



PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION
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Winter 2007 Newsletter

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

By Russ May

Bay Shore Property Owners Association is a remarkable group of folks. Shortly after we had an address on the bay, we were invited to become part of BSPOA. Fifteen bucks, what did that matter! You could get a good McDonald's meal for \$15.00. So we joined. Each year, \$15.00 and that was it. Until... 2004 when someone named Bob Graef called me. I had no clue who he was and he was asking me to be on the board. I was surprised to learn there was a board — never given is a second thought.

Now, three years later, I find myself President of this amazing organization. You are part of this remarkable group. The special group in our association is those committed folk who make up your board (see picture on page 3). Once a month your board spends three hours meeting, working planning and dreaming. When Deborah Mancuso is in Florida, she attends by conference call!

BSPOA makes a difference. For the last three years, on summer mornings, volunteers trudged into the bay to take water samples for testing. Their work becomes part of a countywide effort to identify the source of *E. coli* in the bay. Why do they do it? I think they love their bay and want to make a difference.

Each year, during the second week in May, volunteers from BSPOA walk the road picking

up trash. Some treat our road as if it is a trash basket. These folks know Bay Shore drive is our home. They want to make a difference so they spend a Saturday doing just that. Afterwards lunch and conversation at Birmingham's reminds us that we made a difference.

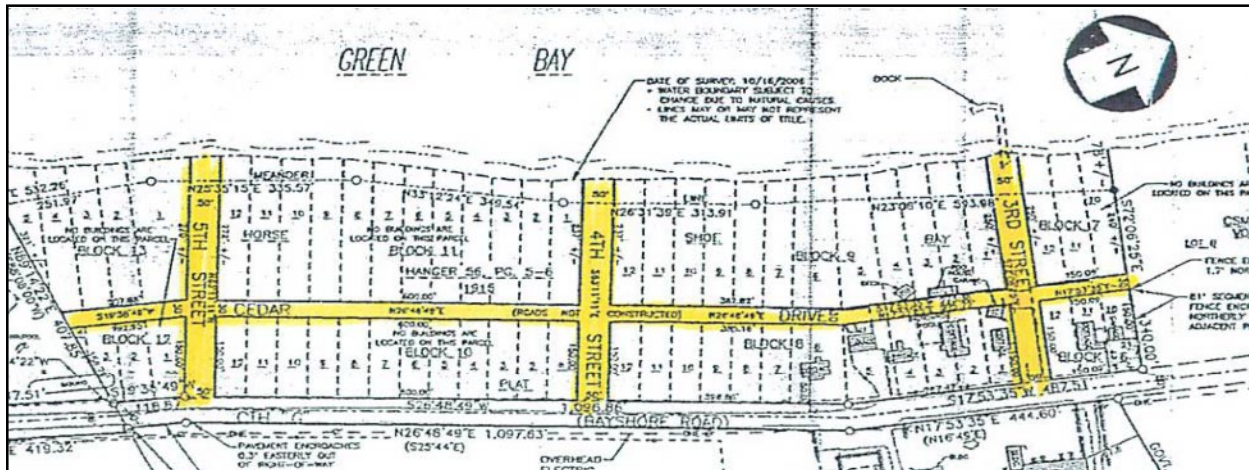
In November 2006, BSPOA joined in a court filing challenging the abandonment of platted roads in the proposed Horseshoe Bay development. Not because we are against development, but because we believe platted roads must not be developed. Why, because we believe no one can protect the future except those who live in the present.

Annually we meet. It is a great time of fellowship; sharing and we even hear a special speaker. For most of us, it is the only time we gather, but if nothing else, it should remind us what an amazing group of people comprise Bay Shore Property owners Association.

The year spring clean up will be on Saturday, May 12th. After the work is done, we will gather at Birmingham's for food and sharing. September 22nd is the 2007 Annual meeting. I hope you will put the date on your calendar. Together we make a difference. Doesn't it make you wonder why everyone on Bay Shore Drive and the feeder streets isn't a member? After all, look at what \$15.00 does.

JUDGE RULES IN FAVOR OF BSPOA AND DPO IN EGG HARBOR ROAD ABANDONMENT

By Mike Standish



Members are aware of a recent court action in which the Bay Shore Property Owners' Association and Door Property Owners, Inc. intervened to oppose the Application of the Frank M. Cowles Trust and the Frank M. Cowles Family Partnership to vacate public rights-of-way in the plat of Horseshoe Bay (just north of Frank Murphy Park). The Town of Egg Harbor had joined in the Application to vacate the public rights-of-way pursuant to a Town Board Resolution dated August 21, 2006. Jon Axelrod of the Madison law firm DeWitt Ross & Stevens represented BSPOA.

