

# BIPOA NEWSLETTER

Beaver Island Property Owners Association

Summer 2000

## Mission Statement

The mission of BIPOA is to:

1. Represent the combined interests of our membership on issues of mutual concern that may affect the fundamental character of Beaver Island.
2. Support the preservation of the natural resources and beauty of Beaver Island and appropriate environmental conservation policies and/or methods.
3. Work with local government units in support of property owners' shared perspectives, concerns and investments.
4. Foster and support economic growth that is consistent with the preservation of the natural beauty of Beaver Island and the quality of life which is the reason for our original and continuing attraction to Beaver Island.

## Important Dates

### Property Owners Annual Meeting

**Thursday, July 27, 2000**  
**7:00 PM**  
**Peaine Township Hall**

*If you have an agenda item that needs to be addressed please contact Jan Gerson or Rick Andrews.*

### Fall Newsletter

**November 15, 2000**  
Submission Deadline: October 15

### Other Island Dates

Museum Week: July 17-22  
Homecoming: August 11-13  
Beaver Island Historical Society  
Annual Meeting: August 17

## New Peaine Fire Station

Mr. John Works, Peaine Township Supervisor, shared several of his more pressing projects with me via phone. He would like Island property owners to be aware that the plan for a fire station to be located across from the Bill Wagner Memorial Campground is still alive and well. The State of Michigan has agreed to give five acres of land located to the west of the Campground for a fire station to be built. Mr. Works has been pursuing the official release of the land to the township by the D.N.R. for three years. Funds are set aside to begin construction as soon as the deeding can be completed.

The importance of the project stems from the fact that during winter months, when the lakes are frozen, all water must be kept in the fire trucks and readily available for immediate use. Our Fire Department does not have the luxury of fire hydrants.

The site of this project has been studied in depth by the Township and it has been determined that this is the best location to service the entire Peaine Township. Response time will be greatly decreased by placing a station at this location. Strategically, the site is 1/2 way down the Island, and by using Hannigan's Road, they will quickly be able to reach the West Side Drive.

Mr. Works also wished to share

with us that in June a high quality liquid brine application, two-lanes wide, will be applied to a large section of Peaine Township's roads. The cost is \$15,000 for six tanker loads. He also stated that the Charlevoix County Road Commission has been very active this spring in placing six to eight inches of crushed gravel in areas such as the Iron Ore Bay to Green's Bay Road, McCauley's, and out to Welke's Airport to name a few. Approximately 11,000 yards of crushed gravel was used during this spring period.

In the event your home is in need of further dust control, bags of chloride can again be picked up at the Recycling Center while the supply lasts. The same policy as last year applies: two bags per homeowner every two weeks.

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## BIPOA Committees



### Rural Health Center Strategic Planning Task Force

Committee Chair: Maggie Bennett  
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### Keubler Trail

Committee Chair: Sharon Vance  
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### Island Electrical Service

Committee Chair: Paul Niehaus  
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### Newsletter and Website

Committee Chair: Pam Grassmick  
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### Membership and Promotion

Committee Chair: Marty Maehr  
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### Work with Townships' Planner Committee Chairs

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& Rod Nackerman  
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If you are interested in helping on one of our committees, or if you would like to suggest additional important areas of focus, please contact us.

## New Public Riding Stable & Horseback Riding Camp

During the winter and summer, we would like to showcase new enterprises that blend in nicely with the flavor of the Island. Perhaps you are looking for a new twist to entertain guests; or for some of our Island lovers, areas to enjoy and explore can be beyond their physical walking abilities, and this new recreational activity will open up new areas. John and Beth McCafferty are the proud owners of Unfinished Farms, Bed and Breakfast located on Barneys Lake Road. During the winter, John shared his love of dogsledding with the Island. Last year, 48 people were lucky enough to see the Island in a whole new experience on a sled. Adventurers even have a chance to

drive their own team. 28 Siberian Huskies share the Unfinished Farm with horses – this is where Beth comes in. She is opening a public riding stable for her first season. Beth will take up to four people on an hour to hour-and-a-half guided trail ride. The tour will wind around Barney's Lake Nature Preserve, on over to Kuebler Trail, and out to Lake Michigan. The route is extremely beautiful. Reservations must be made in advance. Beth is also planning on having a Horseback Riding Camp for children 10-17 years of age June 26-30 and July 17-21. More information can be obtained by contacting John or Beth at (231) 448-2639 or e-mail [dogsledding@hotmail.com](mailto:dogsledding@hotmail.com)

