



THE TOWN CRIER



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Election Results Are In

Bay View's 2025 Board of Trustees election results are in.

We extend our warm congratulations to our newly elected trustees: **Jeb Brown, Walt Byers, and Robert McTaggart.**

Our new officers are:

- **President:** Walt Byers
- **Vice President:** Dan Mullen
- **Treasurer:** Martha Blandford
- **Secretary:** Dianne Boyd

In addition, both proposed amendments passed with strong support from the community:

- The 77 Rail Corridor/Bluff Preservation bylaw amendment passed with **85% approval**
- The Board-proposed Article IX amendment passed with **78% approval**

A sincere thank you goes to all the candidates who stepped forward to run—it takes courage and commitment to serve. We're also deeply grateful to everyone who voted and to the volunteers who helped ensure a smooth and fair election process.



Katie Winters presents the Community Quilt at Assembly Day

**Join us
FRIDAY, AUGUST 8TH AT
8 P.M. IN HALL AUDITORIUM
for the
Spiritual Intensive Finale!**

**If you have not
renewed your lease,
please do so now.**
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From the Executive Director, Megan DeWindt



Celebrating a Season of Firsts

As we wind down this extraordinary Jubilee season, we have so much to celebrate.

This summer has been filled with *firsts* — and each one has helped shape a Bay View that honors its history while stepping boldly into the future.

We were honored to welcome **Munson Healthcare** as Bay View's **first-ever Season Sponsor**, a remarkable partnership that reflects our shared commitment to health, well-being, and community enrichment. Their support helped make many of this season's standout moments possible.

And what a season it's been.

On **July 6th**, despite the steady rain, more than **1,000 people** came out to celebrate **Bay View's 150th Jubilee**. The weather didn't dampen our spirits — it just added to the joy and sense of resilience that defines this community. From the music, facepainting, photobooth, and memories to the unveiling of the community time capsule, it was a day we'll never forget.

Our community made a difference in other tangible ways, too. Our children packed more than **15,000 meals for Meals of Hope**, helping to combat food insecurity right here in northern Michigan. Through the **CROP Walk**, we raised \$28,000 to fight

hunger both locally and globally. This summer also saw an expansion of our mission **beyond campus**, with more than a dozen **off-campus programs** — lectures, concerts, and events that brought the spirit of Bay View into the wider Petoskey community and invited new friends into our fold.

In Hall Auditorium, we were thrilled to host **three sold-out Pops concerts**—unforgettable evenings filled with world-class performances, dancing, and singalongs. Our Jubilee season also brought the first-ever sold-out lecture in Hall, featuring **Temple Grandin**, with more than half the audience made up of educators and families with neurodivergent loved ones. **Robin Wall Kimmerer** marked another milestone as the first evening worship speaker in Hall Auditorium—another sold-out event.

We launched **NextUp**, our very first gathering for emerging Bay View leaders, and held a **Community Listening Session** — both aimed at opening new channels of dialogue and planning for our future.

Transparency was also a priority this season. We introduced the first-ever **One Bay View Invoice**, making it easier for members to understand the cost and budget their expenses.

And none of this would be possible without our dedicated volunteers, program directors, committee chairs, Board Members, staff, donors, and YOU — the heart of this Chautauqua on the shores of Lake Michigan.

As we reflect on all we've accomplished together, we're also looking ahead with hope and momentum. The Jubilee was

more than a celebration — it was a launchpad. Let's continue building on this legacy of excellence, service, and shared purpose.

Thank you for being part of it.

From the Education Director, Julia Healy

Post-Season Classes, August 11-27

- Toddler Art: 8/11, 10 a.m. in Loud Hall
- Ballet: Tuesdays and Fridays, 8:30 a.m. in Loud Hall
- Low-Sugar Jam Session, 8/12 & 8/27, 1 p.m. in Loud Hall
- Aging Gracefully: 8/13, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. in Voorhies Hall (Lunch Included)
- Power Vinyasa Yoga: 8/14, 7:30 a.m. in Loud Hall
- C.S. Lewis: 8/7, 8/14, 8/21, 11 a.m. at the Bay View Library
- Titanic: Born in Belfast: 8/14, 2:30 p.m. in Loud Hall
- Make-and-Take Dinner for Four: 8/15, 1 p.m. in Loud Hall
- European Pastries/Blackforest Torte: 8/19, 1 p.m. in Loud Hall
- Cooking the Odawa Way: 8/26, 1 p.m. in Loud Hall