Joining BSPOA and DPO in opposing the Application were the State of Wisconsin Attorney General (representing the Department of Natural Resources) and Door County.

On December 1, 2006, Door County Circuit Judge Peter Diltz ruled in our favor and denied the Application without prejudice to vacate the public rights-of-way because DNR approval was not sought or obtained.

Because the denial was "without prejudice," the Town of Egg Harbor and the Cowles Applicants can now apply to the DNR and re-apply to the Court for approval.

We are currently working with the Town of Egg Harbor to rescind its previous Resolution and take a position against the road abandonment. Our reasons are as follows:

- These rights-of-way to the waters of Green

Bay are owned by the people of Egg Harbor and held in trust by the Town for over 90 years. Public access to water is a diminishing resource and should not be given away by Town Supervisors.

- As stated by the DNR in a letter to the Town, "... it is vitally important to preserve these public accesses ... future generations will appreciate the fact that in 2006, we maintained some of the land preservation ethic from our ancestors."
- When the Town Board voted to vacate, Town Supervisors (as moved by Supervisor Anschutz to "give them back to the Frank Cowles Trust") were under the mistaken impression that the rights-of-way were donated by the Frank Cowles Trust - which they were not. The actual donation was by the United Fruit Growers Company in 1915. No taxes were ever paid on the rights-of-way for the last 90 years.
- A representative of the Cowles Applicants confirmed in a deposition that the lake-front rights-of-way are worth hundreds of thousands of dollars. Why would Town Supervisors give away such valuable land to people who now live in Florida?

Members of BSPOA have donated generously to fund our legal action. We need continued funding and volunteers to express their opinions to Egg Harbor Town Board Supervisors.

“SMART GROWTH” CAN ALSO BE CALLED “COMPREHENSIVE PLAN”

By Betty Parsons

The Sevastopol Smart Growth Committee is meeting regularly, and doing their work. However, there seems to be two challenges related to its progress.

Background

To begin with, Wisconsin Smart Growth legislation (1999) mandates that all local governments must, by the year 2010, have a completed land use plan in place. The process begins with citizen input, so when completed, the plans reflect the wishes of the residents. The Sevastopol Town Board and Egg Harbor Town Boards set up committees to draw up such a plan.

Egg Harbor Committee: Consists of Egg Harbor Plan Commission members with Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission as the town's consultant.

Meetings: Town meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 4:00 p.m. in the Egg Harbor Town Hall.

Sevastopol 11-member separate Committee: Committee is comprised of Sevastopol board/committee representatives and local citizens appointed by Leo Zipperer, the town chair. Omni (of Appleton) consultant, Jeff Sanders, will facilitate the process for Sevastopol.

Meetings: 3rd Wednesday of the month, 7:00 p.m. in the Sevastopol Town Hall located in the Sevastopol Town Hall behind Sevastopol Schools.

Sevastopol scheduled meetings in October and November to obtain input from Sevastopol property owners on they want the town to look like in the future. This would include giving voice to priority wishes for scenic vistas (or not), where and what kind of housing, types of transportation, business/economic opportunities (what and where), farming/farms or not, feel of the land (rural, city-like, historic), recreation opportunities (which ones), and many other parameters.

Challenge 1: A very small percentage of property owners took the time to show up and voice their opinions at open meetings on the above topics.

Challenge 2: There is some confusion about the fact that working on the state mandated Smart Growth sometimes is working on the Comprehensive Plan. Both terms apply to the mandated town planning.

Be aware that what the Town of Sevastopol and Town of Egg Harbor become in future years will depend, in part, upon our participation in designated Comprehensive Plan Committee meetings. We encourage property owners to take out a few hours once a month or so to attend appropriate town Smart Growth/Comprehensive meetings where our input is wanted and valued. This is our chance to discuss-openly- our hopes and dreams for the towns of Sevastopol and Egg Harbor. Please call the town board offices for up-to-date meeting schedules. I hope to see you there.

SEVASTOPOL TOWN NEWSLETTER

By Betty Parsons

TAKE A LOOK: Two years ago, the Sevastopol Town Board Supervisors decided to initiate a summer and winter newsletter for Sevastopol property owners. The newsletter has a broad range of articles and is interesting and informative. The most recent



issue was received before Christmas. If you have not received a copy, you have several options. You can contact Linda Wait, Town Clerk, by phone at 920.746.1230 or by email at info@townofsevastopol.com. Ask to be put on the mailing list. The other option is to use the town website, on which the newsletter is posted. The website is: www.townofsevastopol.com.