## Rural Health Center Task Force

The conclusions of the Beaver Island Rural Health Center Task Force members will be reported to the community in August 2000. No firm date has been set for a meeting. This information could also be disseminated as a report. These conclusions were reached as task force members, in their strategic plan studies, researched and met with various groups this past year. As information becomes available, we will report it here in your BIPOA newsletter.

*Thanks to the Volunteers that make Beaver Island the place it is:*

*The people who can always find time for progress*

*Who can always find time to better their community*

*Or can find time to hold out a helping hand*

*Are the most valuable people of all...*

*They are the VOLUNTEERS!*

## 4th of July Carnival Volunteers Needed

The 4th of July Kid's Carnival is looking for grandparents, parents, adult visitors, or teens to volunteer to make the Kid's Carnival happen. 1-2 hour slots are available immediately following the parade and the carnival will run 2 hours. Jobs include staffing children's game stations in the Harbor District Area. Extra help is needed to set up and tear down game areas. Please contact Kitty McNamara at the Beaver Island Community School. (231) 448-2744

## Summer 2000 Youth Programs

The Beaver Island Public Library (448-2701) is open noon to 5:00 p.m., 6 days per week. Summer visitors who wish to check out books during their stay on the Island may do so if they are a Michigan property owner.

**Children's Story Hour** is each Wednesday from 10:15 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Beaver Island Public Library. The library is also open to adults during this time. Children age 3 years and up will enjoy stories and simple crafts. No fee and no pre-registration is required to attend.

McCafferty's Unfinished Farms (448-2639) will be holding a **Horseback Riding Camp** July 17-21 (and tentatively will hold an August session, as yet unscheduled) for ages 8 - 16. Activities include learning basic riding skills, care of horses, trail rides and games, rodeo and cookout. Cost is \$150 per student. Limited to 10 students per session. Pre-registration required.

**Music-Art-Drama (MAD) Camp** will be held for students age 7 - 13 on July 23 - 28, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Beaver Island Community School. Run by a group of skilled artists and educators, campers focus on a central theme and explore it through music, art, and drama. Community members are invited to a concluding performance. The fee for the five day camp is \$100 per student. Registration required. Call (616) 327-7252 for information.

The Beaver Island Historical Society (448-2254) has organized a number of **Youth Activities for Museum Week**, July 17-22. Check at the Printshop or Marine Museum for more detailed information on Museum Week.

- Art Show (at Beaver Island Community School): Wed. through Sat.
- Nature Walks at CMU
- Reptile Show: Thursday, 2:00 p.m., Holy Cross Hall
- Ceili Dancers: Saturday afternoon, Holy Cross Hall
- Music on the Porch: Monday evening, Printshop Museum.

The **American Red Cross Babysitting Class** will be held at the Beaver Island Community School from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday June 14. The fee for this one day class is \$20. Pre-registration is required. Call the school (448-2744) for more information.

Additional activities planned but not yet officially scheduled for this summer include:

- Soccer Camp
- Softball
- Tennis
- and a Baseball Tourney.

As soon as dates become available, we will post details about these and other summer events on the BIPOA website.

## New Members

We are always very pleased to have new members supporting the Beaver Island Property Owners Association. This month, BIPOA welcomes:

Ed Wojan Realty  
 Larry Forth and John Bowie  
 Steve and Elenor Hagerman  
 Phyllis and Herb Kayne  
 John Martin and Mollie Resnick  
 Nackerman Harborfront, LLC  
 Ann and Andrew Percy  
 Tom and Denise Richards  
 Richard Roane  
 John and Pat Rowley  
 Thomas and Nita Theime  
 Steve and Elaine West  
 Ed and Connie Wojan

## Preservation Association Calender of Events



PABI has several events planned for this summer, including:

June 24 - Dinner and Silent Auction  
 July 14 - Tenor Derek Smith Recital  
 August 13 - Raffle drawing  
 New York trip and Broadway opening night tickets for Dr. Seussical. Airfare for two, hotel, and \$500 cash.  
 Tickets are \$20 each or 4 for \$75, available now.

