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Acting President's Post

by David Wood (2810 LFPR)

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As I write this on a beautiful late-March day, the sun sparkles off the waters of Lake Michigan and reminds me why Jane and I chose this special place in 1997 as our escape from work and city life. While this is still a seasonal home for us, the season that we are here keeps getting longer and the friendships we have made here keep getting deeper.

Almost a year ago, I agreed to serve as Vice-President of the Lake Forest Park Road Association, to help my friend and neighbor Gary Wolkstein (2820 and 2822 LFPR) serve as President. And today I am doing what many vice-presidents have done before—arguably their main purpose—by stepping up to act as president when our elected official cannot serve. While Gary is facing some health challenges that require his full attention, I am very optimistic that he will make a full recovery and will soon be back in his normal role.

Please join me in thanking Kim Krueger for pulling together another wonderful edition of *Between Lake and Forest*, our semi-annual newsletter. This issue contains another fascinating article on the history of Lake Forest

Park Road by John Vincent (2794 LFPR), a report on the new floodplain maps issued by FEMA, updates on the group propane contract, natural gas rollout, and broadband expansion effort, and much more. Hopefully, reading these articles will inspire you to submit your own content to a future edition.



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Perhaps most importantly, **this is a print Directory year**, with the new directories expected to be available by the Annual Membership meeting in June. This is your chance to update your email addresses and phone numbers, as well as to make any other necessary changes. To make sure that we have the correct information, **please submit a new membership application, along with your membership dues, by May 10, 2024, even if you think your information hasn't changed.** I should also note that the Board voted at its winter meeting to increase the annual dues to \$15 per year, to better reflect the rising cost of printing and the catered food at the Annual Meeting and Octoberfest.

Acting President's Post (continued)

This year's social calendar got off to a slow start with the Winter Dinner being cancelled due to hazardous conditions caused by a big winter storm. But, of course, it is better to be safe than sorry!

The next organized event is this year's Annual Meeting, which will be held on the morning of **Saturday, June 8 at 9:00 a.m.** at the Crossroads at Big Creek. This is a great chance to meet many of your neighbors and get a first-hand update on goings on along the road. This year we are fortunate to have Emily Wood, Executive Director of the Door County Land Trust, speak about their efforts to preserve, maintain, and enhance land along Lake Forest Park Road and throughout the County. I hope to see you there!

The Picnics in Portage Park (PIPPs) will continue again on the 12th of June, July, August, and September, from 5-7 p.m. As I did last year, I intend to bring a keg of homebrewed beer each time to facilitate the conversation. Paul Lutzke (3301 LFPR) and Bob and Eileen Brown (3110 and 3120 LFPR) will once again organize Octoberfest, scheduled for Saturday, October 5, 2024; this year I hope to finally attend (and bring some more homebrew!). Doug McGee (3268 LFPR) will again organize the Winter Dinner, scheduled for Saturday, January 18, 2025.



I look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming events, or just along the road!

Annual Membership News

Sure signs of Spring on the Road: daffodils blooming, spring peepers in the wetlands, and our annual Road Association membership drive! And this year -- the long-awaited print Road Directory will be published again. Don't miss out! Get one copy *free* with your paid membership.

Please read the membership information of **pages 6 and 7** of this newsletter for details on how to join (analog or digital - the choice is yours) and how to pay your annual dues (mail them in or bring them to the Annual Meeting).

DATES TO REMEMBER:

FRIDAY, MAY 10 is the deadline for ALL membership applications. There are **NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS DEADLINE** because we are publishing our print Road Directory this year. Please update your information **even if you think it has not changed**. A yearly update of our database helps the Directory Manager and the Treasurer keep track of things. Thank you!

SATURDAY, JUNE 8 is the Annual Membership Meeting, at 9:00 a.m. at Crossroads at Big Creek. Your annual membership dues of \$15 are **DUE** at this time if you have not already mailed them in. Print directories should be available for pick up. See you then!

LFPRA Calendar of Events

- Monday, April 1:** Spring Newsletter articles **DUE** to Kim Krueger at 805shiva@gmail.com
- Monday, April 15:** Newsletter distribution via email (may be earlier)
- Friday, May 10:** **Membership applications are DUE** to Jon Krainak at jonathan.krainak@gmail.com
- Saturday, June 8:** Annual Membership Meeting, 9:00 a.m. @ Crossroads
Membership fee of \$15 is DUE no later than today.
Directories should be available for pick up.
- Wednesday, June 12:** PiPP (Picnic in Portage Park), from 5 - 7 pm, BYOB
- Friday, July 12:** PiPP, from 5 - 7 pm, BYOB
- Monday, August 12:** PiPP, from 5 - 7 pm, BYOB
- Thursday, September 12:** PiPP, from 5 - 7 pm, BYOB
- Tuesday, October 1:** Fall Newsletter articles **DUE** to Kim Krueger at 805shiva@gmail.com
- Saturday, October 5:** Octoberfest Dinner, details TBD
- Tuesday, October 15:** Newsletter distribution via email (may be earlier)
- Saturday, January 18, 2025:** Winter Dinner at the Nightingale Supper Club, details TBD



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Changes

This year we will print a new LFPR Road Directory, which is included with your paid road association membership. Please report any address, phone number changes, and similar updates to the Directory/Database Manager, Jon Krainak, at jonathan.krainak@gmail.com. Other life changes and news may be sent to Kim Krueger, Newsletter Editor, at 805shiva@gmail.com.

Corrections

Cecilia Gerber and Daniel Elvira own 3210 LFPR -- *not* 3201 as previously reported in this newsletter. The editor regrets the error.

New Owners

Beth Smith, Russell Smith, Alison Marella, and Michael Marella are the new co-owners of 3306 LFPR (formerly the Robertoy property). Welcome to the road!

New Owners

Lindsay Sickels Taylor and Jason Taylor have purchased the lot north of 2756 LFPR from the Munson family. The Taylors live in Overland Park, KS, with their two sons. Welcome to the road!

Ann Vertovec and David Audley are the new owners of 2698 LFPR (formerly the MacKelvie-Lutz property). Welcome to the road!



Have you joined our Facebook page?

by Kim Krueger (3364 LFPR)

If not, you're really missing out!

First, if you don't already have one, create a Facebook account. Then, search for "Lake Forest Park Road Association". Our home page currently looks like this (image at right); we do change the cover photo periodically.

To gain admittance to the page, please read and agree to the rules of conduct, and answer a few simple questions. Admission is open to owners, extended family, and friends.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Paul Lutzke, the page moderators. Once you've been admitted, you are free to post pictures, comments, and inquiries related to the Road and our environs.

So far, members have shared beautiful nature photographs, found lost rafts that have drifted away, sought and received local recommendations, and generally kept in touch.

It's a fun way build our community.



Spring into Membership!

by Jon Krainak, Directory/Database Manager

It's time to rejoin the road association for 2024. We will be publishing a NEW printed Road Directory this year, so please double- and triple-check the information you submit to ensure that it is correct for the printed document.

