



## Schedule Updates:

We are excited to offer a **Women's Doubles Tennis Round Robin from 8:30 - 11 a.m. at the Lakeside Courts.** This will be in place of the Women's Doubles Tennis Tournament. All levels welcome, no partner needed. Light snacks and refreshments will be offered.

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Woman's Council Bountiful Bazaar

July 14

**10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

Woman's Council Building

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Due to a family emergency, Fr. Greg Boyle will not arrive in time for Assembly Worship on July 19. **Rev. Dr. Jason Byassee will preach on Sunday, July 19.**

Fr. Greg Boyle will give his scheduled Religion and Life lectures.

Plus, we are pleased to announce:

**An Afternoon with Fr. Greg Boyle: From Homeboy Industries to Bay View**

July 22

**4 p.m.**

**Hall Auditorium**

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Dick Crossland Memorial Pickleball Tournament

July 24

**5 p.m.**

Woods Courts



BAY VIEW ASSOCIATION

welcomes...

ERICA KOMISAR, LCSW

## Bridges: Crossing Cultural Divides

### *What Boys and Young Men Need to Thrive*

*Join psychoanalyst Erica Komisar for a thoughtful exploration of how families, schools, and communities can better support boys and young men as they grow into healthy, resilient adults.*

*Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>  
7:30 p.m.  
Hall Auditorium*





# Bountiful

# Bazaar

Tuesday

07.14.26

10 am  2 pm

Woman's

Council

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FEATURING:

GOODIES GALORE

BY OUR DEAR COOPER

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LOVE AND A LITTLE BUTTER

TIMELESS TRINKETS-  
A SURPRISE FOR EVERYONE

SILENT AUCTION- STILL A  
MYSTERY, COME AND SEE!

## From the Executive Director, Megan DeWindt



### The Gift of Community

Recently, as I left the Wade Administration Office, I looked across the street to the Ditto Cottage

and noticed Father Michael Renninger and Jason Byassee enjoying a quiet conversation on the newly completed patio.

It was a simple moment, but it stayed with me.

Earlier this spring, **thanks to the generosity of Tom and Edna Gattle**, new landscaping and a welcoming patio were added to the Ditto Cottage. While the cottage serves as housing for our visiting ministers and our Director of Worship & Religious Life, the project reflects something much larger than an improvement to a building. It reflects Bay View's longstanding tradition of hospitality and our belief that community is built one conversation, one shared meal, and one relationship at a time.

As I watched Father Michael and Jason talking that afternoon, I realized I was seeing *donor generosity in action*.

Philanthropy isn't simply about funding projects. It's about creating places where people connect, ideas are exchanged, and friendships are strengthened. Sometimes those moments happen in Hall Auditorium or Crouse Chapel. Sometimes they happen on a quiet patio over an afternoon conversation.

**That same spirit of generosity is**

**woven throughout Bay View.**

Each summer, donor support helps make more than **270 free programs and events** possible, ensuring that education, worship, music, recreation, and community remain accessible to everyone. It helps keep our Vesper Concerts an affordable and enriching family experience, with free admission for youth ages 18 and under. It supports the programs that inspire us, the historic places we cherish, and the everyday amenities that make life at Bay View more enjoyable.

From new recycling containers and heavy-duty trash bins at the beach to dog waste stations that help keep our grounds beautiful, donor-funded improvements quietly enhance the experience of everyone who calls Bay View home, whether for a day, a season, or a lifetime.

One of the remarkable things about philanthropy is that donors rarely witness every life they touch. They may never know about the conversation shared on a patio they helped create, the family attending a free concert together, or the child discovering a new passion through one of Bay View's many programs.

Yet those moments happen every day ***because someone chose to give.***

Community doesn't simply happen. It is nurtured through generosity, hospitality, and a shared commitment to one another. Every gift, of any size, helps strengthen the Bay View experience and reminds us that the greatest investments are often the ones that bring people together

For that, and for every donor who helps make Bay View possible, **thank you.**

Save the Date

Thank You  
Breakfast for  
Volunteers

August 5th  
9-10 a.m.

