affected like everyone else.

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## Big Storm *continued*



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A large tree uprooted on George Wentz' lot.



Fanny Keller

The Seiler's waterfront cottage sustained considerable damage, but no one was hurt.

## Land Offered by County

Door County is shedding some odd lots around the county that have been gathering dust over the years. No one knows how they came to be county property, but the treasurer is disposing of them by sealed bids.

One lot in the Glidden area remains to be sold. It is .5 acres, and fronts on Glidden Drive near 3750, inland. It may not be buildable due to wetlands. The tax parcel number is 022-52-0126. Sealed bids are due by November 11, 2011.

If you are interested, contact Door County Treasurer Jay Zahn, or access the data sheet on the county's web site or ours.

## DNR Grant Targets Invasive Species

by Joseph W. Henry, DNR

The DNR has recently been awarded \$805,600 from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) for a large scale management effort to eliminate or greatly reduce invasive Phragmites and Lyme grass from 3,600 acres of coastal wetlands along 118 miles of Lake Michigan shoreline, in Brown, Door, Oconto, Manitowoc, Marinette, and Sheboygan Counties. Lyme grass will be targeted in two areas in Door County; Sherman Bay (mid-Glidden Drive) and the Sturgeon Bay Ship Canal property owned by the DCLT.

Planning is underway on implementation strategies and treatment will begin in July 2012 after obtaining the State permit for chemical application. Grant funds will be used for treatments of both public and private lands along the Lake Michigan shoreline, below the ordinary high water mark, within designated Conservation Opportunity Areas identified by the Wisconsin Wildlife Action Plan.

Shoreline owners in Door County will be contacted via a County letter, identifying shoreline landowners located within treatment zones, and requesting written consent to receive treatment on adjacent lands below ordinary high water mark. The effectiveness of the treatment effort will be maximized by including all shoreline landowners in the Phragmites treatment zone.



Wisconsin DNR

Phragmites australis is an invasive species whose spread is not halted by traditional legal boundaries, and can sometimes grow over 15 feet tall, with their feathery plumes blocking views of Lake Michigan. They choke out native plants, making our coastal shorelines and wetlands unfit for wildlife. According to wetland experts, Wisconsin has lost approximately 70 percent of the original wetlands along Lake Michigan.

## President's Message

by Bill Hensge

Mother Nature certainly has commanded center stage as we wind down our 49<sup>th</sup> year of the Glidden Drive Association. Perhaps enjoying this incredibly gorgeous fall (after an erratic start) will help us put in the rear view mirror our exceptionally hot, humid summer and the powerful September 29 Big Blow, which wreaked havoc throughout including some serious damage to a few homes on The Drive. As Goethe stated: "There is no trifling with nature; it is always true, grave and severe, etc...." Ah yes, one of the imponderables of living on The Drive!

Re The Big Blow / Storm, it showed us the importance and necessity for someone to make timely contact with owners whose homes and properties sustained damage. Your Board, which cannot act as an official source, encourages you to leave emergency contact information with a friend, neighbor and caretaker to enable timely contact when you are away.

You should know that we continue to be fortunate to have so many dedicated and interested owners who offer their talents and services in so many ways. While we are truly grateful for the "hard core" of volunteers who provides us with a solid foundation of purpose, we are highly pleased with new volunteers who want to help sustain the GDA. Remember, this is your organization and your involvement is always needed and welcomed. Let us hear from you.

Our annual picnic on August 20 was a huge success based on attendance of 75 (84 paid reservations) and food consumption, which was provided by Scaturio's. Special thanks go to Margo Jackson (food), Kaare Wold (beverages), George Wentz (reservations), Paul Phillips (flowers) and Laddie Chapman and Barb Mallien (PR). Your GDA Board also sends special thanks for those who put the pieces in place before the picnic and the tear-down afterwards, namely the Kinkas, the Virlees, the McGurks, the Huhtas and Susan Peterson. I am sure that I have missed a few people who deserve thank yous.

Our Annual Meeting (July 9) was not well attended compared to past meetings, but it was productive and accomplished its purpose. Perhaps the fact that July 4 (Monday) fell within that week led to the decline in attendance. Your Board will review the 2012 date and discuss ways to make this important meeting more attractive to our owners. Let us know if you have any recommendations.

Finally, we wish safe travels to our owners who head for different (warmer?) climates. Stay in touch and regale us with warm weather stories while we will delight you with the beauties of Jack Frost, Old Man Winter and making snow angels!