**THE BAY VIEW BOX
OFFICE CLOSSES FOR
THE SEASON ON
FRIDAY, AUGUST 8th.**

**Register for post-
season classes at**

<https://bayview.asapconnected.com/#CourseGroupID=8639>

Mary Donner, Executive Director of the Ziihimijwang Farm, hosted a Lunch and Learn session Monday, August 4th, introducing participants to the foods, farming techniques, and underlying principles of Odawa food production. **She will return August 26th** to conduct a cooking class, "Cooking the Odawa Way."

Register online for the class at <https://bayview.asapconnected.com/#CourseGroupID=8639>



Attendees at the Lunch and Learn enjoyed a fine-dining experience while learning about Odawa culture, foods and farming.

The menu included:

- Locally raised duckling
- Lake trout
- Mixed grain and squash salad
- Locally grown crudites with white bean dip
- Blue corn bread
- Cedar tea
- Sumac lemonade

From the Performing Arts Director, Chris Ludwa

A Grand Finale for a Season Like No Other

As the final notes of summer begin to drift into the sunset, I want to take a moment to invite you to two truly special evenings that will close out Bay View's 150th Jubilee season in unforgettable style. On **Saturday, August 9th**, join us at **8 p.m. in Hall Auditorium** for the **Bay View Brass Finale**—an electrifying concert that brings the bold, brassy brilliance we all know and love. This isn't your average night of music; it's a full-blown celebration of sound,

tradition, and just a little bit of trombone swagger. If you've never experienced the Bay View Brass, trust me, your ears deserve the treat.

Then, on **Sunday, August 10th at 8 p.m. in Hall Auditorium**, we gather for our **Grand Finale Vesper Concert**. It's our heartfelt and joy-filled farewell to a season that has been nothing short of extraordinary. We'll be pulling out all the stops, and the music will soar as we say goodbye to summer in the most Bay View way possible: together, in harmony, with a few tears, a lot of smiles, and probably a standing ovation or two.

Whether you've been to every concert this season or this would be your first, I promise these final performances are worth the detour from your summer livin'. Come laugh, cry, and hum along as we wrap up a summer 150 years in the making. You won't want to miss the final bow.

From the Recreation Director, Amy Liddicoat Seamster

As the sun sets on another unforgettable summer in Bay View, I want to extend a heartfelt thank-you to every camper, leader, staff member, parent, and volunteer who made the 2025 season so special. This summer was overflowing with energy, growth, laughter, and most importantly—**Fun and Recreation for ALL!**

At our annual **Recreation Awards Picnic**, we celebrated the individuals whose enthusiasm, talent, leadership, and kindness helped shape this season into one for the books. Please join me in congratulating the 2025 Recreation Award winners:

Craft House & Woodshop

- *Mary Spayde (Craftsperson)*
Award – Norah Bhowmick
- *Harry Bethea (Craft Enthusiast)*
Award – Eleanor Pyers
- Tom and Marsha Busyn Award – Preston Schwab

Fawns

- *Fawns of the Year* – Landen Laporte & Birch Belanger

Tennis

- *Male Prodigy* – Parker Celichowski
- *Female Prodigy* – Christienne de Koning
- *Kind Person Award* – Duncan Lewis
- *Female Player of the Year* – Gretchen Koch
- *Male Player of the Year* – Noah Dalton

Boathouse & Sailing

- *Seaman – 1st Class* – Aili McMillan
- *Most Improved Sailor* – Teddy Piper
- *Sailing Enthusiast* – Oscar Robbins-Pianka
- *Boathouse Enthusiast* – Topper Burgin

Swimming

- *Most Improved Swimmer* – Willow Horan
- *Perseverance Award* – Keinan Day
- *Swimmer of the Year* – Norah Bhowmick
- *Swim Instructor of the Year* – Kyle Maddox
- *Lifeguard of the Year* – Michael Savarino

Boys & Girls Club

- *Bob Beckwith Award* – Emmet Lewis & Emma Whaley
- *Good Guy / Good Gal Awards* – Cate Lear & Parker Celichowski
- *Campers of the Year* – Teddy Piper & Gretchen Koch