Evelyn Hall



## From the Education Director, Lori Bolone



This week brings wonderful opportunities to gather, learn, and grow together.

Our **Bridges: Crossing Cultural**

**Divides Lecture Series features Erica Komisar speaking on *What Boys and Young Men Need to Thrive* on Tuesday, July 14th at 7:30 p.m. in Hall Auditorium.**

Komisar is a psychoanalyst, licensed clinical social worker, and best-selling author who has spent decades working with children and parents. She will explore what many educators and mental health professionals have come to call the *boy crisis*, looking at how family life, education, and cultural expectations shape the identity and well-being of boys and young men today. Erica is a graduate of Georgetown and Columbia Universities and the New York Freudian Society, and she is a regular contributor to the *Wall Street Journal*. Admission to this event is free of charge, thanks to the generosity of the late Donald Loyd and his family and friends.

Then on **Friday, July 17th at 10 a.m. in Voorhies Hall**, join us for the **Scarrow Friday Forum, *All About AI: How to Separate the Reality from the Hype***, with Michael Van Beek, Director of Research for the Mackinac Center for Public Policy. As artificial intelligence continues to work its way into nearly every corner of daily life, this is a timely chance to sort facts from speculation and better understand what this technology can and cannot do.

And speaking of trying something

new, have you ever heard of Swedish Death Cleaning? No? Want to learn? Register and join us on **Monday (7/13), Wednesday (7/15), and Friday (7/17) at 9:30 a.m. in Evelyn Hall** for an **Introduction to Swedish Death Cleaning**. Despite its somewhat startling name, this practice is less about endings and more about intention. It comes from the Swedish tradition of *döstädning*, a gentle, ongoing process of thoughtfully sorting through one's belongings so that what remains truly matters, both to us and to the people who will one day inherit our things. It's a practice rooted in clarity, care, and a bit of good humor, and this class will offer a warm introduction to how it works and how to begin.

Be sure to check the box below for the full lineup of classes offered this week and register at <https://bayview.asapconnected.com/#>.

**We hope to see you this week!**

### Education Classes, 7/11 - 7/17

- Living Light: A Gentle Guide to Swedish Death Cleaning, M/W/F, 9:30 a.m., Evelyn Hall
- Making and Breaking the Brain, M, 10 a.m., Loud Hall (Rm. 13)
- 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
- Watercolor Sketchbook Journal, M-TH, 2 p.m., Loud Hall Porch
- Ballet, T/F, 8:30 a.m. Loud Hall
- Chair Yoga for EVERY Body, T, 11:15 a.m., Loud Hall
- Beginning Mahjong, T, 12:30 p.m., Campus Club
- Jam Session, T, 1 p.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
- The Art of Mindful Compassion, W, 1 p.m., Loud Hall
- It's a Ravioli Party!, W, 1 p.m., Crist 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
- Chautauqua Book Club, TH, 4:30 p.m., Bay View Library

## From the Performing Arts Director, Chris Ludwa

Week Five at Bay View celebrates the power of music to inspire, comfort, and bring people together. From beloved songs of resilience and hope to an evening of vocal artistry and a high-energy disco spectacular, this week's events show the many ways music helps us navigate both life's challenges and its celebrations.

Join us **Sunday, July 12th at 8 p.m. in Hall Auditorium** for a special **Sunday Night Vesper Concert** exploring themes of perseverance, community, and renewal through music spanning centuries and genres. The program highlights artists who transformed hardship into creativity and hope.

Among the evening's most recognizable selections is Bill Withers' timeless anthem *Lean on Me*, whose message of friendship and mutual support still resonates more than fifty years after its release. Audiences can also look forward to Stephen Foster's *Hard Times Come Again No More*, performed by faculty baritone Bruno

Sandes and the Festival Choir, a moving reminder of compassion and shared humanity written during a period of economic uncertainty in nineteenth-century America.

