



THE TOWN CRIER

Vol. 33, Issue 07, Friday, July 24, 2026 - 151st Assembly Season**Ernie Gray Olympics Results**

On Wednesday, July 22nd we held the annual Ernie Gray Olympics. We would like to celebrate our perfect score, our sportsmanship awards, and plaque recipients:

Sportsmanship:**Bunnies:** Nina Hallett**Antelopes:** Frankie Pedrotty**Chippies:** Genevieve Pyers**Cubs:** George Pedrotty**Skunks:** Elle Mullen**Wolves:** Patrick Ormsby**Squirrels:** Annabelle Burgin**Bears:** Harrison McNamee**Plaque Winners:****Bunnies:** Charlotte Gattle**Antelopes:** Patrick Zarate**Chippies:** Christienne de Koning**Cubs:** Byers Quina**Skunks:** Payton Weaver**Wolves:** Aiden Dalton**PERFECT SCORE!****Squirrels:** Ellie de Koning & Maggie Hancock**Bears:** Elliot Ludwa

The Olympics are sponsored by the Ernie Gray Recreation Endowment Fund and we thank Jim and Andrea Ananich, Jeff and Beth Jones, John and Lisa-Marie Maxson, Kienan and Liz Murphy, Mark and Sarah Parker, and Betsey Spayde for sponsoring this seasons Leaders and Lifeguards. Thank you all for your unwavering support for the Recreation program. Your support ensures that we can continue to have FUN AND RECREATION FOR ALL!

Due to a scoring error, the Squirrels plaque was initially announced as

being awarded to Maggie Hancock. After reviewing the final scores, we confirmed that Ellie de Koning was also a plaque winner.

We sincerely apologize to both Maggie and Ellie, as well as their families, for the confusion. We celebrate the hard work, sportsmanship, and accomplishments of both girls, and we appreciate everyone's understanding and grace.



Save the Date

Thank You
Breakfast
for all Volunteers

August 5th
9-10 a.m.

Evelyn Hall



From the Executive Director, Megan DeWindt



At the beginning of the fiscal year, the Board of Trustees adopted five Strategic Operating Priorities designed to turn Bay View's Long-Range Plan

into measurable action. As we move through the 2026 Assembly season, I'm pleased to share that implementation remains on track, with meaningful progress being made across each priority.

Strengthening Financial

Sustainability. We continue to build Bay View's long-term financial foundation through thoughtful capital planning, expanded grant activity, and stronger alignment between operating, strategic, and capital investments. This year marked the successful implementation of the first phase of the Board-approved CAP-X funding strategy, with Buildings & Grounds capital planning now aligned to a multi-year capital framework designed to make future investments more predictable and transparent. Bay View has also secured more than \$66,000 in state and local grant funding while pursuing additional national and federal grant opportunities to support both capital improvements and programming. We have implemented additional ways to maximize interest income. A new organizational Case for Support is nearing completion and will provide a clearer framework for communicating our annual needs, strategic initiatives, and future vision to donors and grantmakers.

Enhancing Organizational

Effectiveness. Our largest operational initiative this year is the implementation of NetSuite and MemberPlex. While much of this work happens behind the scenes, it is designed to make doing business with Bay View simpler and more convenient. Once fully implemented, members will have a single login to register for programs, pay dues and utility bills, make donations, and manage their Bay View account, all in one place. Significant progress has been made in system configuration, data cleanup, governance procedures, and testing, with financial go-live scheduled for October 1. At the same time, the Board continues its thoughtful review of Bay View's Policy Manual and committee charters. While this work is taking longer than originally anticipated, the additional discussion is strengthening our governance framework and ensuring policies reflect both Board intent and best practices. We continue to lead the Chautauqua Learning Lab collaboration and several of our staff completed professional development trainings and we will continue to encourage staff to participate in leadership programs.

Programmatic Excellence.

The 2026 season has been exceptionally well received. Attendance and participation remain strong across all four program areas, with sold-out performances by *Straight No Chaser*, standing-room-only audiences during American Experience Week, and capacity crowds for Father Gregory Boyle's Religion & Life lectures. Behind the scenes, Program Directors continue evaluating programs, gathering participant feedback, and planning for greater collaboration across programs beginning in 2027.

Campus Stewardship & Safety.

We continue investing in both the care of our historic campus and the safety of our community. This season, we secured staffing to provide lifeguards on weekends through Labor Day, replaced aging fleet equipment, implemented new bicycle and pedestrian safety initiatives, launched the Bay View Garden Club, support the Environmental Interest Group, participated in the national program, America in Bloom, and provided nationally recognized historic preservation training in partnership with the Historic Awareness Committee for Trustees, committee members, and staff. Together, these efforts strengthen both the stewardship of our National Historic Landmark campus and the safety of everyone who enjoys it.