- *Parent of the Year* –
Greg McPheely

Leadership Awards

- *Tom Shearer Safety Award* –
Cosmo Franseth
- *Sam Spayde Award* –
Bouna Sakho
- *Ruth Deal Award* –
Michael Savarino
- *LIT of the Year* –
Sophia Savarino
- *Assistant of the Year* –
Graf Gucky
- *Leader of the Year* –
Jenna Lowel

To all our award recipients—congratulations! Your dedication, growth, and positivity were felt in every corner of our campus. And to every participant in our programs this summer: thank you for bringing your energy and spirit. Together, we made memories that will last a lifetime.

Here's to a successful 2025 season—and to many more summers of **Fun and Recreation for ALL!**

From the Worship Director, Rev. Hilary Barrett

The 2025 Worship Program proudly continues Bay View's rich tradition of welcoming preachers, teachers, visionaries, and healers from across the country—each invited to help us reflect on the things that matter most.

This week, we are honored to welcome, for the second time, The Rev. Dr. Luke Powery, who will be delivering the message at our Assembly Worship Service on **Sunday, August 10th at 10:45 a.m.** Please note: Dr. Powery will preach on Sunday only and will not be teaching during the week.

The Rev. Dr. Luke A. Powery is the Dean of Duke University Chapel and Professor of Homiletics and African and African American Studies. His teaching and research interests are at the intersection of preaching, pneumatology, music, and culture, particularly expressions of the African diaspora. He is the author of many books, including *Becoming Human: The Holy Spirit and the Rhetoric of Race*, which received the 2023 Book of the Year award from the Religious Communication Association and also the Academy of Parish Clergy. Dean Powery has a keen interest in the humanizing practices of restorative justice and reentry. In the Spring of 2023, he taught a course on the Spirituals at a federal men's prison through the Prison Studies program at Duke Divinity School and hopes to continue to teach in this program in the future.

Prior to his appointment at Duke, he served as the Perry and Georgia Engle Assistant Professor of Homiletics at Princeton Theological Seminary. He received his Bachelor of Arts in music with a concentration in vocal performance from Stanford University, his Master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary, and his Doctor of Theology from Emmanuel College at the University of Toronto.



Sponsored, in part, by the Butterfield-Thomas Endowment and by your generous contributions to the Worship program.

From the Worship Committee

The Worship Committee would like to express our appreciation for all of the generous Bay View community members who were willing to host a Neighborhood Porch Chat this year as well as the numerous attendees who made connecting with neighbors a priority. It was wonderful to have an opportunity to gather and get to know one another better! We had 16 chats and 232 attendees this year which allowed for new friendships to be formed and old friendships to be deepened as we shared about ourselves, what we love about Bay View, and the legacy we hope lasts for generations to come as we celebrate our Jubilee year.



Memorials

Bona Beckley
Greet the Family
Saturday, August 9th
2-4 p.m.
1092 Pine St.

CAMPERS OF THE WEEK



CONGRATULATIONS!

Campus Club

Pot Luck Suppers!

On Tuesday, August 12th, the ever popular Campus Club Pot Luck Suppers will resume for the season. They begin at 6 p.m. and are in the Campus Club building, *where strangers become friends*. Bring a dish to share and your own tableware. Hope to see you there.

Woman's Council

The Woman's Council finished the Jubilee Season with a wonderful "Carry-In Luncheon" on July 29th. The three new Board Members who were installed at the meeting were Marsha Bidwell, Ellen Liestenfeltz, and Debbie Loughlin.

The 87 members of the Woman's Council celebrated the summer filled with interesting programs and wonderful friendships. Our

beautiful building has been filled with joy and laughter and surrounded by its beautiful gardens. Please stop by and enjoy our lovely blooms.

Rentals of the upstairs rooms at the Woman's Council Building will close on Friday, August 15th, after the Handbell Concert.

Reservations for next year open on September 1st, 2025. Please contact Kathy Duquette for next year's rentals.

Contact Patti van der Have (239-994-1000) regarding information and reservation for event rentals at the Woman's Council Building.