The program also showcases the first movement of Sergei Rachmaninoff's *Piano Concerto No. 2*, performed by pianists Lei Cai and Hee-Kyung Juhn. Composed after a period of personal and artistic struggle, the concerto became one of the composer's greatest triumphs and remains among the most beloved works in the Romantic repertoire. Broadway joins the evening through *First You Dream* from *Steel Pier*, performed by mezzo-soprano Gretchen Windt, capturing the determination to keep hoping even in uncertain times. Special guest appearances throughout the concert promise a few surprises as well.

On **Wednesday, July 15th at 8 p.m. in Hall Auditorium**, Bay View's acclaimed Voice and Piano Faculty take the stage for our **Chamber Music Concert, An Evening with Bay View Voice Faculty**. Featuring soprano Angel Azzarra, mezzo-soprano Gretchen Windt, tenor Min Jin, baritone Bruno Sandes, and pianists Anthony Patterson, Jennifer Allor, and Hee-Kyung Juhn, the evening spans opera, art song, and musical theatre.

Audiences will hear selections from *Tosca*, *La Traviata*, *Rigoletto*, and *The Barber of Seville*, alongside favorites from *Guys and Dolls*, *South Pacific*, *My Fair Lady*, and *Man of La Mancha*, from Puccini's soaring *Vissi d'arte* to the inspirational *The Impossible Dream*.

The week concludes **Saturday, July 18th at 8 p.m., back in Hall Auditorium**, with one of the

summer's most energetic events. **Boogie Wonder Band** transports audiences to the golden age of disco with a dazzling live show packed with funk-infused grooves, powerhouse vocals, and nonstop entertainment. A ten-piece ensemble with elaborate costumes, larger-than-life personalities, and authentic 1970s flair recreates the excitement of disco's heyday. Whether reliving favorite dance-floor memories or discovering disco classics for the first time, audiences are in for a night of pure fun and celebration. Kids 18 and under are free!

Looking ahead, we are excited to announce a special event on **Sunday, July 19th**. In keeping with the Vesper Concert theme *Red Carpet Review*, we will have an **actual red carpet** and backdrop along with a photographer at the event! Wear your red carpet best and stop by for a photo at the west side of Hall Auditorium beginning **at 7 p.m.** Photos will be available for you to download.

Tickets for the 2026 season are available online at [www.bvtickets.org](http://www.bvtickets.org).

Details and more information at <https://www.bayviewassociation.org/performingarts/>. **Voorhies Hall Box Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.**, or purchase tickets one hour before ticketed events at the performance venue. For vesper concerts and many others, children under 18 are free with a paid adult, making the series a great value for families. General questions should be directed to the Music Festival Office at (231) 347-6225 or [chris@bayviewassociation.org](mailto:chris@bayviewassociation.org).



## From the Recreation Director, Amy Liddicoat - Seamster

Before Olympics day arrives, campers can get in the competitive spirit at the **Junior Tennis Tournament**, running **Saturday, July 11th through Wednesday, July 15th at the Lakeside Courts**. It's a great chance for young players to test their skills and build up some team energy ahead of the big day. On **Monday, July 13th**, everyone is invited to the **Sam Spayde Hot Dog Roast at 6 p.m. on Swift Field**.

The **Ernie Gray Olympics** are coming up on **Friday, July 17th**. This is one of our beloved traditions that everyone eagerly anticipates as soon as the season begins. It's a day packed with exciting events and team spirit; all designed to encourage participation, build friendships, and celebrate the joy of coming together. We emphasize the importance of sportsmanship, cheering on teammates, and supporting one another no matter the outcome. It's the perfect blend of fun, friendly competition, and community spirit. To compete in the Ernie Gray Olympics, campers must be registered for Week 5 of Club. This allows campers the chance to prepare and practice working as a team before the big day!