Deepening Community

Engagement. Listening continues to be an important part of our work. In March, we held our first ever Virtual Town Hall. This summer we've hosted NextUp leadership events, community listening sessions, focus groups, and ongoing program evaluations to better understand the perspectives of members, volunteers, and future leaders. These conversations, combined with expanded partnerships throughout the Petoskey region, will help inform future planning while strengthening Bay View's culture of collaboration and stewardship.

While strategic plans often live on paper, their real value comes through implementation. Every grant secured, policy reviewed, program strengthened, safety initiative launched, and conversation with our community represents another step toward the future envisioned in Bay View's Long-Range Plan. Thank you to our Trustees, volunteers, staff, donors,

and members for making that progress possible. Together, we are preserving what makes Bay View extraordinary while thoughtfully preparing it to thrive for generations to come.

Schedule Updates:

Teen Night

 **July 30**

 8 - 11 p.m.

 Waterfront Rec. Building

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Final Chautauqua Book Club

 **August 6**

 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

 Library

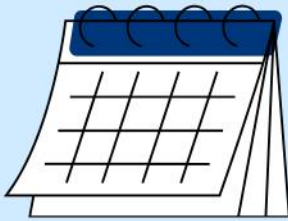
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Midnight Heroes of the Titanic

 **August 11**

 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

 Loud Hall



"It's a Ravioli Party" culinary class instructed by Chef Todd Tordova

From the Education Director, Lori Bolone

This week brings two special Education programs to Bay View, each offering a different window into how people have shaped and understood the world around them.

On **Thursday, July 30th**, join us in **Hall Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.** for **Bay View's Big Read**, featuring Sam Kean, author of ***Dinner with King Tut***. Kean will lead a lively exploration of experimental archaeology, bringing ancient cultures to life for anyone curious about the past, whether you've read the book or not. His approach blends storytelling with hands-on curiosity about how archaeologists piece together the daily lives of civilizations long gone, and it should make for an engaging evening for readers and newcomers alike.

The following evening, **Friday, July 31st at 10 a.m. in Voorhies Hall**, the Sorrow Friday Forum continues with *"A Legacy in Iron: How Rose Iron Helped Shape American Art Deco,"* presented by Robert Rose. The talk looks at the Rose Iron Works and its role in shaping one of the twentieth century's most recognizable design movements, a fitting subject for anyone interested in craftsmanship and American design history.

I also want to take a moment to thank everyone for their flexibility this past week as we canceled several education classes due to unsafe air quality from wildfire smoke. These decisions are never easy to make, but the health and safety of our instructors and participants always has to come first, and your patience and understanding did not go unnoticed. If your class was canceled and you

would like a refund, please contact the Box Office, and they will be glad to assist you.

We hope you'll join us for both of these programs in the days ahead, and as always, we look forward to seeing you around Bay View.

There is still room for you in our lineup of classes and lectures! Visit <https://bayview.asapconnected.com/> or stop by the Box Office to see what's still open and reserve your place.

Education Classes, 7/27 - 7/31

- Living Light: A Gentle Guide to Swedish Death Cleaning, M/W/F, 9:30 a.m., Loud Hall (Rm. 12)
- Canasta, M, 10 a.m., Campus Club
- Toddler Art, M, 10 a.m., Loud Hall (Rm. 26)
- Intermediate Beginning Spanish, M/F, 11:15 a.m., Evelyn Hall
- Great Decisions, M, 1 p.m., Loud Hall
- Getting Your Back "Back", M/W, 4 p.m., Evelyn Hall
- Ballet, T/F, 8:30 a.m. Loud Hall
- Chair Yoga for EVERY Body, T, 11:15 a.m., Loud Hall
- Yoga for Active Aging, W, 8:45 a.m., Loud Hall
- Toddler Sing and Play, W, 10:15 a.m., Loud Hall
- Women in Islam: Text and Culture, W, 11:30 a.m., Loud Hall
- Bay View Reading Circle, W, 3 p.m., Loud Hall
- French Through Songs, TH, 11:15 a.m. Loud Hall
- Literature and Film, TH, 1 p.m., Loud Hall
- Savor Spain: Master the Art of Tapas, TH, 3 p.m., Loud Hall
- Chautauqua Book Club, TH, 4:30 p.m., Bay View Library

From the Performing Arts Director, Chris Ludwa

Welcome one, welcome all to Week 7 of the 151st Assembly Season! Performing Arts has a treasure trove of events for you this week from powerful performances of *Willy Wonka Kids* to an unforgettable Chamber Music Concert! I am excited to share everything we have in store.

Did you get your golden ticket? If not, no worries! Tickets will be available at the door for a suggested \$10 donation. **Join us at the Youth Theater performances for *Willy Wonka Kids* on Saturday, July 25th at 2 p.m., Sunday, July 26th at 2 p.m., or Sunday, July 26th at 3:30 p.m.!** We thank Petoskey Plastics, Bill and Patti van der Have, Dennis and Merritt Delano-Taylor, and John and Remi Schloff for making this production possible!