PLEASE SUBMIT A NEW MEMBERSHIP FORM BY FRIDAY MAY 10, 2024 -- even if your information has not changed since the last Directory was published in 2022.

There are TWO ways to submit your information. **You only need to do ONE of these.**

DIGITAL: Google Form

Check your email for a message from me, Jon Krainak, jonathan.krainak@gmail.com, and follow the link to the Google Form. If you don't see the message, please check your spam folder.

The link will also be posted on the LFPRA Facebook page.

DUES of \$15 must be mailed in or paid at the June Annual Meeting.

OR

TRADITIONAL: Paper Form

Print out the membership form included in this newsletter and mail it to the Treasurer along with your dues.

DUES of \$15 must be mailed in or paid at the June Annual Meeting.

NEXT: PAY YOUR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

Pay your \$15 annual dues via check made payable to the Lake Forest Park Road Association (LFPRA). **DO NOT SEND CASH, PLEASE.**

You may mail your printed membership forms with your dues and Annette will forward the forms to me.

Annette Vincent, LFPRA Treasurer
2794 Lake Forest Park Road
Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235
(708) 917-1274

After May 10, Annette will also have a drop box on her porch for dues. Please do not put un-postmarked items in her mailbox.

You may also pay your dues at the June Annual Meeting

If you have questions about the electronic or printable membership form, or the directory, please email Jonathan Krainak, LFPRA Directory/Database Manager at jonathan.krainak@gmail.com.

Thank you for participating in our Road Association.

*please
join us*

Lake Forest Park Road Association Membership Form 2024

****PLEASE RETURN BY OR BEFORE MAY 10, 2024****

If you are *NOT* using the electronic membership form, please print out and complete this form and return it with your membership dues of \$15, check payable to the Lake Forest Park Road Association (LFPRA).
PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH.

If you are using the electronic membership form, you will still need to submit your dues separately.

Please mail checks and printed forms to:

Annette Vincent, LFPRA Treasurer
2794 Lake Forest Park Road
Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235
(708) 917-1274

Your email address (preferred contact) _____

Last name(s) _____ First name(s) _____

Co-owners' names & email (if any) _____

Sturgeon Bay fire road/house number and street _____

House Name, if any _____

Alternate (Legal, winter, permanent address): Post office box# OR House#/Street

Alternate (Legal, winter, permanent address): City/State/Zip

Which address is preferred for postal mailings? (Please choose one)

Sturgeon Bay address Alternate address (provide above)

Sturgeon Bay phone # (if any) _____

Phone # 2 / Owner's name (###-##-#### / Name) _____

Phone # 3 / Owner's name _____

Phone # 4 / Owner's name _____

If there is any other information you wish to share, please add it below:

The Social Scene

Octoberfest

by Paul Lutzke (3301 LFPR)

Thank you to the 50+ association members who turned out for our 2023 Octoberfest celebration at the Sawyer Park Pavilion. We enjoyed excellent food from Sonny's and some great conversation.

Special thanks to Bob and Eileen Brown for their help in organizing the festivities.

This year's party will be held on **October 5, 2024**, so mark your calendars now. More information to come.



Alas, No Winter Dinner

by Doug McGee (3268 LFPR)



Unfortunately the Winter Dinner at the Nightingale Supper Club had to be cancelled this year due to *extremely* inclement weather - a blizzard!

Let's be optimistic and hope that the weather is nice and clear for next year's dinner date on **Saturday, January 18, 2025**. Please mark your calendars.

Summer Fun - the PiPP returns

by Kim Krueger (3364 LFPR)

Ahhhh, summer in Door County! Time to come out and chill with your neighbors at the monthly PiPP (Picnic in Portage Park) on the **12th of each month, from June through September, 5:00-7:00 p.m.**, at Portage Park near the south end of our road.

Friendly reminder signs will be posted on the road on event days.

Bring a chair, your own beverages and a snack (to share with the group if you like).

It's a relaxed good time and a nice way to catch up with old friends and meet some new ones. See you in June!





Broadband Expansion in the Town of Sturgeon Bay

by David Wood (2810 LFPR), Chair, Broadband Committee,
david@wood-doughty.net

The Town of Sturgeon Bay, together with municipalities across Door County, has been part of a multi-year process to close the massive “digital divide” that exists across the town and county. While Charter/Spectrum provides broadband service to 253 locations in the town (37%), largely along the lakeshore, the remaining 63% have slow, expensive, or no broadband options.

A study by Finley Engineering and CCG Consulting (commissioned by Door County Economic Development Corporation and other stakeholders, including the Town of Sturgeon Bay) states that “broadband in areas without Charter/Spectrum can best be described as dismal.” They report “horror stories from residents and businesses about broadband that barely works in the winter and that largely disappears during peak tourist season”, and “numerous residents who said they have no broadband options at home.” Further analysis shows that a majority of school age children and low-income residents live in these poorly-served regions of the town.

The Town Board, and the *ad hoc* Broadband Committee appointed in December 2022, also encouraged residents to participate in the WISER Survey (<https://maps.psc.wi.gov/apps/WISER/index.html>), to document actual download and upload speeds, rather than those promised by internet service providers (ISPs).

The 172 responses reflect 43% of 404 town households (per the 2020 census) and 25% of 676 “bandwidth serviceable locations”. Of those 172 respondents, 99 (58%) report no internet service and 36 (an additional 21%) report download speeds of less than or equal to 25 Mbs. Only 13 (8%) report having “adequate and affordable” internet service. Even more striking, of the 31 Charter/Spectrum customers that provided speed tests, only one met the federal minimum performance target of 100/20, i.e., 100 Mbs download and 20 Mbs upload.

The Town of Sturgeon Bay Broadband Committee, which met throughout 2023 and continues to meet in 2024, solicited bids from nine ISPs, including Charter/Spectrum. At a public hearing on September 18, 2023, the Committee presented its recommendation that the Town partner with AT&T to provide AT&T Fiber to every address in the town for the following reasons:

***Affordable Service** — AT&T Fiber offers 300/300 service for \$60/month and, for qualifying households, 100/100 for \$30/month, \$0 after government subsidies. This compares favorably to \$84.99/month for 300/10 service from Charter/Spectrum.

***Future-proof Fiber** — AT&T’s state-of-the-art XGS-PON network will provide symmetric 2 Gbs service from day one, scalable to 10 Gbs, and likely 25 Gbs in the future. This is significantly better than Charter’s EPON technology installed along South Lake Michigan Drive (SLMD), and far better than the older Hybrid Fiber Cable (HFC) technology that Charter uses along Lake Forest Park Road and most other locations in the Town.

***Cost Efficient and Match** — AT&T will cover 60% of the \$5M total cost, with the Town of Sturgeon Bay covering the remaining amount through grant funding and a modest tax levy. This is higher than the 50% that Charter covered when they extended Spectrum service to locations on SLMD.