YOUR BSPO STEERING COMMITTEE



Front row (L-R): Russ May, Nancy Buhl; middle: Bryan Troutman, Bob Landry, Bob Grief; back: John Vanlanen, Alan Moon



Front row (L-R): Barb Bunning, Betty Parsons, Mike Standish; back: Mary Law, Deborah Mancuso, Lisa Frederick, Bill Rix

IT'S A NEW MOON

By Lisa Frederick

Meeting someone who is, at their core, genuinely nice happens every now and then. One might muse, "It happens once in a blue moon" in this case, it happens to be a Moon — Alan Moon, the latest addition to the steering committee.

Newlyweds in 1967, Alan and his bride Christine, honeymooned on the peninsula. After returning to their native Illinois, the enthusiastic couple encouraged Alan's father to consider buying something in Door County. And, well, he did. His father made a wild bid of half the \$49,000 asking price and was chagrined to learn that the seller actually took his offer of \$24,500 for a cottage and 200 ft of shorefront where Alan and Christine recently built their dream house.

Master of eat, sleep and fly, Alan, the VP of international sales for Duo-Fast (A Division of ITW, Illinois Tool Works) jetted about Asia and Europe. He, his wife and family lived abroad for a while enjoying life in Paris and Frankfurt as expatriates pro tem.

After wrapping up his career and unwinding from a whirlwind of years on the go, Alan and Chris made their way to Door County and in September of 2005 became permanent residents.

Though our local chefs may not be as fine as those of Paris's Le Cordon Bleu or have a ballpark delicacy named after their city as in the Frankfurt(er) ...somehow, I don't think Alan cares.... I honestly believe he is just glad to be here. Moreover, our committee is glad that he is here, too.

THE BUCKTHORN BRIGADE

October 21, 2006 a group from The Shores tackled the buckthorn. They sawed, cut and removed HUGE amounts.

Pictured here are some members of the Buckthorn Brigade crew: (L-R) Chris Callen, Bob Warth, Chuck Bither and Tim Bauer.



BSPOA MEMBERSHIP

Below is a list of new 2006-2007 BSPOA members. Please feel free to share this newsletter with a friend who might also be interested in membership. If you would enjoy being more involved with BSPOA, please contact Mike Standish at (920) 743-8585.

We appreciate your support and welcome our new members.

Barb & Tim Bauer
Mark & Jane Breseman
Larry & Martha Burris
Russell & Sandra Dagon
Scott & Liz Hootman
Gary Hosters
Peter & Martha Lewis
Scott & Chris Miller
Peter & Moira Moede
Fred & Sandy Panzer
Angela & Bob Perota Pasqualucci
Jim & Elaine Pasqualucci

Phil Passen
Katherine Nowack Salisbury
Sally & Dick Sandretti
Jerry & Mary Smart
Kerry & Kathie Varra
Sue Vineyard
Scot & Laura Wederquist

If you are a new member and your name was inadvertently omitted or you wish a complete membership list, contact Nancy Buhl at (920) 743-3227 or nancypbuhl@hotmail.com.

BSPOA'S 10TH ANNUAL MEETING 2006

By Deborah Mancuso

Our Tenth Annual Meeting of the Bay Shore Property Owner's Association was September 30th at the Horseshoe Bay Farms & Golf Club. We had our best gathering ever, with a record attendance of nearly 100 members and guests. Outgoing President Mike Standish, who is moving to an emeritus role on the Steering Committee, conducted the business meeting. Mike, as usual, directed an informative and entertaining meeting for the attendees, including addressing several questions on topics of interest to the BSPOA membership.

Our guest speaker was Todd Schmidt, Executive Producer of Peninsula Players Theatre in the Garden in Fish Creek, Door County. Todd gave a wonderful PowerPoint presentation, titled "Peninsula Players: Then and Now" incorporated photographs from the inception of the Theatre through the evolution and changes to the current new Theatre. The audience marveled at the changes the theatre has taken over the years to the magnificent new theatre of today. Equally impressive was the list of so many renowned actors who have

graced the stage over the years. Todd also generously provided two door prizes for tickets to a show including a back stage pass for the first lucky winner.

With a backdrop of Green Bay and beautiful fall colors, members and friends enjoyed a delightful sit down luncheon served by the able and attentive Horseshoe Bay staff. By all accounts, the day was a great success. Special thanks go to Todd Schmidt, the Horseshoe Bay Farms & Golf Club staff, and to those volunteers who helped make this year's event such a success! Your participation is fundamental to the success of BSPOA. Mark your calendar for the 2007 Annual Meeting on Saturday, September 22nd. We hope to see you there!