On **Sunday, July 26th**, we join back in **Hall Auditorium at 8 p.m.** to continue our weekly Vesper Concert series. In honor of Sunday's Vesper theme, "*You've Got a Friend*", we encourage you to invite a friend who's never attended a vesper concert to join you! **First-time guests are our gift; they can receive a complimentary ticket at the box office.** It's the perfect opportunity to share one of Bay View's most meaningful traditions. As always, those under 18 get in for free! Thank you to our friends who underwrote this concert in Memory of Robert and Bettirae Kimes.

Get ready for an evening filled with sounds of brass as a blend of faculty and students, totaling 15 musicians, take the **Hall Auditorium stage at 8 p.m. on**

July 29th for the **Bay View Brass Spectacular Chamber Music Concert!** Join us in extending a huge thank you to Eric and Tobi Breisach for generously underwriting our Brass students and faculty. Your generosity leaves a lasting impact on these students as they grow through their musical careers.

Many students have said that Bay View is the place where they are allowed to bloom. Away from the competitiveness of their university study programs, Bay View's community is a safe place for them to share their talents and perfect their craft. On behalf of the Performing Arts program, I thank you for your endless support for our programming and our students.

From the Recreation Director, Amy Liddicoat - Seamster

We extend our sincere gratitude to **The Bay View Inn** for graciously hosting our Recreation Leaders for another special staff dinner on Tuesday, July 21st. They have graciously hosted our Rec Leader dinner for more than 60 years! The evening is always a wonderful opportunity for our team to relax, connect, and celebrate a summer of hard work and dedication. **THANK YOU!**



Please join us on **Friday, July 31st at 12:30 p.m.** at the Bay View Beach for our annual Recreation Awards Picnic! Bring a picnic,

blanket, and chairs and prepare for an afternoon filled with celebration for an amazing Recreation-filled summer!

The weather last week delayed our Campers of the Week announcement. Congratulations to our Week 5 and Week 6 Campers of the Week.



CONGRATULATIONS to our Campers of the Week!

Week 5: Raphael Chalesle, Norah Bhowmick, AJ Zarate, Rina Hager, Byers Quina, Mary Nalter, Reed Coleman, Lizzie Nalter



CONGRATULATIONS to our Campers of the Week!

Week 6: Oumar Sakho, Ellie de Koning, Duncan Lewis, Tatum Rouse, Preston Schwab, Quinn McNamee, Breck Bailey, Yuki Brook

The annual Bay View Junior Tennis Tournament was held under sunny skies and play from all age groups was sizzling. There were many close and hard fought matches in singles and doubles play. We thank the players, parents, and staff in helping keep the tournament running smoothly and on time. We congratulate all participants on entering and competing with great sportsmanship.

- **Boys 10 & Under Singles Winner:** Noah Dalton
- **Boys 10 & Under Singles Runner-Up:** Brooks Belanger
- **Boys 10 & Under Singles Winner Consolation:** Parker Celichowski
- **Boys 10 & Under Doubles Winner:** Preston Schwab and Brooks Belanger
- **Boys 10 & Under Doubles Runner-Up:** Byers Quina and Samuel Johnson
- **Boys 10 & Under Doubles Winner Consolation:** Eli Dalton and Parker Celichowski
- **Boys 14 & Under Singles Winner:** Noah Dalton
- **Boys 14 & Under Singles Runner-Up:** Crosby Howard
- **Boys 14 & Under Singles Winner Consolation:** Graham Heflin
- **Boys 14 & Under Doubles Winner:** Noah Dalton and Charlie Kirby
- **Boys 14 & Under Doubles Runner-Up:** Chase Coleman and Graham Kirby
- **Boys 14 & Under Doubles Winner Consolation:** Emmett Lewis and Crosby Howard
- **Girls 14 & Under Round Robin Winner:** Nora Preston
- **Girls 14 & Under Round Robin Runner-Up:** Alex de Koning

Swim Times

Level 1 & 5/6	1 - 1:25 p.m.
Level 2 & 3	1:30 - 1:55 p.m.
Level 2 & 4	2 - 2:25 p.m.
Level 1 & 3/4	2:30 - 3 p.m.

Bay View Open

93 players participated in the Bay View Open (BVO) at The Alpine Course at Boyne Mountain on Thursday, July 2nd. This was the 17th consecutive year of the BVO which has become a big hit with many Bay View members, families and friends. The Players of the BVO also sponsored *The Yankee Station* for the third annual concert in Swift Field on Monday, June 29th after the Sam Spayde Hot Dog Roast. The music was great and the event was enjoyed by the Bay View Community.