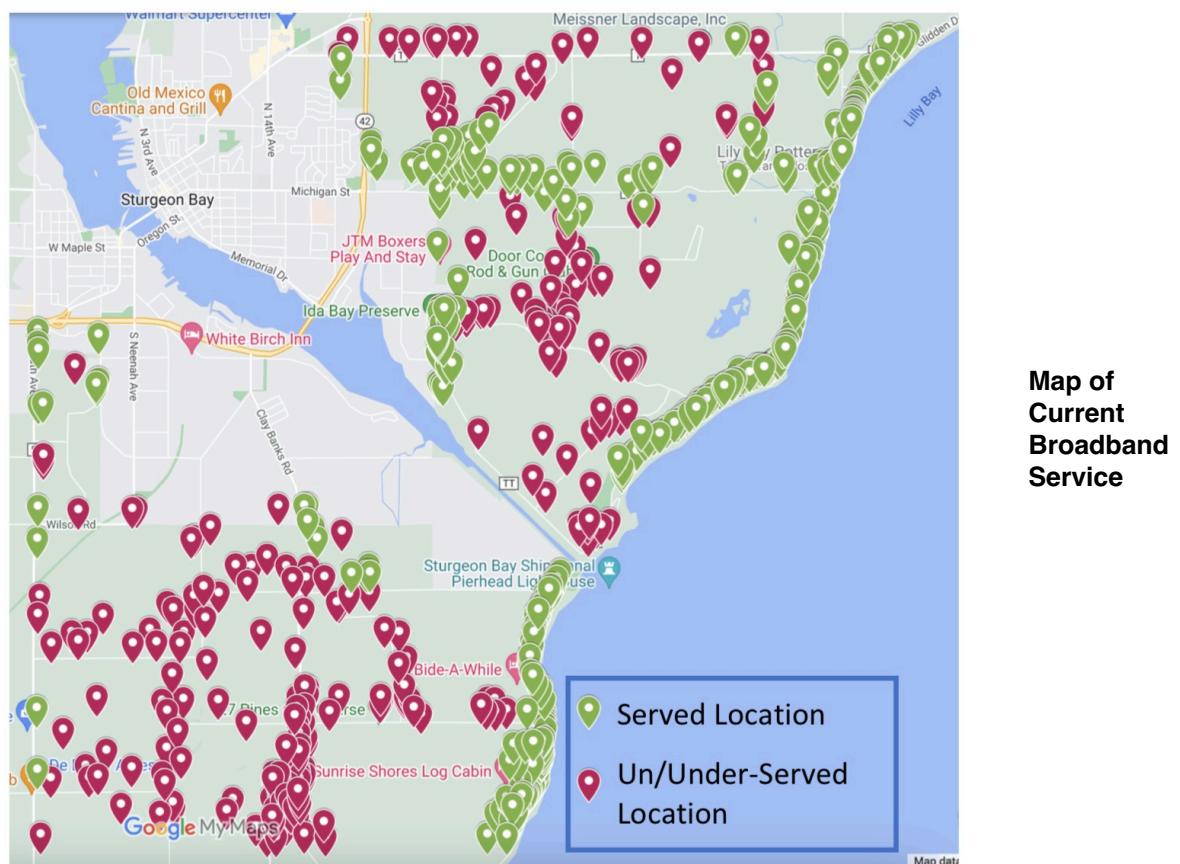
Broadband Expansion in the Town of Sturgeon Bay

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AT&T, with support from the Town of Sturgeon Bay and Door County, applied in November 2023 for \$552K in grant funding from the Wisconsin Public Services Commission's Capital Projects Fund to support this project. On March 7, 2024, the PSC announced that the Town of Sturgeon Bay, along with the Towns of Egg Harbor and Seastopol, had their proposals selected for funding. This will reduce the Town's share of the project cost by approximately 25%.

The Town is in final negotiations with AT&T and expects to enter into a contract as early as April 2024, with project completion targeted for 2025 or early 2026.

More information is available in the *updated FAQ* on the Town website: <https://townofsturgeonbay-wi.gov/2024/03/22/updated-broadband-faq/>. In addition, the committee expects to publish a list of addresses that AT&T intends to serve in the next several months; all Town residents should review this list to ensure that all locations that they expect to be served are included.



Natural Gas Conversion, or Not!

by David Wood (2810 LFPR)

vicepresident@lakeforestparkrd.org

WPS installed a natural gas pipeline along the north end of Lake Forest Park Road—from County Road TT to 3032 LFPR—and began connecting some of our neighbors' homes in 2023. I reached out to 18 of our neighbors and asked them to share their decision whether to convert to natural gas and their experience with the process if they did. Nine responded in time to be included in this article.

Of the nine, three households had converted to natural gas, two had not yet converted but were considering doing so in the future, two had not and considered that propane was a better choice for their homes, and two had not because they heat with electricity.

Of those that did not convert from propane, Paul Lutzke (3301 LFPR) felt that it did not make economic sense given the energy efficiency of his home and Arlyn Lulewicz (3204 LFPR) feels that propane is somewhat safer, more efficient, and more eco-friendly. Steve Cain (3376 LFPR) and Chris Jeanquart (3140 LFPR) heat year-round with electricity, an option that is becoming increasingly attractive as heat-pumps become more efficient at lower outside temperatures and the government offers a Federal tax credit of (up to) \$2,000.

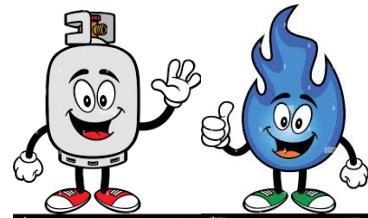
All three households that converted to natural gas, and both those still considering it, mentioned the benefits of long-term cost savings, elimination of unsightly propane tanks, and greater convenience and reliability of pipeline vs. truck delivery. All those converting were happy with the eventual outcome, but all three had cautionary tales about working with WPS and their contractors.

Tom and Kim Krueger (3364 LFPR) had the best experience, but still found that “communication from WPS was not great” and the total installation cost was 20-25% more than the initial quote.

Dan and Bridget Nassif (3336 LFPR) also found WPS’s bureaucracy difficult to navigate—including requiring that signed contracts be scanned and emailed, not sent by U.S mail—and poor communication about construction timing. Worse, their cost to convert appliances was over double the original estimate, over \$2,000. Natural gas is one-third less dense than propane gas and they had to replace their existing (interior) black pipe with larger diameter pipe.

Bill Sauve and Gina Morgan (3062 LFPR) had the biggest debacle—which fortunately has a happy ending—when WPS *tripled* the price of the install from “no more than \$1,800” to over \$5,500, due to the need to bore through rock! Worse, WPS performed the install without getting approval for the higher estimate, then sent the unpaid bill to their collections department! After “numerous conversations” with WPS representatives, WPS finally waived the installation charge and their collections department stopped calling.

Deciding whether or not to convert to natural gas is clearly a personal decision with many variables, but everyone should heed Bill’s advice: “Get all the information (and costs) and look at your payback concerning the price of gas vs. propane.” And get everything in writing!



Propane Contract Updates

by Rod Miller (5087 CTH TT) and Mike Johnston (2672 LFPR)

One of the benefits of Road Association membership is the ability to participate in a group purchase of liquid propane, which yields significant savings to homeowners. Following is our Spring update.