**Events will kick off at 1 p.m.**, but campers should plan to **meet at 12:45 p.m.** in their team shirts to be grouped up and ready to go. Warm up for the Olympics on Friday with morning **Water Fun Day** (times on pg. 5). **The beach will be guarded before (10 a.m. - 12 p.m.) and after (3 p.m. - 5 p.m.) the Ernie Gray Olympics.** The beach will be unguarded during the Ernie Gray Olympics. Whether you're

participating or just stopping by to watch, it's always a great time to see campers and leaders going all in on the tradition.

**Tot Lot will be open from 1 – 3 p.m. on Olympics day.** This ensures our youngest attendees have something fun and age-appropriate to take part in.

**Important Change:**  
*We are excited to offer a fun Women's Doubles Tennis Round Robin for all levels, no partner needed, on July 14th from 8:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. at the Lakeside Courts. This will take place of the Women's Doubles Tennis Tournament on July 13th and 14th. It's a great social event and includes light snacks and refreshments. There will be no regular adult tennis, but the Woods Courts will be open for play.*



**Water Fun Day Times**

10:15 - 10:45 a.m. Levels 1 & 5/6

11 - 11:30 a.m. Levels 2 & 3/4



**CONGRATULATIONS to our Campers of the Week!**

**Week 4:** Peter Thomas, Eleanor Pyers, Miles Letera, Emily Gregory, Henry Letera, Hazel Fraker, Frankie Pedrotty, and Jasmine Rodriguez

**7-14 YEAR OLDS... get ready for the...**

**18th Annual Youth Triathlon!**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 22ND  
BAY VIEW WATERFRONT**

-  50 yard lake swim
-  1.5 mile off-road bike ride
-  .5 mile run

Gear set-up - 2:45 p.m.

Briefing - 3:10 p.m.

Staggered Start - 3:30 p.m.

**SIGN UP HERE:**



Must register by  
**Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup> @ 12 p.m.**

*Thank you to the players of the Bay View Open for sponsoring this event!*

Contact Kate Glass at (314) 761-6854 or Jennifer Kopp at (248) 890-5722 for more details

**Bay View's Big Dill**

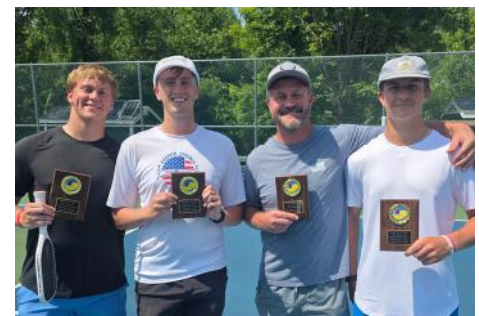
The Third Annual Bay View Firecracker Pickleball Tournament brought thirty one teams to the courts on June 27th and 28th, filling the weekend with tough competition, great sportsmanship, and plenty of memorable moments. Many family teams took part this year, adding to the spirit of friendly rivalry that has made this tournament a beloved summer tradition at Bay View. Perfect weather set the stage for a fantastic two days of play.

Congratulations to Tag Burton, who was named this year's tournament

MVP after claiming championship titles in both the Men's and Mixed divisions.

In the Women's division, Molly Smith Bumstead and Jori Lewis took first place, with Cathy Bell and Paula Black finishing as runners up. The Men's division championship went to Luke and Tag Burton, who edged out Pete and Sam West for the top spot. In Mixed play, Emma Fletcher and Tag Burton claimed first place, with Adam and Emily Black taking second.

Thank you to everyone who came out to play, watch, and cheer on their fellow Bay View neighbors. We look forward to seeing even more teams on the courts next summer for the fourth annual tournament.