Big congrats go to the "Young Guns Team" of Sam and Pete West and Wally Jr. and Charlie Lynch on their amazing win in the BVO's Shambles format. The "No Longer Young Guns" team of Brogan Vandeveldel, Adam Black, Chris Morton and Declan Murphy won the Scrambles format. And, the biggest congrats of all goes to Sam West as the winner of the fabled Melon Jacket, the most coveted award in Northern Michigan Amateur Golf. Sam is by far the youngest winner in the BVO's long and storied history and he takes his place among other legendary and immortal BVO Champions who share this great honor.

The BVO historical committee confirmed that, in the 17 years of the BVO, the BVO has raised over \$85,000 in donations from its players. These donations have been used to fund multiple programs and projects that serve the Bay View Community. Special thanks to all of the players and members of the community who have supported the BVO over the years.

BVO XVIII is scheduled for Tuesday, July 6th, 2027 at the Alpine Course. All are invited and all skill levels are welcome. If you have an interest in participating, please contact Mike Davis, Doug Vandeveldel or Brooks McGee for more details.



Last years Melon Jacket winner, Fred Fletcher, passing the Melon Jacket to this year's winner, Sam West.



The Players of the Bay View Open

From the Director of Worship & Religious Life, Jason Byassee



At Sunday's Assembly Worship, Bay View was honored to receive the **Church World Service Legacy Award** in recognition of our longstanding

commitment to the CROP Hunger Walk. It was a meaningful moment that celebrated decades of faith put into action through caring for our neighbors, a commitment that reflects the very spirit of this week's Preacher of the Week, **Ashlee Eiland.**

That legacy continues to grow. This year, the Little Traverse Community CROP Hunger Walk raised **more than \$28,000** to help fight hunger both locally and around the world. Every walker, volunteer, donor, and supporter helped make this remarkable achievement possible. Thank you for demonstrating what our community can accomplish when we come together for a common purpose.

Now, we have another opportunity to continue that tradition of service. From Sunday, July 26th to Sunday, August 2nd, Bay View Sunday School and Youth Group will be collecting food for **Northmen Den**, a student food pantry that provides nutritious food to over 500 local students experiencing food

insecurity. Fillable grocery bags will be distributed after Assembly Worship on **Sunday, July 26th**. Youth will be present on the steps of Hitchcock Hall prior to the 10:45 a.m. Assembly Worship Service on August 2nd to collect your items. You may also drop off your items anytime during the week and place them in the Hitchcock Hall parlor (the room to the left after entering the front doors). For more details and a wish list of items needed, please see the graphic below. Every donation helps place healthy food directly into the hands of children and teens who need it most.

It's especially fitting that Ashlee Eiland joins us this week. A gifted speaker, Bible teacher, and author, Ashlee has devoted her ministry to helping people reclaim a fuller understanding of God's love and build healthier, more compassionate relationships with one another. Her work reminds us that kindness is more than a virtue; it's something we live out every day through the ways we care for our communities and one another.

Ashlee has served in influential leadership roles at some of the country's most respected churches and organizations, including as Co-Lead Pastor at Mars Hill Bible Church in Grand Rapids and Director of Midweek Services at Willow Creek Community Church. She currently serves as Head of School at Living Stones Academy after previously serving as Vice President of Partnerships at The Colossian Forum. She is also the author of *Human(Kind): How Reclaiming Human Worth and Embracing Radical Kindness Will Bring Us Back Together* and *Say Good: Speaking Across Hot Topics, Complex Relationships, and Tense Situations*; both are available for

purchase at The Gathering Post. Throughout her ministry, she has encouraged people to approach difficult conversations with humility, extend grace generously, and recognize the God-given worth in every person. Join Ashlee for **Assembly Worship on Sunday, July 26, at 10:45 a.m. in Hall Auditorium**, and continue the conversation during **Religion and Life Hours, held Monday through Thursday at 10 a.m. in Voorhies Hall**.

As we celebrate a legacy of serving our neighbors and continue that work through this week's food drive, Ashlee's message offers a timely reminder that acts of compassion, such as walking to end hunger, donating groceries, volunteering your time, offering hospitality, or extending kindness to a neighbor are among the most meaningful ways we live out our faith. We hope you'll join us for this special week of worship, learning, and reflection.

Memorials

Philip "Moose" McCullough-Martsof (Martin)
Saturday, August 1st
1 p.m.

Crouse Chapel

(Reception to follow in Evelyn Hall)

—
Jon E. Runquist
Sunday, August 2nd
2 p.m.