FOR EXISTING CONTRACTS

Existing Supply contracts are in effect until May 31, 2024 for Ferrellgas at \$1.77 per gallon and June 1, 2024 for AmeriGas at \$1.90 per gallon.

Lakes Gas offered a three year term at \$1.849 per gallon for year 1; Conway plus \$1.10 per gallon for year 2; and Conway plus \$1.25 per gallon for year 3.

The Conway futures April price is \$.78208 per gallon and the May price is \$.78583 per gallon.

Currently, Conway futures prices peak in January 2025 at \$.85125.

FOR NEW CONTRACT STATUS

Discussions and contract negotiations for the 2024/2025 heating season will be starting in a few weeks. Our plan is to once again reach out to the big three propane suppliers in Door County: AmeriGas, Lakes Gas and Ferrellgas.

The goal is to have new contracts finalized by June 1st. Conway futures pricing is up about 4 cents to 6 cents per gallon versus last year at this time.

The other major component of the price of a gallon of propane is the distribution and delivery costs.

As you can see from the Lakes Gas pricing above, the distribution and delivery costs are also increasing each year.

So, we could see a very modest price increase in the new contract offers from AmeriGas and Ferrellgas.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Rod Miller at (972) 679-6332 or roderickmiller@aol.com, or contact Mike Johnson at mlj.mike.johnston@gmail.com.



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photographer

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Invasive Species and DCIST

By Jeff Feuerstein (2500 Canal Road)

Much work was done on and around Lake Forest Park Road over 10 years ago to eliminate a phragmites infestation that existed at that time. Because of the good work done by many of our neighbors and volunteers, the problem was largely eliminated.

However, there is a need to stay vigilant. Everyone needs to keep an eye out and take action when necessary. This is more difficult perhaps for absentee owners or neighbors who are not as well informed on what the invasive plants look like. Please educate yourself and reach out to neighbors if you see something. Chances are, they are unaware of the issue or what should be done about it.

There is an excellent resource in our County to help with education about and eradication of these invasive plants. Check out the Door County Invasive Species Team (DCIST) at doorinvasives.org or call them at (920) 746-5955.

The Town of Sturgeon Bay has a noxious weed ordinance which places the responsibility for removing noxious weeds on the property owner. In the event that the property owner is not maintaining the property, the ordinance gives the Town the right to access the property, treat the weeds, and charge the property owner for the work. Assistance is available for property owners to obtain help from DCIST for weed removal. Through grants, this service has been normally been provided free of charge.

For information on application deadlines for the various weed control spraying programs, check out the DCIST website. The upcoming deadline for phragmites spraying is **April 26**.



Invasive Phragmites Plant (Common Reed)

University of Wisconsin Extension - Horticulture

<https://hort.extension.wisc.edu/articles/invasive-phragmites/>

Town of Sturgeon Bay News

by Jeff Feuerstein (2500 Canal Road)
Chair, Town of Sturgeon Bay Board



Here is some quick news about the Town of Sturgeon Bay government. Having previously served as your Road Association President for seven years, I am coming up on my first year serving on the Town of Sturgeon Bay Board.

There was a complete changeover of the Town Chair and Supervisors this last year. Previous officers had held their positions for lengthy terms between 10 to 30 years. They had done a great job but were looking for a well-deserved break. It has been interesting serving on the Board for the last year, and I have learned much about Town government. I have met a large number of new people, both residents as well as County and government officials.

Here are some important issues I want to bring to your attention. Town meetings are held on the **second Monday of each month at Arle Hall at 6:00 p.m.** Arle Hall (formerly the Knights of Columbus Hall) is located at 692 Tacoma Beach Road in Sturgeon Bay. The Annual Meeting is coming up on **Monday, April 22 at 6:00 p.m.**

There will be a couple of resolutions voted on at this meeting to put us in a better position for retaining and recruiting future Town officers. To vote at this meeting, you need to be a Town resident. This meeting is an opportunity for the residents of the Town to tell the Town Board what issues are important to them so the Board can set its agenda.

If you have an item to bring up to the Town Board for consideration or discussion, it is preferable to come to the meeting and present your issue in person. If that is not possible, contact the Town Clerk, Nancy Anschutz (clerk@townofsturgeonbay-wi.gov or (920) 743-3908) and she will add your item to the agenda.

Just a reminder that **burning permits are required** in the Town of Sturgeon Bay if burning takes place outside of a fire pit or a fireplace. Town Board officers can issue the burning permits, or you can contact the Sturgeon Bay Fire Department.

The Town has a website at townofsturgeonbay-wi.gov. I would encourage all Town residents and property owners to sign up to get on the email messaging list. That will give you notice for upcoming meetings and agendas and access to prior meeting agendas and meeting minutes.

Please contact me if I can be of any assistance. jefffeuerstein@hotmail.com or (920) 450-6069.

New FEMA Floodplain Maps and Ordinance

by David Wood (2810 LFPRA)

vicepresident@lakeforestparkrd.org



The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has published new floodplain maps that affect the Lake Michigan shoreline and adjoining areas, which includes all properties in the Lake Forest Park Road area. Inclusion in a flood plain may affect your insurance rates, ability to build or remodel, and/or resale value, so LFPRA members are encouraged to understand whether and how these new maps affect their properties.

The Door County Resource Planning Committee met on March 7, 2024 to recommend approval of a new floodplain ordinance that adopts FEMA's new maps, which will keep the County eligible to participate in FEMA's flood insurance program. The public hearing portion of the meeting was much longer than advertised and was not structured as an informational presentation, as many attendees had expected. However, for those that were able to stay until the end, the committee and staff provided quite a lot of information in response to questions from the attendees.

The list below summarizes the key points from the meeting.

- The 2024 floodplain maps apply to all Lake Forest Park Road Association shoreline properties. Parts of the inland portions of the County will still use the 2009 maps, but not the shoreline areas.
- The new VE Flood Zones are defined as coastal areas with a 1% or greater chance of flooding and an additional hazard associated with storm waves. These areas have a 26% chance of flooding over the life of a 30 year mortgage.
- The staff explained that the VE Flood Zones only affect areas where waves are predicted to reach 3' in height. Construction is still allowed in a VE Zone, but must be on pilings to allow waves to pass underneath. This appears largely irrelevant to LFPRA members, as there are few to no structures that extend into the water and hence into the VE Zone.
- The new AE Flood Zones are defined as areas with a 1% annual chance of flooding and a 26% chance of flooding over the life of a 30 year mortgage. The base flood elevation (the number after AE) is derived from detailed analyses of the property's topography.
- The staff explained that existing structures that are in a newly designated AE Zone may be required to obtain flood insurance (e.g., by a mortgage holder). New construction is possible in an AE Zone, but among other restrictions, structures must be built on fill, with 15' of fill around the structure. Each of these requirements makes it seem likely that a new floodplain designation would have a potentially negative effect on property values.