## Thank you, Bay View

Thank you to everyone who registered and participated in the Bay View Fourth of July Parade. We had wonderful support and participation this year. Special thanks to **Pat Ladwig**, who worked with Meyer Ace Hardware and D&W Fresh Market to provide donated popcorn, watermelon, bottled water, soft drinks, and ice. Thank you as well to the **volunteers who helped pack popcorn bags and cut watermelon slices**; the distribution of these treats would not have been possible without your time and effort.

Thank you to **Alison Ford and Jim Loughlin**, who volunteered to help parade entries line up and manage traffic on Park Avenue so we could organize the parade lineup safely.

**Finally, thank you to our Parade Marshal, Karl Hansen!**

## Rec Happenings

We are looking forward to Family Game Nights, which started July 7th. Children 8+ can come for card games, board games, ping pong and foosball. Kids are welcome to bring their favorite board game or card game. Parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles are welcome to join.

**Upcoming Teen Nights include a bonfire on July 9th, glow stick party on July 11th and a “Nailed It” style cake decorating competition on July 16th.**



*Ping Pong Tournament at the Rec winner, Zach Bowman, and runner-up, Henry Sharai*



## A GATHERING FOR BAY VIEW'S FUTURE LEADERS

**JULY 16TH**  
5:30-7:30 PM

**APPETIZERS & BUBBLY OR BREW**

Elder Piper Beer & Cider  
932 Baxter Street | Petoskey

*HOSTED BY*  
*WALT BYERS & KRISTEN MAXSON*

**BRING A FRIEND — ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**RSVP by July 13**



kristenmaxson@gmail.com

## From the Director of Worship & Religious Life, Jason Byassee



Greetings, Bay View! After a break on Big Sunday, all Sunday School classes are in session this week. Beginning at 9:30 a.m., Children's

Sunday School is at Hitchcock, Christian Fellowship is at Voorhies, "Short Stories by Jesus" is at Loud Hall, and Sunday Bible Study is at Campus Club. Taking a reference from the Big Sunday sermon, *you can choose whatever you want.*

Here is a look at what is ahead this week in Worship and Religious Life. **Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8:45 a.m. in Crouse Chapel**, offering a quiet and meaningful start to the week for all who wish to partake in a communion service.

We are delighted to welcome Dr. Gary Dorrien as our Preacher of the Week. Dorrien is the Reinhold Niebuhr Professor of Social Ethics at Union Theological Seminary and Professor of Religion at Columbia University, and he is widely regarded as one of the outstanding theologians and social ethicists of our time. Philosopher Cornel West has called him the preeminent social ethicist in North America today. Dorrien's scholarship on the Black social gospel tradition, including his award-winning book *The New Abolition*, has been praised for recovering vital and often overlooked streams of American religious history, and in 2024 he received the Gandhi King Mandela Peace Prize for work that centers Black Christian witness and

political imagination.

Dorrien will preach at Assembly Worship on **Sunday, July 12th, at 10:45 a.m. in Hall Auditorium**, and we invite the entire community to come out to hear him. He will also lead Religion & Life Hour each day from **Monday, July 13th, through Thursday, July 16th, at 10 a.m. in Voorhies Hall**, offering a wonderful opportunity to engage more deeply with his thinking and scholarship throughout the week. This week is sponsored in part by the Bishop Emerson and Jane Colaw Lectures and by your generous contributions to the Worship program.

Looking ahead, we invite everyone to an Evensong Service on **Friday, July 17th, at 7 p.m. in Crouse Chapel**, a beautiful and contemplative way to close out the week in worship and reflection.

We look forward to gathering with you in these services and hope you will join us for what promises to be a rich week of worship and learning.

### Fr. Boyle Update

Due to a family emergency, Fr. Greg Boyle will not arrive in time for Assembly Worship on July 19th. Rev. Dr. Jason Byassee will preach on Sunday, July 19th. Religion and Life lectures are not affected. We are pleased to announce **An Afternoon with Fr Greg Boyle: From Homeboy Industries to Bay View** on **Wednesday, July 22nd at 4 p.m. in Hall Auditorium**. This event is free and open to the public.