Library News

The Bay View Library would like to thank everyone who made our first (of which we are aware) Family Read a success! Thank you to the folks who volunteered, attended, participated, donated and supported the initiative in a variety of ways. It was well received with over a hundred people engaging throughout the process: reading the book, submitting trivia or coloring sheets, attending the family party, and/or attending the screening. An anonymous donor even donated additional prizes that allowed for every child at the party to win a prize in addition to the grand prize winners for the costume contest and art submission! We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did!



Bridge for Fun

Mondays
1 p.m.
Campus Club

Important 2025 Dates from Jen Cronk

Sunday, August 10, 2025: Closing day of the 150th Assembly Season.

Friday, August 22, 2025: Board of Trustees Meeting at 8:30 a.m. in the Child Board Room.

Friday, September 12, 2025: Board of Trustees Meeting at 8:30 a.m. (Consent Agenda) in the Child Board Room.

Friday, September 26, 2025: Final Regular In-Person Board of Trustees Meeting at 8:30 a.m. in the Child Board Room.

Friday, October 10, 2025: - Board of Trustees Meeting at 8:30 a.m. (Consent Agenda) in the Child Board Room.

Monday, October 27, 2025: Board of Trustees Meeting via Zoom at 6:30 p.m. EST.

Monday, November 3, 2025: Final day cottagers can be in their cottage. Closing day of Bay View.

Monday, December 15, 2025: Board of Trustees Meeting via Zoom at 6:30 p.m. EST.

Youth Triathlon

We had another successful Bay View Youth Triathlon this year, starting with a last-minute date change to a sunny, dry Tuesday afternoon on July 22nd! Thank you to the athletes and volunteers for flexibility

Winners:

Triple distance:

Maya Robbins-Pianka (girls) at 35:25; Zander Kopp (boys) at 34:33.

Double distance: Travis Harvey (boys) at 32:08; Isabelle Kopp, (girls) at 29:40.

Single distance: Harrison McNamee (boys) at 13:43; Emma Hancock (girls) at 14:30.

Special thanks to the volunteers:

Bill Hauschild, Reagan Nolan, Julie Nolan, Eva Swanson, Nancy Sharai, Matt Sharai, Meg Hancock, Wally Lynch, Amy Gattle, Evie Gattle, Leigh Smith, Katie Simmons, Joe Lupinacci, Meg De Koning, Alexandra De Koning, Grace Solgat, the lifeguards, and those I've inadvertently left off the list!

Another HUGE thank you to the Bay View Open for sponsoring our Triathlon this year who made this event possible at no cost!!!

Hope to see you at the 18th Annual Youth "Try-A-Tri" Triathlon next year!




From the Donor & Communications Director, Michelle Hansen

On Tuesday, we had the joy of hosting our first ever Thank You Breakfast for volunteers to honor and celebrate the incredible individuals who give their time, talents, and heart to Bay View. Whether you were able to join us in person or not, please know that our gratitude extends to each and every one of you.

Bay View is vibrant, welcoming, and full of life because of volunteers like you. From helping behind the scenes to leading programs and events, your dedication helps shape the spirit of this community. Your support makes a lasting difference, and we simply couldn't do it without you.

We're excited to share that this will be an annual tradition going forward — just one small way for us to say thanks for all you do. We are so grateful to partner with such generous, passionate individuals who care so deeply about Bay View.





Join us for Literary Conversations with the C.S. Lewis Festival
August 7th, 14th, and 21st
from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Bay View Library

A Heartfelt Thank You to Our Adult Sailing Instructors

This summer, Charlie Schloff and Tad Asbury generously gave nine afternoons of their short Bay View season to teach Adult Sailing. Their lessons were not only informative and skill-building—they were also filled with fun, camaraderie, and the true spirit of Bay View. We're so grateful for their time, patience, and good humor on the water. The impact of their instruction will ripple out for seasons to come!



With Immense Gratitude: Honoring Julia and Hilary

As we look ahead to next season with anticipation and excitement, we pause to reflect with deep gratitude on the people who make Bay View such a special place. This year, we offer our heartfelt thanks to two individuals whose leadership, dedication, and vision have left a profound impact on our community: Julia Healy, our Education Director, and Rev. Dr. Hilary Barrett, our Worship Director.

Together, Julia and Hilary have helped shape a season filled with learning, inspiration, and spiritual growth. Their commitment to excellence, innovation, and inclusivity has elevated the experience for all who call Bay View home.