## Dates & Important Matters

- ◆ **CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY PARTY** – December 3 at Sevastopol Town Hall. **Please RSVP to Jane Hensge, 743-7718, or by email.** Plan on bringing a delicious appetizer (defined as a food that stimulates the *desire* for food) and/or a hors d'oeuvre (defined as something served before or between the regular courses of a meal). Regardless, this will get you ready for The Institute Saloon, The Happy Hour and The Hitch! Contact Jane Hensge to assist. [Janehensge@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Janehensge@sbcglobal.net).
- ◆ **THE SEVASTOPOL HISTORICAL SOCIETY** – Eighty (80) people attended the September 12 presentation of The Bassford Family History. Linda Wait had hoped for 50, even 30. Call Linda to join (746-1230) and to participate in future presentations.
- ◆ **FERRELLBUCKS COUPONS** – Owners who use this LP provider may send-in their coupons (or give them to your driver) for credit since there is no local office. Send to "Ferrellgas, 735 Weise Street, Green Bay, WI 54302."
- ◆ **50<sup>th</sup> GDA ANNIVERSARY** – The date is July 22, 2012 at Donny's Glidden Lodge Restaurant. *Memory Book*: we need your help with a sentence or longer concerning your memories of coming and going on Glidden Drive over the years. Send to Jane Hensge at [janehensge@sbcglobal.net](mailto:janehensge@sbcglobal.net). Thanks.
- ◆ **WINTER DINNER** – Gary Henger is our masterful "point person" for this annual event tentatively set for Saturday, February 18, 2012 with details to follow.
- ◆ **GDA BOARD MEETINGS** – Scheduled bi-monthly on the first Monday beginning December 5, 9AM, Sevastopol Town Hall. You are welcome to attend.



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## Save The Date!

by Jocelyn Barnes

Dear Glidden Drive Neighbors:

Next year, we celebrate the Glidden Drive Association's 50<sup>th</sup> year of being. We hope to celebrate the occasion with three different activities.

The first is to create a *Glidden Drive Memory* book. Please consider Glidden Drive and what living here has meant to you and your family. Share a special memory or a funny story about your life on the Drive. We aren't looking for a long story. Something 250 words or less would be great. If you want to include a photograph, that would be fine as well. The volunteer who has offered to compile the information into a booklet can only work on it over the winter. Come spring and summer, she will be unavailable to help us. Consequently, we would appreciate having all submissions by February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012.

Send them to Jocelyn Barnes, 3852 Glidden Drive, Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235 or to [jcbarnes53406@yahoo.com](mailto:jcbarnes53406@yahoo.com)

The second activity we'd like to have is a huge block party along the Drive. Our first thought was to have a number of parties set up in the access lanes along the Drive, and encourage residents to stop and visit with their neighbors. We have found, however, the lanes were not available to be used for this purpose. The township felt the gathering would block the lane access in the event of a fire along the drive. So, would anyone be interested in opening their driveway to a block party. Glidden Drive is about six miles long so, we thought it would be nice to have a gathering every mile along the Drive. The host would put out a few chairs and a table. They could provide a few pitchers of lemonade. People visiting could bring a snack to pass. So my questions are:

Would you be willing to host a gathering on your driveway on July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012 between the hours of 11:30am and 2:30pm?

Would you be interested in helping out with a shuttle service during that same time so that we can offer residents rides from party to party? This is just a thought and I'm not sure of the logistics. Decisions and logistics will come based on the responses received.

Please contact me with your answers — [jcbarnes53406@yahoo.com](mailto:jcbarnes53406@yahoo.com) or 920-743-2883.

The third activity planned is a family style chicken dinner at Glidden Lodge on Sunday. Details will follow.

Thank you for your consideration. The success of this celebration depends on your participation. I look forward to hearing from you.

## Concerns on the Drive

by Ray Spangler

I am Ray Spangler of Mary's Beach House, 3746 Glidden. [The last newsletter had] a great article on the zoning changes on the drive. You wouldn't know unless you rented out your building that much more paper work is involved than you mentioned. Wisconsin income tax, Wisconsin sales tax and federal tax are also involved and Wisconsin state licensing, inspection and procedures are extensive. I didn't write this to obligate you to add more to the newsletter but our family would be happy to outline for prospective landlords what is involved before any resident gets too far into a project that will shave building expenses by renting.

The main purpose of this message is to bring up a safety concern related to tornados. Is there a warning system in place now? We had a tornado go across the drive and take out one of two houses near the middle around 1985. Another tornado, more recently, went across the peninsula and exited near Jacksonport. I have marked a shelter area for our renters inside of our building but how would they know when to move there? We have all noticed that more people and nicer houses have been added to the drive during the last 30 years and advancements in radio alarm technology can add to our safety, if we plan ahead and work up a plan through Sevastopol. Perhaps global warming might make this danger more common.