Memorial Garden

Bible Study

Summer Bible Study
(Sundays, 9:30 a.m., Campus Club)

- **7/26** - From Exodus to Mark

Women's Bible Study
(Fridays, 9:45 a.m., Campus Club)

- **7/31** - The Superior Sacrifice
- **8/7** - The Call to Endurance
- **8/14** - Practical Christian Living

Men/Teenagers Bible Study
(Fridays, 8 a.m., Campus Club)

- **7/31** - Biblical Decision Making
- **8/7** - Importance of Patience
- **8/14** - The Power of Prayer



BAY VIEW ASSOCIATION ITEMS FOR SEPTEMBER

- Canned Chicken, Tuna, Beef any size, Hamburger Helper - Variety, SPAM – Reduced Salt, Singles
- Hormel "Compleats" – Spaghetti & Meatballs, Chicken Alfredo, Beef Stew, Turkey
- Hormel Corned Beef Hash 7.5 oz & 14 oz size, Hormel Roast Beef Hash 14 oz, Mashed Potatoes Pkg.
- Velveeta Cheesy Bows – Chicken and Hamburger Variety, Kraft Mac & Cheese – Box or Microwave
- Apple Juice 8 oz (6 Pac), Orange Juice 8 oz. (6 Pac), Horizon Box Milk 2%
- Knorr Pasta Sides: Alfredo, Cheddar Broccoli, Creamy Chicken, Butter & Herb – Small or Family Size
- Small Cans 8.25 oz Veggie – Corn, Peas, Green Beans and Fruit & Apple Sauce Cups 4 oz. 12 Count
- Toothpaste Fluoride, Toothbrushes (Soft), Shampoo & Body Wash for Boys & Girls 12-15 oz.
- **NO Family Size – Too Heavy**, Boys & Girls Antiperspirant Deodorant, Floss, Combs, Chap Stick
- Gift Certificates to buy sneakers, shoes, underwear, socks, etc. (Walmart or Meijer)
- New or Gently Used Books for Middle and High School Teens

**NO GLASS BOTTLES, NO LARGE SIZE – TOO HEAVY FOR KIDS' GROCERY BAGS
AND NO EXPIRED CANS OF FOOD!**

Children and Youth Sunday School

Meet at 9:30 a.m. at Hitchcock Hall

Children's Sunday School
(ages 4-10)

Youth Sunday School
(ages 11-15)

Memorial Garden

A cottager shares this reflection: "Our family moved a lot over the years. Academic gypsies, we followed the path from one small church related school to another, glorifying God and serving man. Yet summers, there was always Bay View.

When our children were little, they truly believed that "home" would pack itself up, too, and wait - like Brigadoon - for them to return every fall. Now we're getting older and our children have begun to sense the fragility of those elders they thought were permanent parts of their lives. Years ago, when one summer a group of Bay View folk began to convert the neighborhood poison-ivy patch and favorite family sunset watching spot into a Memorial Garden, my spouse and I were at first pretty skeptical. A summer place or a final resting place? Our oldest daughter wasn't ambivalent at all: 'Think about it Dad. If this isn't home, then where is it?' Where, indeed.

If you haven't looked lately, right about now the Memorial Garden is at the height of the summer splendor. Lilies are trumpeting skyward and the wispy banks of astilbes are creating a watercolor swath of purples, whites, and pinks. Break out your sketchbook. Let your senses come awake with the scent of rich earth and lush green and the murmuring of the Bay. The seasons will be changing all too soon." To help maintain this very special

"constant" in our Bay View community, donations are always welcome. Green thumb volunteers are always welcome **Saturdays at 9 am.** No expertise is needed, and gardening tools are provided.



Environmental Interest Group (EIG)

Are you considering replacing an appliance or upgrading your heating, cooling and hot water? If your equipment is coming to the end of its life, consider the green alternatives. Technology is evolving so rapidly that there is no longer a financial penalty for adapting to climate-friendly appliances. A major incentive now is that "going green" is generally less expensive. Save money; save the planet.

Did you know that Bay View already uses heat pump technology for some of our buildings, including Wade Administration Office, Campus Club and the Post Office? We have on-demand water heaters in Harrison House, serving seven separate units with no complaints.

Energy efficient appliances lower heating bills. Heat pumps improve

comfort. Use electricity rather than gas as much as you can. Consider an induction range to replace your gas stove. They cook faster and cleaner. Some of your BV neighbors are using air-to-air heat pumps for their HVAC.

BV's informal Environmental Interest Group is gathering information to help cottagers explore these green options. We invite you to join us. We can share our information about local appliance dealers and plumbing and heating businesses. We would also love to have your help analyzing the market, crunching numbers, and helping BV cottagers as they replace existing equipment. There is a lot to consider – price, efficiency, energy use, return on investment, reliability, longevity. Do you have that skill set? The EIG needs you! Please contact Kenyon Stebbins at kenyonstebbins@gmail.com

Campus Club

How much influence does social media have over our daily lives? Why do so many people find it difficult to disconnect? And how are scammers using these same platforms to target unsuspecting victims—especially older adults?