Julia Healy brought incredible energy, thoughtful leadership, and a spirit of intellectual curiosity to Bay View's education programs. Under her direction, our community welcomed a remarkable lineup of programming—from lectures and classes to dynamic speaker events. Julia was instrumental in bringing influential voices to Bay View, including former sports agent and leadership expert Molly Fletcher and world-renowned scientist and autism advocate Dr. Temple Grandin. Her ability to curate meaningful and engaging content drew in learners of all ages and backgrounds and fostered the kind of open dialogue and exploration that lies at the heart of Bay View's mission. Thanks to her, this season has been one of depth, discovery, and meaningful exchange.

Rev. Dr. Hilary Barrett led our worship life with grace, authenticity, and vision. Her sermons offered both comfort and challenge, grounding us while also encouraging spiritual growth. But her impact extended far beyond the pulpit—Hilary thoughtfully selected a diverse and powerful lineup of Preachers of the Week, ensuring that our campus resonated with a range of voices, perspectives, and theological traditions. One of the many highlights of the season was the visit from Keynote Speaker Robin Wall Kimmerer, whose presence brought wisdom, humility, and a deep sense of connection to the natural world. Under Hilary's leadership, our worship programming became a truly expansive and inclusive space—one that reflected the richness of the world around us.

It's no exaggeration to say that their successors will have big shoes to fill. The standard Julia and Hilary have built on and set for these roles is inspiring, and we are deeply grateful for the legacy they leave behind.

As we look to the future, we are currently hiring for both the Education Director and Worship Director positions. We welcome those who feel called to continue this important work and help carry Bay View's mission forward into a new chapter. Apply here: https://www.bayviewassociation.org/jobs/?fbclid=IwY2xjawMB0iRleHruA2FibQlxMABicmlkETFjdGZ5c0x6a3N6UkRmdjBKA5Z0OJSjP1a8gwLAudCBE3O3aMZ3ltqZ_H-LGFF25JEd9Bhg_xOXcduC84g_aem_M8liqC8xHmb8XjZr52yXHPw

Julia and Hilary, you will be deeply missed—but forever a part of the Bay View family.



Russell Hall Updates

Jake Porath, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds

As we continue to enjoy the beauty and community of Bay View, we'd like to gently remind all residents and guests of two simple guidelines that help keep our grounds clean, safe, and welcoming for everyone.

First, please remember that all trash must be placed in official blue Bay View trash bags. Trash will not be picked up unless it is in these designated bags. **They are available for purchase at the Wade Administration Building, Russell Hall, and The Gathering Post.**

Second, all dogs must be leashed at all times while on Bay View property. Whether you're walking around the campus, heading to the beach, or attending an event, keeping your dog leashed helps protect your pet, other guests, and the wildlife that call Bay View home.

Let's work together to preserve the beauty and safety of Bay View!

East meets West

Stephens Lane is a long lane which includes Blocks 18 and 38. It is divided in the middle by Preston Lane. Neighbors realized there were many new cottagers and that the East-enders (near Division) did not know our West-enders (near Hemlock) neighbors. So, on July 28 the East-enders invited the West-enders for an East Meets West gathering for lemonade and cookies. Of our 46 cottages, 32 people attended. Lots of introductions and lots of 'I haven't seen you in a long time' comments. Thanks to hosts Robin and Doug Peet, Dennis and Merritt DeLano-Taylor, and Sara and Dave Loyet with encouragement and assistance from Lindsay Milward and Ken Stebbins. This might be a new tradition!



WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, August 10th

- **Assembly Worship**
10:45 a.m. in Hall Auditorium
- **Campus Club Games**
2 p.m. at Campus Club
- **Campus Museum Buildings Open**
After Assembly Worship-1 p.m.
- **Vesper Concert - Grand Finale**
8 p.m. in Hall Auditorium

Monday, August 11th

- **Monday Night Movie - Memories of My Father** (Thanks to Rob and Sinde Sue Wickersham)
7:30 p.m. in Voorhies Hall

Tuesday, August 12th

- **Pot Luck Supper**
6 p.m. at Campus Club

Thursday, August 14th

- **Handbell Choir Concert**
7:30 p.m. in Hall Auditorium

Friday, August 15th

- **Evensong Service**
7 p.m. at Crouse Chapel



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BAY VIEW MISSION

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.*