Contact PABI at (231) 448-2022, toll-free at (888) 603-5700, or on the web at [www.beaverisland.net/pabi](http://www.beaverisland.net/pabi)

## Great Lakes Energy Resolution

Beaver Island residents will begin to pay part of the cost for a \$4.3 million electric system improvement project that will provide Island families with a steady, reliable supply of electricity for many years following action by the Michigan Public Service Commission this April.

The MPSC approved a settlement agreement April 11, 2000 that permits Great Lakes Energy to assess a special \$10.25 monthly surcharge on Islanders' electric bills to help defray costs for new three-phase underwater power cables and a new Island backup power plant. The MPSC also okayed an increase in hook-up fees for island residents -- \$500 per single-phase meter and \$1,500 per three-phase meter. The new fees were approved for 30 years.

The underwater power cable serving the Island failed in February 1999 forcing islanders to rely on emergency generation until mid-April 1999 when the single phase cable was repaired. The first phase of GLE's \$4.3 million system improvement project was initiated in August with the installation of three new underwater power cables stretching an estimated 27 miles across Lake Michigan from Sturgeon Bay Point in Emmet County to the Village of St. James on Beaver Island. When the single phase cable failed again in September, one of the three new cables was immediately put into service.

The second phase of the project is in progress and involves construction of a new 3 megawatt backup power generating facility at Four Corners to replace the old plant that was demolished this May. The new

plant is expected to be completed by the end of June, in time for the summer peak load. GLE officials originally planned to have the new backup plant installed by late last year. However, the project's second phase had to be delayed when the state Attorney General intervened in GLE's Beaver Island rate case claiming the electric cooperative's original surcharge request of \$12.75 a month was too high.

GLE was able to reach a settlement in January with the Attorney General after receiving word from the federal Rural Utilities Service that the proposed generation facility could be financed through RUS as part of a distribution system improvement loan request. This significantly lowered the interest rate for the generation project. Because of lower-than-expected finance costs, GLE was able to reduce the surcharge.

In addition to Beaver Island, the \$47 million RUS loan will fund other major electric system improvements planned by GLE in the next two years throughout its 24 county service area that includes much of western Michigan from the Mackinac Bridge to Kalamazoo. "We would like to thank Island residents for their patience and understanding as we now approach completion of major electric service improvements that will provide them with a reliable source of power for the foreseeable future," says Steve Boeckman, GLE President & CEO.

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## Jeanie Johnston Update



As reported in the fall by the Beaver Island Historical Society's newsletter, a full-size replica of Ireland's most famous emigrant sailing ship is coming to America in 2000. In Fenit, 5000 people attended the launching of *Jeanie Johnston* on May 7, 2000. It was one of the most ambitious maritime heritage projects undertaken in years linking the people of Northern and Southern Ireland. A shake down will take place late May or early June along the Irish coast before setting sail for North America, according to Captain Michael Forwood.

The *Jeanie Johnston*, a triple masted barque, made 16 trans-Atlantic voyages, and, unlike the infamous "coffin ships", never lost a passenger or crewmember. It even employed a ship's doctor.

Sailing opportunities are also available on the ship: *Class 1* being the trans-Atlantic voyage, *Class 2* sea-going, inter city legs, and *Class 3* in shore, e.g. Montreal to Detroit.

It will visit over 20 US and Canadian cities along with AT&T's Tall Ships Festival on Labor Day weekend in Chicago. Due to the late start, she will not come to the Great Lakes until 2001. The Historical Society is working to arrange a stop on Beaver Island next summer. More information about the Millennium Voyage can be found on the Internet at [www.jeaniejohnston.com](http://www.jeaniejohnston.com)

## Peaine Township, from cover

Lastly, Peaine Township with the Planning Commission still wish to pursue identifying State of Michigan beach access sites scattered around the Island. Many beaches are public domain but it has been difficult for individuals to find these sites. In order to preserve these public beaches and make them accessible to summer and year round residents alike, designated areas need to be identified.