**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)

### Bible Study

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

- 7/12 - Jesus as The Peleh
- 7/19 - Betrayal
- 7/26 - From Exodus to Mark

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

- 7/17 - Jesus Our High Priest
- 7/24 - A Superior Covenant & Sanctuary
- 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)

- 7/17 - Taming the Tongue
- 7/24 - Wisdom from God
- 7/31 - Biblical Decision Making
- 8/7 - Importance of Patience
- 8/14 - The Power of Prayer

*Memorials*

**Jeanne Andriot**  
Friday, July 10th  
1 p.m.  
**Memorial Garden**  
(Open House to follow at 995 Brockway)

### Woman's Council

- **July 14th from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.:** Mark your calendars for **The Woman's Council Bountiful Bazaar!!** Join us at the Woman's Council Building. There will be a Bake Sale, beautiful Cottage Treasures for sale, a Silent Auction of interesting and valuable items, and our own Cooper's Creations. There is something for everyone. Cash, credit cards, and checks are accepted. Be sure to stop by for this fun event.
- **July 21st at 1:30 p.m.:** The owner of Lavender Hill Farms in Charlevoix, Erin Mansfield, will present our program. The program will be followed by our traditional afternoon tea and visits with old friends and new. All are welcome.

- **July 28th at 1:30 p.m.:** Our program is **"A Conversation with Dr. Risa Renae Harman"**. Risa will share her unforgettable tenure as the soprano artist of the Bay View Music Festival Faculty and many other aspects of her remarkable career.

There are 5 beautiful single rooms available to rent to women at the Woman's Council Building. Contact Kathy Duquette at [kathyduquette67@gmail.com](mailto:kathyduquette67@gmail.com) for information and reservations.

Did you know? The Woman's Council Building can be rented for your event. Contact Patti van der Have at [pj@willemjames.com](mailto:pj@willemjames.com) for information and reservations.



## Library News

Our Bay View Library is much more than a place to borrow books—it's a hub for learning, creativity, and community. Behind its shelves and programs are the numbers that tell the story of its impact:

- 2 Employed Staff Members
- 4 Petoskey Trolley Stops daily
- 8 Tuesday Storytimes this season
- 13 Volunteer Workers
- 92 Book Bingo Participants so far this year
- 98 Puzzles donated
- 165 New Books purchased this year
- 483 Library Books checked out this season as of June 30
- 1931 Year of the current library building opening

We'd love to hear about your connection to the Bay View Library. Has it made a difference in your life, introduced you to a favorite book, connected you with helpful resources, or become a special place for you or your family? Share your personal experience and tell us what makes this library meaningful to you.

We'd love to feature your stories in future Town Crier editions!

Respond to

[canisvulpesrufus@gmail.com](mailto:canisvulpesrufus@gmail.com)



## From the Director of Donor Relations & Communications, Michelle Hansen

### The Gift of Making Sawdust

Some people give with their hands.

If you've visited the second floor of the Bay View Library this summer, you've likely noticed the beautiful new bookshelves in the children's area. Those shelves were handcrafted and donated by longtime Bay View cottager and supporter **Stan Sutton**, whose gifts to Bay View extend far beyond a financial contribution.

Over the years, Stan has shared his time, talent, and treasure in countless ways. In addition to the new library shelves, he also crafted a custom worktable for the Performing Arts Department and has quietly used his woodworking skills to meet needs across campus whenever they arose.

For Stan, woodworking has always been more than a hobby.

*"For over eighty years making sawdust has been my refuge in times of trouble, grief, joy, boredom, and fear," he wrote recently.*

*"Children's books teach important life lessons to youth; children's bookshelves did the same for this old man."*

It's a reminder that generosity has a remarkable way of blessing both the giver and the recipient.