New FEMA Floodplain Maps and Ordinance (continued)

- *The County has no control over the maps.* If a property owner believes that the maps inaccurately include their property in a floodplain, FEMA has a “Letter of Map Change” (LOMC) process that allows property owners to request an official flood zoning determination. The online application may be found at <https://www.fema.gov/online-lomc>. Certification by licensed engineering or surveying professionals will likely be required.
- Several LFPR property owners successfully pursued the LOMC process as a result of the 2009 maps. In at least one case, the property owner had riprap installed to raise the property's elevation sufficiently to remove it from the floodplain. These previously granted LOMCs appear to continue to be valid for the new maps. Those affected should confirm this.
- The new floodplain ordinance is more streamlined than in the past; the new requirement is “just as mapped”, rather than requiring the determination of actual elevations. This appears to mean that those that have properties that are not included in the new flood zones do not need to worry about this issue, at least until the next set of maps.

Additional information can be found on the Door County Land Use web page: <https://www.co.door.wi.gov/164/Land-Use-Services>

To determine whether a property is in a flood zone, access the Door County GIS map (<http://map.co.door.wi.us/map/>). Search for your property by selecting the “Parcel Search by” drop down menu in the upper left hand corner and by selecting “Property Address”. Fill in your fire number and road address in the boxes that appear below.

Click “Go!” (lower right corner of Parcel Search box). Then select “Layers” (above and left of Parcel Search box) and select “Pending FEMA Flood Hazards (2024)”. This is under the “Zoning (County) and Land Use” folder, which you may need to click to expand.

The “VE Flood Zone” displays as light blue and represents the waters of Lake Michigan; this seems mostly useful to determine where FEMA believes the high water mark is for shoreline properties.

The “AE 58X Flood Zones” (where X is a digit between 0 and 9) displays in green and indicates land areas that FEMA believes are subject to flooding (the number, e.g., 585, is the base flood elevation for that zone).

The Lake Forest Park Road Association is a social organization and thus has no official role in helping its members navigate the complexities of floodplain legislation. However, as neighbors, we are happy to help connect members that are interested in communicating with each other about this issue.

LFPRA Third Thursday Women's Book Group

The women's book group founded last summer by Donna Janning (2680 LFPR) has had a lot of fun reading and discussing a wide variety of literary works.

We meet on the **third Thursday of the month at Fifth and Jefferson Coffeehouse at 10:00 a.m.**

If you are a female resident of the road and would like to join us, please email Donna at dwjanning@gmail.com.

Here's our book report for the past few months.

October: A Bed by the Window by M. Scott Peck. The novel's setting, a nursing home and its lively, diverse residents, was well imagined and more interesting than the rather weak murder mystery plot.

November: Tom Lake by Ann Patchett. Long-hidden secrets are revealed as a mother regales her daughters with tales of her youthful past while they all isolate on the family's Michigan cherry farm during the Covid-19 pandemic.

December: Holiday break!

January: The Light Pirate by Lily Brooks-Dalton. Dystopian speculative fiction set in a rapidly drowning Florida. Residents who choose to shelter in place during a catastrophic hurricane are cut off from the mainland United States. Their struggle to survive as society breaks down makes for an engrossing tale.

February: Horse by Geraldine Brooks. A discarded painting of a horse, found by a modern-day Black art historian, sparks this outstanding historical novel centered around Lexington, a prize-winning racehorse in the antebellum South, and his enslaved Black trainer. The story shifts between past and present, exploring the enduring power of art and the corrosive damage caused by racism.

March: Off for the winter doldrums.

NEXT MEETING:

April 18: This is How it Always Is by Laurie Frankel. How does a family cope when a child decides they are in the wrong body? When Claude, the youngest son of a doctor and her writer husband, decides to be Poppy, a girl, the entire family is affected. Gender dysphoria and family dynamics are treated with great sensitivity and humanity in this novel. Join us to talk about it.



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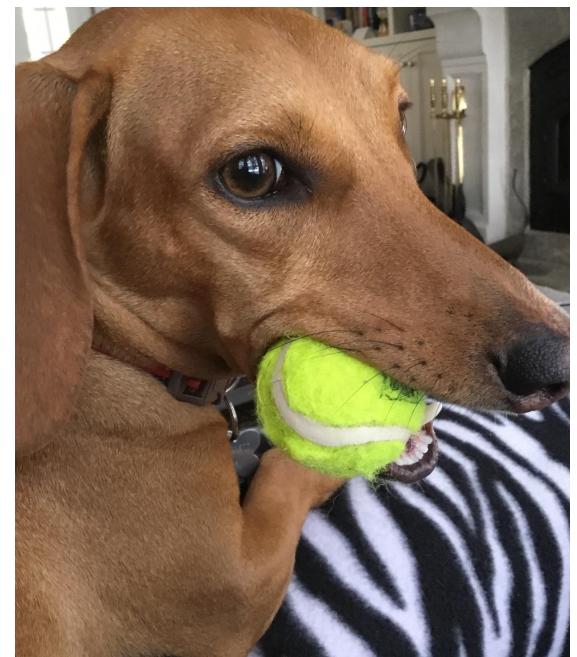
Pets of the Road

by LFPRA Pet Parents



Sierra Starsiak, 2966 LFPR

Our diva Sierra would say, “*My favorite thing to do is dig and whirl in the sand. I’m not wild about the car ride from California to Wisconsin but, I really like the cheese curds when I get here.*”



Morris Bennett, 3194 LFPR

This is Morris, a dachshund mix.
He’s 7 years old and
loves to bark, **bark, bark!**



Russell Vertovec, 2698 LFPR

Hi, I am Russell, named after a prior Badger quarterback. I’m new to the neighborhood, almost 10, and have a couple pup cousins that will be visiting me from time to time.



Pets of the Road (continued)



Eclair Taylor (Lot north of 2756 LFPR), the most tolerant cat, is dressing up as Indiana Jones with our youngest son.

Eclair posing at right.



At left, Ellie Taylor is snoozing in the sunshine.

Josie, Quintin, and Willow Krueger, Grandcats of 3364 LFPR

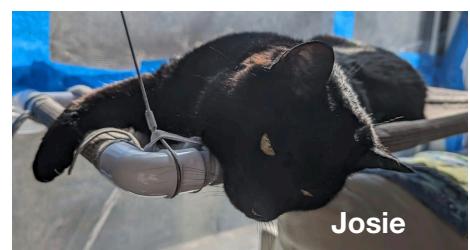
Though they reside south of the border in Chicago, these loaf-cats offer much inspiration for the relaxed life. There truly are no bad days when your main job is to loll about and catch the sun.



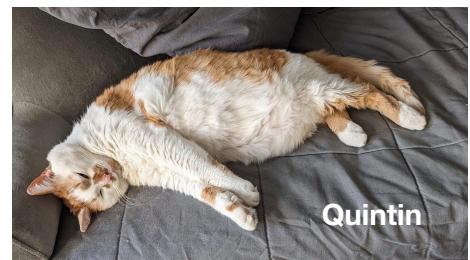
Double Loaves



Willow



Josie



Quintin

Many thanks to Ray and Nancy Starsiak, Louise Bennett, Ann Vertovec, Lindsay Sickels Taylor, and Anna Krueger for their inspirational photos. Pets rule!