EMERALD ASH BORER

The emerald ash borer (*Agrilus planipennis*) is an exotic insect, native to Asia, which currently threatens ash trees (*Fraxinus* spp.) in the Great Lakes region. Since its initial discovery in southeastern Michigan in 2002, it has spread throughout Michigan's Lower Peninsula, into the Upper Peninsula and into nearby Ohio, Indiana and Ontario, Canada. Outlier infestations have also been confirmed (summer 2006) in Kane and Cook counties in Illinois, and in Prince George County, Maryland. An estimated 20 million ash trees have been killed by emerald ash borer in these infested areas.

Emerald Ash Borer is Spreading

Despite state and federal quarantines and regulations on the movement of ash firewood, nursery stock and unprocessed logs, the distribution of emerald ash borer is increasing. The insect's natural dispersal rate is just one-half to two miles annually; however, its transmission has accelerated due to the inadvertent transportation by people of emerald ash borer larvae in infested materials. Scientists believe the emerald ash borer was present in southeastern Michigan at least 10 years before its discovery. Therefore, there is a strong possibility that emerald ash borer is already residing in Wisconsin or will soon be arriving.

Emerald Ash Borer's Effects

The emerald ash borer belongs to a group of insects known as metallic wood-boring beetles (Buprestidae). The beetle's immature or larval form spends its life feeding beneath the bark of ash trees. As a result, the ash tree host suffers extensive damage to its vascular system, depriving the tree's crown of water and nutrients. Research conducted by Michigan State University and the USDA Forest Service has shown the emerald ash borer attacks both stressed and healthy ash trees, typically killing its host in one to three years. All ash species are attacked, including white, green and black ash. Mountain ash (*Sorbus* spp.), not a *Fraxinus* species, is not attacked.



We Need Your Help

Forest inventory and analysis data shows that Wisconsin's forests include approximately 717 million ash trees. As a component of our northern hardwood, oak-hickory and bottomland hardwood forests, ash trees are a valuable Wisconsin resource. In addition, an estimated 5.1 million ash trees are planted throughout the urban landscape. The potential destruction that emerald ash borer could bring to Wisconsin is unfathomable. As of August 2006, the emerald ash borer has not been found in our state, but it may already be here. Early detection, isolation and eradication are our best defenses against the emerald ash borer. We need your help in looking for this pest!

Symptoms and Signs

The visual symptoms associated with emerald ash borer infestations are nearly identical to those we often see on ash that are infested or infected by other pests and diseases commonly found in Wisconsin. Therefore, it is important to look for a combination of at least 2 or more symptoms or signs (see list directly below) when trying to determine the presence of emerald ash borer. The following symptoms and signs are commonly associated with emerald ash borer infestations.

Symptoms

Crown die-back: Dieback of the upper and outer crown. Trees begin to show dead branches throughout the canopy, beginning at the top. Foliage in the top of the tree is thin and discolored.



Crown dieback

Sprouting: Epicormic sprouting at the base and/or on the bole of the tree. Trees may sucker excessively both at the base of the tree and on the trunk, often just below where the larvae are feeding.



Epicormic sprouting

Bark splits: Vertical splits in the bark are caused due to callus tissue that develops around larval galleries. Larval galleries can often be seen beneath splits.



Bark splits

Woodpecker feeding: Woodpeckers feed on emerald ash borer larvae located under the bark. Feeding is typically evident higher in the tree where the emerald ash borer prefers initially to infest.



Pileated woodpecker



D-shaped emergence holes



S-shaped larval galleries

D - shaped emergence holes: As adults emerge from under the bark they create an emergence hole ~ 1/8 inch in diameter.

S-shaped larval galleries: As larvae feed under the bark they wind back and forth, thus creating galleries that are packed with frass and follow a serpentine pattern.

Larvae: Larvae are cream-colored, dorso-ventrally flattened and have pincher-like appendages (urogomphi) at the end of their abdomen. Mature larvae reach 1 1/2 inches in length and all larvae are found feeding beneath the bark.

Adults: Adult beetles are metallic green in color and are 3/8 - 1/2 inch in length and 1/16 inch in width. Adults are dorsally flattened and ventrally rounded.



Adult emerald ash borer

BAY SHORE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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, non-profit association. Its mission is to provide for discussion and action on issues that impact the residential character of the neighborhood and those that affect the character of Door County.

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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