BIPOA wishes to thank Mr. Works and the other township board members for their year round commitment. Their hard work and dedication benefit property owners and Island visitors alike.

## “Nunsense”

*Broadway comes to Beaver Island.*

“Nunsense,” a hilarious musical comedy by Dan Goggin, will be presented in Holy Cross Hall on July 26-28 at 8:00 p.m.

The talented cast of Cindy Gillespie, Claudia Schmidt, Lisa Vance Gillespie, Melissa Bailey, and Maggie Bennett, introduced the Islanders to the “Little Sisters of Hoboken” on May 12. They will perform the show again in July, with all proceeds going to benefit the Community House Project.

Due to the help of Sister Marie Eugene and the generosity of her former student, playwright Dan Goggin, the Beaver Island Players are excited at the prospect of their first musical. Goggin waived royalties for the show and Sister Marie Eugene provided genuine Dominican habits.

The show’s director is Elaine West and technical director Jacque LaFreniere. Tickets for this summer’s production are \$10, available at the Preservation Association office or at the door the nights of the show.

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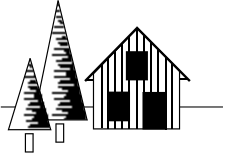
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## Membership Application

Beaver Island Property Owners Association

New Member     Renewal     Update Address

\* 2000-2001 Dues: \$20.00 \*

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Island Address: \_\_\_\_\_

(Address Line 2): \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Mailing Address (if different than above)

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Island Address: \_\_\_\_\_

(Address Line 2): \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

- I would be interested in serving on a committee.
- I would be interested in helping with the annual meeting.
- I would be interested in helping with special projects:

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\_\_\_\_\_

Please Mail with your Membership Dues of \$20.00 to:

**Mr. Rod Nackerman**  
 Summer: 27245 Darkeytown Road  
 Beaver Island, MI 49782  
 Winter: 2514 Cole Road  
 Lake Orion, MI 48362

## Beaver Island Commission on Education for the 21st Century

According to Kitty McNamara, principal of the Beaver Island Community School, the final report from the Commission has gone to the printer.

The 40 page document summarizes and sets up a plan concerning learning for preschool, K-12, and adult education. The report focuses on the Island community as life long learners.

Recommendations included in the report are:

- An adoption of a Student Profile for Graduates
- Suggestions for community support with adults of the community acting as mentors for each student.
- Community Collaboration for the Life Long Learning Program.

The next phase is for the School Board with community support to implement the plans set forth by the Commission.

A Kick-off celebration is scheduled for June 21, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. at the Holy Cross Hall. All are welcome for entertainment, coffee, and deserts. The Commission's report will be available at this time to pick up.

For more information, please contact Kitty McNamara at the Beaver Island Community School. (231) 448-2744



## Summer Stargazing on Beaver Island

One of the many natural features that Beaver Island enjoys is a brilliantly clear night sky free from light pollution. Listed below are a few of the events that take place over our heads during the summer nights. This information is intended for amateur use and many more complete resources can be found at our library or through web searches.

During 2000-2002, sunspot maximum will provide the Island with spectacular auroras or northern lights. Although no specific dates can be given for these events, this summer should hold a few surprises. So when you see a glow begin to grow over Garden Island or to our north, keep watching to see what will develop. They may last only a few minutes to several hours.

It may seem odd that the sun is passing its greatest height and just as the summer begins, it is beginning its descent into the winter days. The climate lags several weeks behind the movements of the sun due to the thermal inertia of the ground. It takes an enormous amount of sunshine to heat the ground to its hottest in July, after which the ground continues cooling until it reaches its coldest in January.

### June

- Mercury is the only planet visible in the evening sky and can be seen at dusk in the west/northwest.
- June 16: Full Moon
- June 21: Summer Solstice, longest day and shortest night of the year. 15 hours 0 minutes of daylight at 40 degrees north.
- June 25: Latest twilight
- June 28: After 9 p.m., a beauti-

ful line of Jupiter, Saturn, and the waning crescent moon from left to right.