Join Campus Club on **Tuesday, July 28th, from 7:30–8:30 p.m. in Voorhies Hall**, for an eye-opening presentation by Michigan State Police Community Service Trooper Corey Hebner on *The Hidden Dangers of Social Media and Online Scams*. With more than 30 years of service in the Michigan State Police, Trooper Hebner has dedicated over 15 years to community outreach, crime prevention, and public education. He was recognized as Michigan State Police Trooper of the Year in 2014 and received the Colonel Kriste Kibbe Etue

Community Trooper Award in 2023 for his exceptional community involvement.



Trooper Hebner will explain how social media platforms are intentionally designed to capture our attention by stimulating the brain's reward system and how these same techniques are exploited by criminals to commit fraud. He will share real-world examples of online scams targeting seniors and discuss practical strategies for recognizing and avoiding these increasingly sophisticated schemes. The presentation will also explore the concept of "social media detox" and offer suggestions for developing healthier online habits.

Michigan State Police Community Service Troopers focus on strengthening communities through education, mentoring, crime prevention, and outreach to residents of all ages.

Admission is free and the public is always welcome.



Woman's Council

The Woman's Council would like to give a GREAT BIG THANK YOU to our wonderful Bay View community for their generous support of the Woman's Council Bazaar on Tuesday, July 14th. It was a great success!! Thank you for coming to purchase our trinkets, baked goods, and vintage posters, and for participating in our Silent Auction.

The proceeds from the Bazaar will allow the Woman's Council to gift **over \$8,000** in grants in 2027 to Bay View and internal projects and also to support charitable organizations in the wider Petoskey Community. Thank you Bay View!!

Mark your calendars for our next events:

- **July 28th at 1:30 p.m.** - "We will have "A Conversation with Dr. Risa Renae Harman". Our beloved soprano faculty member will talk to us about her amazing career both here in Bay View, New York, Cleveland, and so many more places. Please join us for this wonderful program and tea.
- **August 4 at NOON** - Our final meeting for the season will be our "Carry-In Luncheon". Please note the time change. Bring a dish to pass and your place setting. The program will be the installation of

the Woman's Council Officers and Board Members.

If you are planning an event, consider having it at the Woman's Council Building. Contact Patti van der Have at pj@willemjames.com for information and reservations.



Morning Council

Thank you to the Bay View community for such an enjoyable summer of engagement and connections through our community events such as the Ice Cream Social, Treasures in the Trees, and our Thursday morning meetings with speakers!

Are you curious about where the funds from our events go? Come to our last few meetings and find out!

Join us Thursdays at the Woman's Council building for a social at 9:30 a.m., followed by a 10 a.m. devotional and our scheduled meeting.

- **July 30th** - Annual budgeting meeting where funding for Bay View's various department requests will be discussed.
- **August 6th** - Membership quorum will be needed to vote on our fundings, budget, and upcoming executive board.

We look forward to welcoming you!

Library News

As July winds down, the Bay View Library keeps going strong! Whether it's taking a break from the beach or catching up on some last-minute summer reading, drop in and see what we have to offer. What's your favorite library memory?

Meredith Pyers and the Pyers family: "The Bay View Library is such a beloved place for our family! Every summer we enjoy participating in lots of activities from Bingo to Book Bling, from finding treasures at the Book Sale and the Narnia Family Read, to stretching our imagination in the puppet closet, we have enjoyed so many things about the library. Lisa's enthusiasm is palpable and contagious and she does an amazing job stocking and cleaning out the shelves, organizing activities, and making the library user-friendly for all ages. Thank you to the staff and volunteers for all you do to preserve the art of the library!"

Please write in and share your personal experience and tell us what makes your library meaningful to you. We'd love to feature your stories in future Town Crier editions!

Respond to
canisvulpesrufus@gmail.com

Bay View Museum

Museum Building #2 is across from the "Speaker's Stand" building. There are multiple exhibits that change yearly.

This year we are honoring our military veterans and heroes. There are items depicting the Revolutionary War, Civil War, World War I and II, Vietnam and Desert Storm. Included in the collection is a uniform worn by Bay View's own Joe Higgins.

There is a beautiful collection of Native American items.

Our "All American Brands" exhibit includes Barbie, Disney, Tonka, Fisher-Price, and very recognizable American food brands. The Famous American Inventors exhibit includes Thomas Edison, Ben Franklin, and Henry Ford and other. There is a vintage baseball uniform and pictures of vintage baseball uniforms and teams.

The Museum's kitchen has an amazing collection of items that represent early life in Bay View. There are old stoves, scales, a washtub, a water pump, and so much more.

Come and visit us on Sunday mornings after Assembly Worship until 1 p.m. and Wednesdays from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.



From the Director of Donor Relations & Communications, Michelle Hansen

Every summer, thousands of moments make Bay View special. A friendly greeting at a concert. Colorful flowers in a garden. A welcoming smile at worship. A committee meeting that shapes the future of our community. Behind each of these moments is a volunteer who chose to share their time and talents.