Local History: The Lake Forest Park Album

by John Vincent, Historian (2794 LFPR)

Old photographs provide historians with unique peeks into the past that are often more telling than written accounts. Written reflections are limited to the scope of their words and the images they convey. Even eyewitness accounts are subject to original interpretation, changes over time, and to factual errors.

Historical photographs, however, do not lie. They capture an exact image at a precise point in time and continue to tell a story as one delves into their details. As the old saying goes: "A picture is worth a thousand words."

A few years ago, while researching an article on "Early Cottages," I was made aware of an old photo album of Lake Forest Park that belonged to William A. Schroeder, who owned considerable property within the development. Schroeder, a Milwaukee attorney, became the moving force behind Lake Forest Park following the death of its original owner/developer, Oscar Stegeman, in 1936. Schroeder's firm, Schroeder & Melnik of Milwaukee, "disposed of over 20 lots" to help settle the Stegeman estate.¹ From 1938 until his death in 1961, Schroeder was involved in the purchase or sale of an additional 78 Lake Forest Park lots and outlots, a combined two thirds of the development's property passing through his hands.² The photo album was passed on to William's son Robert, also a Lake Forest Park (LFP) resident and the founder of the first LFP homeowners' corporation in 1967.³ According to Robert's daughter-in-law, Angela Hanaman, the album contained very early photos of Lake Forest Park, and was kept at the family cabin ("The Fox's Den" at 3317 LFPR), but was eventually left with the Leathem Smith Lodge in the early 2000's. I finally followed up on her lead this past December by contacting the Lodge and arranging to come in and see their photo archive.

After settling into an armchair in the resort's lobby, the first item I pulled out of the storage box was a black leather-bound album with "Lake Forest Park" stenciled in gold on the cover (See **Exhibit 1**). Careful paging through its contents revealed 23 full-page, mostly colorized prints of early Lake Forest Park scenery. Each photo has an original hand-written caption, plus a subsequently typed transcript of each caption with some selective edits. The album reads like an early marketing piece for the development, extolling the natural beauty of this "Wisconsin Wonderland", with its massive stands of pine and birch, "grand vistas", and "artistic settings" on the lake shore for "summer residences of discrimination." The album showcases the newly constructed dirt roadway originally called "Lake Forest Drive" (7 photos), the sandy shoreline (3 photos), the public accesses (2 photos), the variety of vegetation (6 photos), and "back land" trails (5 photos). When I came to the end of the album, I realized I was holding a valuable artifact, possibly one of a limited series. I then carefully photographed each plate and caption within the album and pondered: "What do these photographs and captions convey about the early days of Lake Forest Park?"

First, they prove that the development originated in the north and moved to the south. **Exhibits 2A** and **2B** depict the arched gateways over the north entrance (**Exhibit 2A**) and at the Cherokee Drive public access (**Exhibit 2B**). The huge four-posted North Gate was "built of logs cut within the Park." Cherokee Drive is the first public access road to the south that connects "Lake Forest Drive" to the shore. The seven short public access roadways to the beach were intended to be a prominent feature of the development. The handwritten caption for **Exhibit 2B** emphasizes "ample facilities are provided for the public (a 100 ft. frontage of beach at each Drive)" including "tables and benches for the public's use." The blue Rolls Royce parked under the paper birch archway and "Cherokee Drive" sign belonged to founder/developer Oscar Stegeman, who frequently drove it to Lake Forest Park from his home near Milwaukee.⁴

Local History: The Lake Forest Park Album - Exhibits

Photographs are courtesy of the Lodge at Leathem Smith

Exhibit 1 (at right)
William A. Schroeder's leather-bound photograph album.



Exhibit 2A (at left)
The north entrance gate to Lake Forest Park in 1927.

Exhibit 2B (at right)
The entrance to the public beach at Chippewa Drive.
The luxury car parked under the arch is Oscar Stegeman's Rolls Royce Twenty "Ghost", a custom-made, mid-1920's model.



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I would date this album to between 1927 and 1929. “Lake Forest Drive” was constructed by a Stegeman-hired work crew during the spring of 1927, but the North Gate archway was not yet complete in late May.⁵ Lawrence Avenue, which accessed this north entrance from the west, is identified in the photo captions as a “town road.” This road was reclassified as a County Trunk Road (“TT”) in the spring of 1929, dating the album prior to that year.⁶

I have seen several copies of **Exhibit 2A**, all in the possession of residents owning cottages at the north end of Lake Forest Park, which leads me to believe there could be multiple copies of the album. Absent from all 23 photographs is any evidence of a finished home, lending further credence to the theory that this album was a very early marketing piece for promoting the new development. The fact that it belonged to William Schroeder underscores his prominent role in developing Lake Forest Park.

Exhibits 3A and 3B show the newly constructed Lake Forest Drive from two perspectives. **Exhibit 3A** shows a rare long straightaway view through towering trees. If you expand this photo, you can see a 1920’s car parked on the road in the distance. Also note the yellow and red flowers in the ditch alongside the road, possibly marsh marigolds and lilies, indicating a timeframe of spring or early summer.

Exhibit 3B was taken from the Winnebago Drive public access looking northeast up Lake Forest Drive and notes that the “road follows the beach line at a distance back of about 400 to 500 feet.” This is near the southernmost point to where the new road was constructed in 1927. The Winnebago access to the lakeshore was already cleared in 1927, as it previously served as the site of Scott’s Pier* during the logging boom of the 1870’s, and then as a locally popular lakefront destination for picnics and outings reachable by water or road.⁷ The inland road from the west (today’s Buffalo Ridge Trail) was constructed in 1868 to provide a dry access road to the lake shore and to the anticipated canal.⁸

Exhibit 4 shows the lay of the land of the southern portion of Lake Forest Park prior to its development. The red X marks where the construction of Lake Forest Drive ceased in late May 1927 upon intersecting the 1868 road near the Scott’s Pier clearing. There was no reason to construct the road any further as this intersection provided a second drivable entrance into the development from the west.⁹ In addition, the “Old Logging Road” (see **Exhibit 4**) provided access to the remaining 41 Lake Forest Park lots south of Winnebago in Blocks 6 & 7 of the development.¹⁰

This primitive road likely dates back to the days of the working pier when locally harvested timber was carted to and “banked” each winter at the Scott’s Pier clearing to await shipment. **Exhibit 5** shows a 1920’s auto parked on a stretch of this road referred to as “the pine grove.” Remnants of the Old Logging Road are still visible today in Blocks 6 & 7, as are the original red surveyor’s pipes at the road’s edge marking the 100 foot boundaries between these lots. These pipes were located on the Old Logging Road because the main road had not yet been built. “Lake Forest Park Road” was finally completed south of Winnebago by March 1950 providing a direct route to the canal and Coast Guard Station and rendering the Old Logging Road obsolete.¹¹ This extension of the main road coincided with the start of developing Blocks 6 & 7 in earnest.

*Editor’s note: John Vincent wrote about Scott’s Pier in the Autumn 2023 edition of this newsletter. In Spring 2023, he wrote about the cranberry farm mentioned later in this article.