- June is the month for a minor meteor shower called June Bootids. Rarely it has had up to 50 meteors an hour and most years it is not noteworthy. The shower does however produce slow-moving meteors with a velocity of only 11 miles per second – unusually slow for meteors. The area to look is in the northern part of Bootes the Herdsman (looks like a kite). Find the Big Dipper and follow the arch of the handle to Arcturus (a bright spot where the kite-tail attaches). This is part of Bootes. The best viewing is after 9:00 p.m.

### July

- July 16: Full Moon
- July 28: Delta Aquariads meteor shower peaks July 28. Approximately 20 per hour for 7 days. Look to the southeast.

### August

- August 12: Perseid Meteor shower peaks, rated as an excellent meteor shower with 50 meteors an hour being promised. This shower will last 5 days. Look to the northeast.
- August 15: Full Moon

### What are Meteors?

As a comet comes close to the Sun, the surface material vaporizes and is swept away by the solar winds. If the path of the comet and the orbit of the Earth intersect, these particles produce an awesome and beautiful spectacle known as a meteor shower. As the Earth passes

through the debris left behind by the comet, these particles enter our upper atmosphere. Moving at up to 2650 miles per hour, they super-heat and produce a meteor. When the particle is in space, it is referred to is a meteoroid. If that meteoroid survives the trip through the atmosphere and hits the ground, then it becomes a meteorite. The best time to observe a meteor shower is between midnight and sunrise. There are 10 major showers throughout the year, each associated with a comet. But there are 200 million sporadic meteoroids that enter our atmosphere every day! Sometimes a meteoroid will explode as it passes through the atmosphere, and then it is known as a bolide.

### Further meteor showers for 2000:

- October 21, 2000: Orionid Meteor shower expecting 25 meteors per hour for 2 days. Received a poor rating for viewing.
- November 3, 2000: South Taurids shower expecting 15 meteors per hour over several weeks.
- November 17, 2000: Leonids shower expecting 15 meteors per hour for 2 weeks with a very good view rating.
- December 13, 2000: Geminids shower expecting 50 per hour over 3 days and also has a view rating of good.

Recommended reads or cabin books for naked eye astronomy include *Sky Phenomena* by Norman Davidson, *Wonders of the Sky* by Fred Schaff, and *Celestial Delights* by Francis Reddy and Greg Walz-Chonjnacki.

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## America's History

Whatever your nationality, whether young or old, preserving our nation's history has just become more prominent and fun. The National Endowment for the Humanities has created a new exciting project called "My History Is America's History" and the White House Millennium council has officially designated it as our national millennium project. The My History project outlines 15 things you can do to save America's stories. Among the tools are sample questions for drawing out relatives' memories, tips on preserving family treasures, classroom and family projects, and a listing of exhibits and genealogical groups. The guidebook can be obtained from [www.myhistory.org](http://www.myhistory.org) or by calling 1-877-634-4478.

## Name the Newsletter

We are still seeking input from our members as we search for the perfect name for the BIPOA Newsletter. We hope to officially select a name at the Annual Meeting on July 27, 2000. If you have a suggestion for a permanent name, we would love to hear it. Please contact Pam Grassmick with any ideas:

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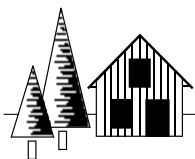
Or, you can submit your suggestions online, anytime, through our website:  
[www.beaverisland.net/bipoa](http://www.beaverisland.net/bipoa)

## Look Out for Bikers

MBT, Inc. (or Michigan Bicycle Touring) from Kingsley, Michigan will be on Beaver Island from July 16th to the 18th and again from August 25th to the 27th with boys and girls, age 15 to 19, for a camping and trail bike riding adventure.

Beaver Island photographs were featured on the cover of their brochure. This touring company offers worldwide adventures with this being their first Beaver Island offering. We wish them low dust days!

More information about Michigan Bicycle Touring and the Beaver Island biking adventure can be obtained from their website:  
[www.bikembt.com](http://www.bikembt.com)



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