Volunteers are the heart of Bay View. They greet guests, serve on committees, care for our gardens, support programs, welcome speakers, assist at events, and work behind the scenes in countless ways. Their generosity strengthens our community and enriches the experience for everyone who calls Bay View home.

As one volunteer shared:

"Volunteering at Bay View is a joy. It's not about recognition, it's about being part of something meaningful and giving back to the place that gives so much to all of us. It feels like a real service to the community."

— Stephanie Pickens

Whether you volunteer for an hour, a day, or throughout the entire season, your time makes a difference. Every act of service helps create the welcoming, vibrant community that has long defined Bay View.

To celebrate all who give so generously, we invite every Bay View volunteer to join us for a **Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast** on **Wednesday, August 5th, from 9-10 a.m. in Evelyn Hall**. Enjoy coffee, light refreshments, and

fellowship as we take time to thank you for all you do.

Please RSVP to
amontagne@bayviewassociation.org.

To every volunteer who shares their time, talents, and heart with Bay View, THANK YOU!

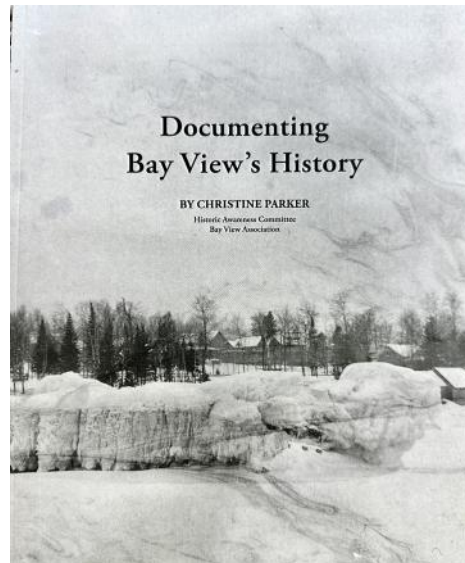


Historic Awareness

Last Chance!

Has your cottage received its gift from last summer's sesquicentennial celebration?

The Historic Awareness Committee gifted the over 440 Bay View cottages with a copy of "Documenting Bay View's History"! If your cottage does not yet have one, they are available for collection from the Wade Administration Office. Please know your Block & Lot number. One per cottage; unclaimed copies will be sold.



Important 2026 Dates

Saturday, August 1, 2026: Annual Meeting at 9:00 a.m. in Hall Auditorium.

Friday, August 7, 2026: Last day of Recreation Programming.

Friday, August 7, 2026: Board of Trustees meeting at 8:30 a.m. (Membership & Lease Transfer approvals) in the Child Board Room and via Zoom.

Sunday, August 9, 2026: Last day of the 151st Assembly Season.

Friday, August 21, 2026: Board of Trustees Meeting at 8:30 a.m. in the Child Board Room and via Zoom.

Friday, September 11, 2026: Board of Trustees Meeting at 8:30 a.m. (Membership & Lease Transfer approvals) in the Child Board Room and via Zoom.

Friday, September 25, 2026: Last Regular In-Person Board of Trustees Meeting at 8:30 a.m. in the Child Board Room and via Zoom.

Monday, October 12, 2026: Board of Trustees Meeting via Zoom at 6:30 p.m. EST.

Monday, November 2, 2026: Last day cottagers can be in their cottage. Closing day of Bay View.

Monday, December 14, 2026: Board of Trustees Meeting via Zoom at 6:30 p.m. EST.



Please join us for the 151st Bay View Association Annual Meeting, **Saturday, August 1 at 9:00 a.m. in the John M. Hall Auditorium.**

As per our By-Law 29-a - Annual Meeting:
There shall be an annual meeting of this Association on Saturday of the seventh week of the assembly season at 9 a.m., Petoskey local time, in John M. Hall Auditorium (the "Annual Meeting"). Seventy-five (75) Leaseholding Members shall constitute a quorum for conducting business at each such annual meeting.

See you all there!

Planning Ahead: Understanding Bay View's CAP-X Plan

by Matt Gawenda

At this year's Town Hall meeting, held on Saturday, July 11th, Bay View leadership shared an update on the CAP-X Plan, our long-term strategy for maintaining and improving the infrastructure that supports our community. For those who were unable to attend, or for anyone looking for a quick refresher, here's an overview of how the plan works and why it's important.

One of the Board of Trustees' most important responsibilities is making sure Bay View remains a vibrant community for generations to come. That means caring for the roads, buildings, water and sewer systems, equipment, and other infrastructure we all rely on every day.

That's where the CAP-X Plan comes in.

CAP-X stands for Capital Expenditures. Simply put, it's Bay View's long-term plan for paying for major repairs and improvements before they become emergencies.

Think of it like saving for a new roof on your home. Instead of waiting until the roof fails and facing one large, unexpected bill, you set aside a little money each year, so you're prepared when the time comes.