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Exhibit 3A (at left)

A long straightaway view of Lake Forest Drive, likely looking southwest toward Winnebago Drive.



Exhibit 3B (at right)

Looking northeast up Lake Forest Drive from the Winnebago public access.

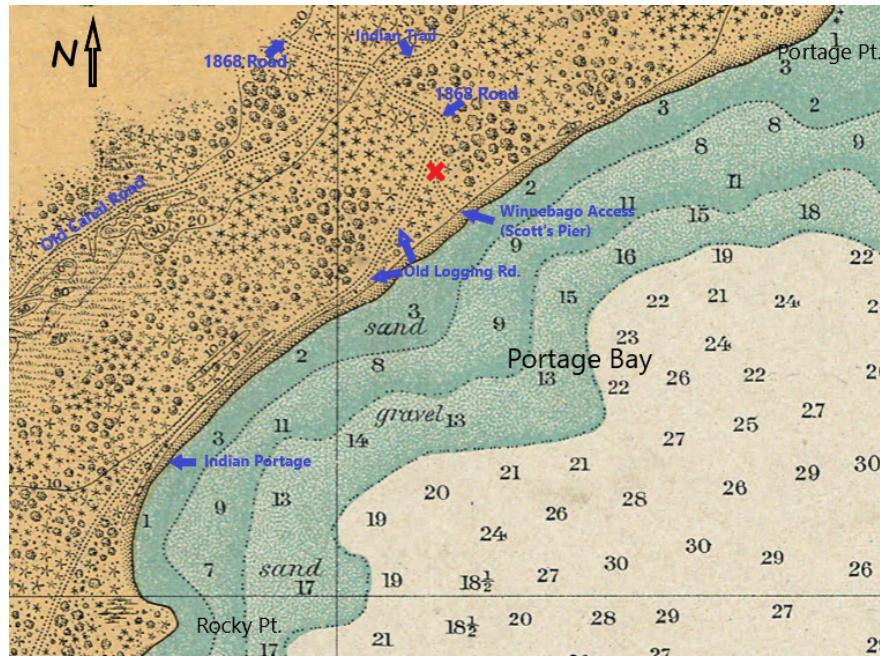


Exhibit 4 (at left)

The southern shoreline of Lake Forest Park prior to its development.

Portage Bay is home to 71 of Lake Forest Park's 144 lake shore lots.

Excerpted from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Survey Map of Sturgeon Bay, Canal and Harbor of Refuge, Lake Michigan, of 1908.

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Exhibits 6A and 6B depict two vistas from the beach on Portage Bay at the southern end of Lake Forest Park. **Exhibit 6A** looks southwest toward Rocky Point and today's Portage Park with its handwritten caption emphasizing that "our beach is sandy and of a gradual slope. No finer bathing beach is to be found anywhere." This photo was taken on October 30th, 1927, when Oscar Stegeman led a party of local dignitaries to the south end of Lake Forest Park to search for the "old Indian Portage."¹² This same photo was subsequently featured in the January 29, 1928, Sunday edition of the *Milwaukee Journal* to identify where the "Marquette Trail begins."¹³ **Exhibit 6B** is taken from about the same location but looking northeast all the way up the shore to Portage Point.

Portage Bay is the only shoreline of Lake Forest Park from which the lighthouses at the entrance to the canal and Coast Guard Station are visible. The typed caption for **Exhibit 6B** describes: "On top of the bank in the foreground, now cut through as Kickapoo Drive, the ancient site of an Indian village was uncovered. Pieces of pottery, flint, arrowheads and other Indian relics were uncovered." Similarly, the caption for **Exhibit 5** describes: "A pine grove, at one time used as a camping ground by the Pottawatamie [sic] Indians." Also, when the Chippewa Drive public access was excavated in 1928 to make way for Oscar Stegeman's cottage, the skeleton of a Native American was unearthed.¹⁴ What these discoveries signify is that we are far from the first to gaze out upon this bay and call it our home.

The final photos in the album are of trails on the "back lands" of Lake Forest Park. The captions for these photos separately identify these paths as "Lover's Lane" and the "Indian trail." In **Exhibit 7A**, "Lovers Lane" is described as "an ideal place to walk, between towering trees, with the sun breaking through in places to add enchantment to your stroll." **Exhibit 7B** is described as "an Indian trail through the back land" and later as "the same Indian trail - Over the Hill." I believe these photos are of different locations on the same trail. Older maps and written accounts of the Lake Forest Park area show or describe a road that predates Lake Forest Park that runs parallel to the lakeshore but further inland from where Lake Forest Drive is ultimately located. Near the north end of Lake Forest Park, this older road is described in 1926 as being located on "the sandy ridge on which a road runs in a southwesterly direction just east of the swamp land."¹⁵

An inland road at this location would be more visible and run in a straighter line through the forest, consistent with the photos and descriptions of "Lover's Lane." In contrast, the "Indian trail" is in a more remote and hilly region of the "back lands" where the trail is more overgrown and less defined than the pristine path depicted as "Lover's Lane." The visible wagon ruts on the "Indian trail" photos are consistent with a known road that ran southwesterly from the eastern edge of today's Kellner Fen. This road serviced a cranberry farm at the fen from 1870 to 1900 and was also used for hauling harvested timber during the same period.¹⁶ If my theory is correct, the album's final photos are of the County's "lakeshore road" that served as a wagon trail, bridle path and postal route from Clay Banks north to Baileys Harbor during the mid-to-late 1800's.¹⁷

Assisting with the research for this article were Laura Kayacan (Door County Public Library), Steven Rice (Door County Historical Museum), Laura Patino (Milwaukee Public Library), Phillip Goodwin (Rolls Royce Owner's Club-Lake Michigan Region), Angela Hanaman (former LFP resident), and Milan Stosic (The Lodge at Leathem Smith).

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Exhibit 5 (at left)

The “pine grove” overlooking Portage Bay.
Thought to be the site of a Potawatomi
encampment.



Exhibit 6A (at right)

Looking southwest toward Rocky Point
and the Portage trail.



Exhibit 6B (at left)

Looking northeast from the Kickapoo public
access toward Portage Point.

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Exhibit 7A (at left)
View of “Lover’s Lane” on the
back lands of Lake Forest Park.



Exhibit 7B (at right)
View of the “Indian trail” in a hilly
region of the back lands.

Two adult
Sandhill
Cranes at Big Creek, 7/15/2021

Local History: The Lake Forest Park Album - Footnotes

¹ *Door County Advocate (DCA)* 6/3/1938, p. 1, under “Lake Forest Booming.”

² From recorded property transfers in Lake Forest Park from 1938 through 1962 where William A. Schroeder, Robert W. Schroeder, Mollie Schroeder, Florence Schroeder, Mo Ro & Co. or Lakeland Realty Co. are parties to the transaction.

³ From the Board Minutes of the Lake Forest Park Corporation meeting held on September 4, 1967 at “Neverland” (2768 LFPR).