Storing hot coals from a fireplace or grill can be done in a special metal container and lid carried by our local Ace Hardware. Anyone staying alone at a resident's house might not realize how dangerous it is to place ash from smoking or other fires on the ground or in the garbage. My fireman friend visited us and outlined the danger of our plastic tub procedure.

We also have a source for signs that warn of electronic monitoring. We place one to the side of our driveway during the off season to discourage kids who are in search of beer and a warm spot to party. I would like to hear the story of how the last bunch were caught and thank our Neighborhood Watch and all the other residents that make tracks in other peoples' driveways. Our officers and friends are the glue that keeps all of us a little safer, more relaxed and not easy pickings.

This is a negative note but sharing concerns is what our family can do to contribute to our publication. We will keep trying to attend a meeting and meet more of our neighbors.

*Editor's note: The GDA Board replied to Mr. Spangler with a letter.*



## Dunes Lake Watershed Study

by Laddie Chapman



DC Soil & Water Dept.

Amanda Surfus, Door County Soil & Water Department, told this newsletter that the Dunes Lake partnership (DLP) is nearing the completion of field work associated with the Dunes Lake Watershed Study. Currently, the partnership is assessing the considerable amounts of water quality and other data taken over the course of this four year study, including the lab analysis. One more season of field work is scheduled during the spring months of 2012.

The DLP includes representatives from the Door County Soil & Water Conservation Department, The Nature Conservancy, and the Department of Natural Resources.

Soil & Water Conservation Department head Bill Schuster, who is also a Glidden Drive resident, has said that in spite of the time it is taking for this study to generate results, the longer they can collect data, the more valuable it becomes, and the better substantiated will be the conclusions.

Mr. Schuster said that the data gathering includes samples from shallow test wells in a number of locations around Shivering Sands Creek. He stresses that while preliminary conclusions have not been drawn, the final report will be quite comprehensive.

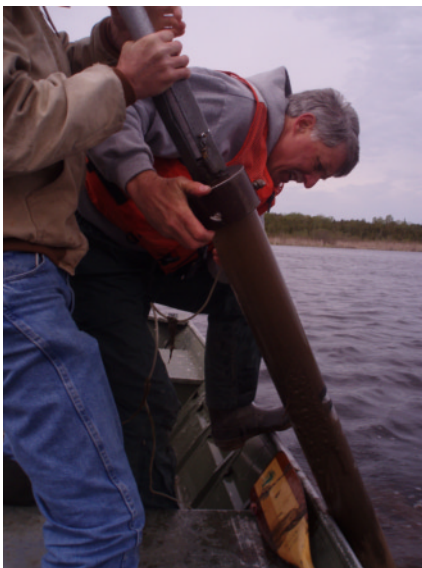
Mike Grimm, of The Nature Conservancy, also emphasized that we are in the data gathering phase of the study, and conclusions at this time would be premature.

Along with the water samples, the DNR also took core samples in the middle of Dunes Lake, 8 feet down to sandy marl, which represents anywhere from several hundred to a thousand years of sediment. This provides a rich history of changes and variability in the lake over time.

The final report will be released in two parts; first, a technical report due 2012 summer, then a management recommendation paper in late 2012.

So I guess we had all better just be patient.

If you have any questions, please contact Mike Grimm at The Nature Conservancy, (920) 743-8695, or William Schuster or Amanda Surfus at the Door County Soil & Water Conservation Department, (920) 746-2214.

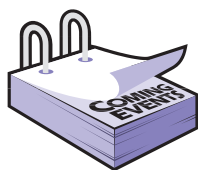


Mike Grimm



Taking core samples in Dunes Lake. Facing the camera is Paul Garrison, Wisconsin DNR. Mike Grimm has his back to the camera.

## Mark Your Calendar



**Saturday, December 3, 2011:** Glidden Drive Christmas Party at the Sevastopol Town Hall, 5-8PM. Bring an appetizer. Contact Jane Hensge for info or to offer assistance: [janehensge@sbcglobal.net](mailto:janehensge@sbcglobal.net), 743-7718

**Monday, December 5, 2011:** GDA Board Meeting, Sevastopol Town Hall, 9AM. Everyone welcome.

**Saturday, February 18, 2012:** Winter Dinner. Details to follow. Contact Gary Henger: [tbhdoor@charter.net](mailto:tbhdoor@charter.net), 746-1578

**Sunday, July 22, 2012:** GDA's 50th Anniversary Celebration, Donny's Glidden Lodge Restaurant. Contact Jane Hensge: [janehensge@sbcglobal.net](mailto:janehensge@sbcglobal.net), 743-7718

*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)*



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