**This is giving in action.** Not simply making a gift, but using one's talents to strengthen a community, enrich the lives of others, and leave something meaningful behind.

The photo accompanying this article shows Stan in his cottage workshop, surrounded by the Craftsman tools his grandfather purchased in 1937. Those well-worn tools have built far more than shelves and tables. They represent a lifetime of craftsmanship, care, and a willingness to use one's talents in service to others.

Children visiting the library may never know who built the shelves holding their favorite stories. Musicians preparing for a performance may never think about who crafted the worktable they use behind the scenes. But that is often how philanthropy works. The most meaningful gifts quietly become part of the Bay View experience, enriching lives for years to come.

At Bay View, generosity comes in many forms. Some give through financial support. Others volunteer their time. Still others, like Stan, leave behind something built with their own hands.

Each gift strengthens this community, and each reminds us that the legacy we leave is often found not only in what we give, but in how we choose to give it.

Thank you, Stan, for helping build Bay View, one thoughtful project, and one handful of sawdust, at a time.



## Important 2026 Dates

**Saturday, July 11, 2026:** Town Hall Meeting in Voorhies at 8:30 a.m.

**Friday, July 24, 2026:** Board of Trustees meeting at 8:30 a.m. in the Child Board Room and via Zoom.

**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.

## Bay View Museum

Did You Know that Bay View has a Museum Cottage?

The Museum Cottage is located between Vernor Hall and Wade Administration on Encampment Ave. It was established in 1965 to provide a glimpse of everyday life in Bay View and a place to store and catalog donated items. The items have all been donated by cottage owners.

On the Upper Level, you will see the **Victorian Room** that shows the formality of the Victorian period and gives an idea of early cottage furnishings. The **Music Room** holds a display of Bay View music treasures. We have been host to many famous musicians. Dudleigh Vernor, who wrote the "Sweetheart of Sigma Chi" was an organist for 62 years. His father was a founder of Bay View. Their family is also famous for Vernors Ginger Ale. The **Cottage Library** has a wonderful collection of antique books and beautiful paintings (from Bay View artists) on display. The **Children's Room** holds a delightful collection of children's toys and games and a beautiful Victorian doll house. In the **Fashion Room** you can find a collection of fashion accessories and antique hat boxes.

On the Lower Level, there are displays of everyday Bay View vintage items, World War I and II memorabilia, and Native American items (including Pueblo pottery). This is also the area where the Museum Committee works to collect and catalog items and store them appropriately.

**The Museum Cottage and Museum Buildings 1 and 2 are all open on Sunday following Assembly Worship until 1 pm. The buildings are also open on Wednesdays from 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

Come in and explore Bay View history.

## Environmental Interest Group (EIG)

The Environmental Interest Group is taking submissions for our 2026 Interest Survey to better understand the needs of cottagers and community members in making Bay View more environmentally friendly through education and awareness.



All comments and answers are optional and we value your feedback!

If you are interested in giving in-person feedback and engaging with our group, we will have a booth at Treasurer's in the Trees. We invite you to meet us and learn more about how you can reduce your environmental footprint through slow and steady improvements to the community!

<https://forms.gle/7s49dskQJoGCnm4b8>



## Notes from the Assessor

by Keith Hearit

No doubt you received your Notice of Assessment this past month. As you've heard from me several times, the purpose of the Notice is to communicate the change in market value of your cottage (and lot), on which the Board of Assessors will then calculate your 2026 Bear Creek Township taxes. Seeing that your value increased by 15% or even 20% probably caused you some heartburn (though, again, it does *not* mean your BCT taxes will be going up by that same rate).

What I'd like to do is to propose a different way for you to read your Notice of Assessment . . . .

Have you ever wondered what your cottage would fetch on the open market?

To answer, you could hire a local real estate appraiser. But that might be expensive. You also could reach out to one of our excellent real estate agents who would happily perform a market analysis. But I submit to you that you already have that information in your possession, courtesy of the Bay View Board of Assessors.