⁴ *DCA* 11/4/1927, p. 7, under “Personal Mention”.

⁵ *DCA* 4/1/1927, p. 9, under “Plan to Open Lake Forest Drive Soon”; and *DCA* 5/20/1927, p. 1, under “Painting Boosts Cherry Blossom Time in Chicago”; and *DCA* 5/27/1927, p. 4, under “Bits of Local News – Road Open.”

⁶ *DCA* 4-19-1929, p. 1, under “Park Road and Cherry Road on County System.”

⁷ The Real Estate Assessment Roll for the County of Door for the year 1875 shows “Scott’s Pier” located in Lot 1 of Section 14, Township 27, Range 26; *The Expositor* 10/16/1874, p. 1, under “Local Notes – Mr. Scott....”; *The Advocate* 4/18/1907, p. 8, under “Sturgeon Bay Town – The last vestige...”; *The Advocate* 8/3/2011, p. 5, see two entries for “Scott’s Pier” picnics under “Local News”; *Sturgeon Bay Advocate* 7/30/1914, p. 5, under “Local Items – Hold Picnic”; *Door County Democrat (DCD)* 8/27/1915, p. 5, under “Sturgeon Bay – Henry Knudson...”; and *Door County News (DCN)* 12/23/1926, p. 1, under “Start Work on Lake Shore Site.”

⁸ *DCA* 7/2/1868, p. 4, Under “New Road.”

⁹ *DCA* 5/20/1927, p. 1, under “Painting Boosts Cherry Blossom Time in Chicago”; and *DCA* 5/27/1927, p. 4, Under “Road Open.”

¹⁰ Warranty Deed recorded 7/28/1947, Doc #255558 Vol. 62, Page 371 at Door County Registrar of Deeds. Document contains an easement dated 4/21/1947 for the “Old Logging Road now existing on and running through said Block Six (6) and Seven (7), Lake Forest Park.”

¹¹ Said easement under #10 above further provided that when the originally platted Road “to the west of the Lots above described is opened for traffic, the easement for use of the Old Logging Road shall cease and said road shall no longer be used.” Said easement was released by Agreement dated 3/3/1950 and recorded in Door County on 6/19/1950 in Vol. 77 Page 571.

¹² *DCA* 11/4/1927, p. 6, under “Old Portage Trail Found Last Sunday”; and *DCA* 2/3/1928, p. 6, under “Pictures Historic Spot.”

¹³ *The Milwaukee Journal* 1/29/1928, on p. 87 of 90 in the “Roto Art” section.

¹⁴ *DCN* 5/24/1928, p. 1, under “Skeleton Found While Building Road Saturday”; and *DCA* 5/25/1928, p. 1, under “Human Skull is Dug Up Saturday Near Lake Shore.”

¹⁵ Affidavit dated 2/23/1926, recorded in Door Co. on 4/23/1926 in Vol. 10 of Misc, p. 229, Document #204457.

¹⁶ *The Republican* 9/15/1892, p. 1, under “The Story of a Squirrel Hunt”; and *DCA* 1/27/1894, p. 8, under “Sturgeon Bay Town – A large quantity of wood...”

¹⁷ *DCA* 2/15/1866, p. 3, Under “Inquest” – “...W. Gordon came to his death....upon the Lake shore road from Sturgeon Bay to Bailey’s Harbor...by exhaustion and freezing, in an attempt to carry the mail...”; *DCA* 5/30/1941, p. 6, under “Eugene Carrington” obituary – “His father carried the mail on his back along an Indian trail from Sturgeon Bay to Bailey’s Harbor before any roads were built”; and see Door Co. map from 1878 Wisconsin State Atlas.

Featured Art: The Photography of Joe Wallner

Those of you who follow our Road Association Facebook page may already be acquainted with the nature photography of road resident Joe Wallner (3274 LFPR). For those unfamiliar with his work, you're in for a treat! Here are some beautiful images that he has graciously shared with us. Enjoy!

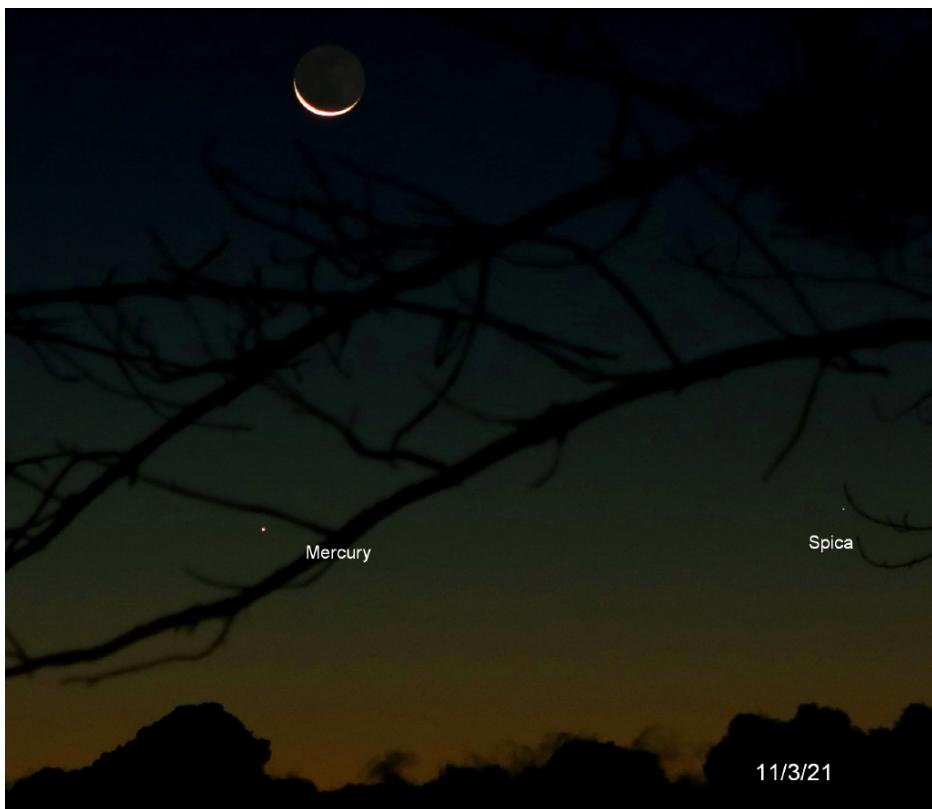


Featured Art: The Photography of Joe Wallner (continued)

A November dawn just before sunrise.

The best colors are usually before sunrise, just the opposite of sunsets.

Taken from our place,
11/2/2021.



A waning crescent moon with Spica* and normally hard-to-record Mercury.

Taken from our place,
11/3/2021

*Editor's note: Spica is the brightest star in the constellation of Virgo.

Featured Art: The Photography of Joe Wallner (continued)



A lucky shot
as I surprised
an eagle near
the bay at Toft
Point,
2/8/2023.

2/8/23, T. P.

Two Tundra Swans,
the grey bird being
a juvenile.

Its pink bill helps to
distinguish it from
Trumpeter Swans.

Take from our place,
2/15/2021



2/14/21