The Board has taken the same affordable approach for Bay View.

The CAP-X Plan was approved by the Board in 2025 and is reviewed every year. As project costs change and new information becomes available, the plan is updated to reflect Bay View's current priorities and financial outlook. This year's update has been reviewed by the Buildings & Grounds Committee, Operations Committee, and Finance Committee before moving to the Board of Trustees for approval.

The CAP-X Plan is Bay View's long-term affordability plan. It allows the Association to build the financial resources necessary to preserve and maintain the beautiful Bay View community, protect our historic heritage, and ensure that the place we all cherish remains vibrant for generations to come.

This plan is funded through three dedicated sources: the CAP-X Reserve Fee, the Ready-to-Serve (RTS) Fee, and the Cottage Transfer Fee. Together, these funding sources provide the financial foundation for both current capital expenditures and future infrastructure investments.

The reserves generated through these fees help fund major capital projects such as lift station replacements, water and sewer infrastructure, road maintenance and reconstruction, building preservation, and the replacement of essential vehicles and equipment. Rather than requiring large, one-time special assessments when these projects become necessary, Bay View sets aside and invests a portion of these funds each year, allowing them to grow over time.

No plan can eliminate every unexpected expense. However, by consistently saving, investing, and planning for known capital needs, the Board is working to reduce the financial burden on members while ensuring Bay View's infrastructure and historic assets are properly maintained. It's a responsible approach that helps keep our historic community affordable and financially healthy while making the improvements needed to serve today's members and future generations.



Woods Committee Work Day

The Bay View Woods is a special jewel. It is a 168-acre natural preserve that is home to a wonderful variety of flora, fauna and bird life, as well as the site of unusual geological features rarely found in Michigan.

Fortunately, exploring our woods is greatly enhanced by nearly 3 miles of trails. But unfortunately, parts of these trails have been damaged by unusually heavy rains this year. (see photo).

The Woods and Tree Advisory Committee does what it can to keep the trails open for pleasant walking and botanizing. However, this year more than ever, **WE NEED YOUR HELP** on some of the easier tasks, such as moving wood chips by wheelbarrow, and weed-whacking along trail edges.

So we're offering an "open to all" work party for **Friday July 31st**, from **9 a.m. to noon**. If you can help for even an hour, please come to either of these 2 entrances to the woods listed below, and someone will suggest a way that you can help.

The entry points are: (1) the Gateway Trail entrance (on Knapp Ave. between Fern & Cedar) or (2) the Indian Trail entrance (where Richards meets the east end of Knapp Ave.)

And if you can't help this time,

please consider becoming a member of the Tree & Woods & Tree Advisory Committee. We can always use new ideas! To RSVP and join our Friends of the Woods email list, please email reedcperkins@gmail.com.



WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, July 26th

- **Holy Communion**
8:45 a.m. in Crouse Chapel
- **Assembly Worship**
10:45 a.m. in Hall Auditorium
- **Youth Theater: Willy Wonka Kids**
2 & 3:30 p.m. in Voorhies Hall
- **Vesper Concert - You've Got a Friend (in Me)**
8 p.m. in Hall Auditorium

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, July 27th

- **FINAL Sam Spayde Hot Dog Roast**
6 p.m. on Swift Field
- **Monday Night Movie - The Dig - 2021 (PG-13)**
7:30 p.m. in Voorhies Hall

Tuesday, July 28th

- **Woman's Council Program & Tea - "A Conversation with Dr. Risa Renae Harman"**
1:30 p.m. at Woman's Council
- **Family Game Night**
7 - 10 p.m. at the Rec
- **Campus Club Program - Michigan State Police**
7:30 p.m. in Voorhies Hall

Wednesday, July 29th

- **Chamber Music Concert: Bay View Brass Spectacular**
8 p.m. in Hall Auditorium

Thursday, July 30th

- **Morning Council**
9:30 a.m. (social time), 10 a.m. (business meeting & program) at the Woman's Council Building
- **Bay View's Big Read - Dinner with King Tut** featuring author, Sam Kean
7:30 p.m. in Hall Auditorium
- **Teen Night**
8- 11 p.m. at the Rec

Friday, July 31st

- **Scarrow Friday Forum - A Legacy in Iron: How Rose Iron Helped Shape American Art Deco** featuring Robert Rose
10 a.m. in Voorhies Hall
- **Recreation Awards Picnic**
12:30 p.m. at the Bay View Beach

Saturday, August 1st

- **Annual Meeting and Election**
9 a.m. in Hall Auditorium

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To be an institution in which Christian values and traditions are central. To enrich the human experience for individuals and families within Bay View and the surrounding community through a seasonal program of religious, educational, cultural and recreational opportunities. To provide a Christian perspective in a changing world.*

**Such as love, faith, grace, hope, respect, hospitality, and service to others.*