Yes, your Notice of Assessment is a handy-dandy statement of the current worth of your cottage.

Look again. Instead of just focusing on the *percentage* your value has increased, read it more closely. When you do, you'll find that it actually is a market-based assessment of what your cottage is currently worth.

If you need a quick refresher, to compute your market value, just take the 2026 SEV value and multiple that amount by a factor of 2 (this is because the State of Michigan uses the concept of State Equalized Value—or SEV, defined as one-half of your market value).

Now, here's some even better news. If you've read our communications in the past, you might remember that we engage in mass appraisal to compute your cottage's value (e.g., external factors such as square footage, effective age, location, etc.) while an appraiser looks at your cottage both inside and out. Without going into too much detail, our method looks backwards—for two years. As a result, our valuation usually *lags* current market value by 10-20%. So, when you look again at your Notice, embedded within it is even better news—your cottage is worth even more than it says. To get a pretty good sense of what cottage's value is likely to be *today*, take your 2026 value and multiply it by 1.10 (if you want to be conservative) or 1.20 (if you want to be aggressive). If this confuses you, send me an email at [keithhearit@gmail.com](mailto:keithhearit@gmail.com) and I'll be happy to walk you through it for your individual value.

So, instead of reading your Notice as bad news, review it again—and you'll likely conclude that it contains great news for you as a cottage owner.

On a personal note, I'm not in Bay View this summer, as I'm helping to care for my aging parents downstate. However, please don't ever hesitate to reach out to me via email or phone. Conversing with you about assessment matters gives me a great way to be engaged in the life of Bay View—and is actually a welcomed source of distraction. I'm even happy to help if you'd like to start a possible appeal of your yet to be determined 2027 values!



## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, July 12th

- **Holy Communion**  
8:45 a.m. in Crouse Chapel
- **Assembly Worship**  
10:45 a.m. in Hall Auditorium
- **Vesper Concert - (Lean On Me)**  
8 p.m. in Hall Auditorium

### Monday, July 13th

- **Sam Spayde Hot Dog Roast**  
6 p.m. on Swift Field
- **Monday Night Movie - Ballad of Wallis Island - 2025 (PG-13)**  
7:30 p.m. in Voorhies Hall
- **Historic Awareness Program**  
7:30 p.m. in Evelyn Hall

### Tuesday, July 14th

- **Women's Doubles Tennis Round Robin**  
8:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. at the Lakeside Courts
- **Woman's Council Program & Tea - "Woman's Council Bountiful Bazaar"**  
10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Woman's Council
- **Bridges: Crossing Cultural Divides - Erica Komisar - What Boys and Young Men Need to Thrive**  
7:30 p.m. at Hall Auditorium

### Wednesday, July 15th

- **Chamber Music Concert - An Evening with Bay View Voice Faculty**  
8 p.m. in Hall Auditorium

### Thursday, July 16th

- **Morning Council**  
9:30 a.m. (social time), 10 a.m. (business meeting & program) at the Woman's Council Building
- **NextUp**  
5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Elder Piper

### Friday, July 17th

- **Scarrow Friday Forum - All About AI: How to Separate the Reality from the Hype**  
10 a.m. in Voorhies Hall
- **Ernie Gray Olympics**  
1 p.m. on Swift Field
- **Evensong Service**  
7 p.m. in Crouse Chapel

### Saturday, July 18th

- **Treasures in the Trees**  
9 a.m. - 12 p.m. in Fairview Park
- **Boogie Wonder Band**  
8 p.m. in Hall Auditorium



## REC CLUB CORNER



M-F | 3-5 p.m.

### FAMILY GAME NIGHT

TUESDAY, JULY 14  
7 - 10 P.M.

WE WELCOME  
PARENTS AND KIDS  
8+

### TEEN NIGHT

THURSDAY, JULY 16  
8 - 11 P.M.

WE WELCOME  
TEENS 13+

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