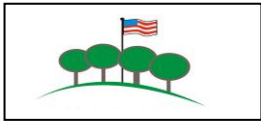


March 2022



# LIBERTY GROVE ROCKS

## Featured Business

Kick Ash Door County  
12055 Mink River Road  
Ellison Bay, WI 54210  
920-854-9400  
kickashproducts.com

## Important Dates

March 16<sup>th</sup> – Town Board Meeting 7pm  
April 5<sup>th</sup> – Spring Election 7am to 8pm  
April 6<sup>th</sup> – Town Board Meeting 7pm  
May 18<sup>th</sup> – Initial Board of Review 6:30pm

**All meetings will be held via Zoom – check the agenda for details on how to join**

## FROM YOUR TOWN CHAIRMAN

The board has approved funding the Broadband Engineering Design work to be done with a partnership arrangement with Nsight. The cost will be \$150,000 and financed by a loan. The design will provide information that will help determine the final cost for extending optical cable broadband Town-wide. Nsight is the parent company of Cellcom and is also working with Baileys Harbor on a similar project. Nsight will hire an independent contractor to do the actual collection of data to be used in the design. The Board has concluded that Town-wide optical cable broadband access is a top priority for our future. (See additional information on the last page of this newsletter.)

Initial estimates, based upon a best guess scenario without hard data on hand, is that the total cost for optical cable broadband internet will be in the range of eight million dollars. The Board has looked at a 20-year plan for repayment. Nsight has worked on similar projects in Wisconsin. They have indicated it likely will require burying fiber optic cable when possible and going overhead when necessary. Nsight also indicated is that if your electrical service comes to your home overhead the cable will as well. If buried, the cable will be buried. The cable would also go down private roads when needed. If we proceed with the project an Internet Service Provider will be selected.

UW-Whitewater estimated, after a study, that reliable broadband would have a significant impact on the economy of Liberty Grove. It has become evident that the best way to have reliable internet Town-wide, due to topography and heavy forestation, is by cable. The Town has worked with DCB to erect towers for wireless service, but wireless doesn't reach all areas of the town. Frontier and Spectrum also provide service but neither serve all areas to date. Satellite providers are also available.

The board is reviewing the Mission Statements of the Town committees.

The Board will convene the initial Board of Review (BOR) on May 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm and adjourn to August 17<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM. The review will be held from 1 to 3 pm at the Town Hall.

The State provides 2% fire dues to all municipalities that have a fire department, joint fire department, or contract for fire service. The State Department of Administration calculates each municipality's equalized value as a percentage of the State total. A baseline of 1,979 is used to determine the amount a municipality receives if it is greater than the baseline, State Statutes determine what the funds may be used for. The dues are usually received by August 1<sup>st</sup> each year. This information was provided in the March 2022 Wisconsin Towns Association magazine.

## FROM YOUR TOWN BOARD

### *Liberty Grove's Annual Town Meeting*

All residents of Liberty Grove should plan on attending the Annual Town meeting on April 19th at 7:00pm. We will have our auditors there to give our annual financial report, committee updates from the past year and general business which needs to be conducted at a Town's annual meeting. Anyone is welcome to attend. Any qualified elector is welcome to participate in voting matters. (See definition in WI State Statute §6.02). We hope to see you there.



### **REMEMBER**

A delicious and nutritious lunch is provided by.

**The Senior Resource Center  
At the  
Liberty Grove Town Hall**

**Monday, Wednesday, and Friday**  
Every week, except on Holidays.

**Call \*\*920-746-2523\*\*  
24 hours before the  
first time you come for lunch.**

## Weight Limits on Roads

**The following roads will have a Class B  
temporary gross weight restriction starting March 14<sup>th</sup>.  
Any one axle is 6 tons any two axle under 8ft apart is 10  
tons NO EXCEPTIONS**

Appleport Road  
Badger Road  
Beach Road  
Blackberry Road  
Europe Bay Road  
Flint Ridge Road  
Garrett Bay Road  
German Road  
Green Road  
Highview Road  
Hill Road  
Humbug Road  
Isle View Road  
Kenosha Drive  
Lakeview Road  
N Port Des Morts Drive  
Plateau Road  
Porcupine Bay Road  
Scandia Road  
Seaquist Road  
Settlement Road  
Timberline Road  
Townline Drive (County Q to Old Lime Kiln Road)  
Waters End Road  
Wildwood Road (Beach Rd to County ZZ)  
Wisconsin Bay Road  
Woodcrest Road (County ZZ to County Q)

The best thing about the future is that it comes one day at a time...  
Abraham Lincoln



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME STARTS SUNDAY MARCH 13<sup>TH</sup>-DON'T FORGET TO SPRING AHEAD!

### NWTC Community Education Classes

To see all the classes/credit classes offered in Sister Bay go to [www.nwtc.edu](http://www.nwtc.edu) and click on "Find a Class" by location and choose "Learning Innovation Center" in the drop-down box. Learn from home via Zoom, a video meeting platform.

A computer, laptop, or tablet with reliable broadband will be required for some of the classes. Instructions for accessing the class via Zoom will be provided. You can also register by calling 1-888-385-NWTC, or you can call 920-746-4970 for assistance, or contact the Learning and Innovation Center at [sisterbay@nwtc.edu](mailto:sisterbay@nwtc.edu)

The ADRC & Door County Medical Center are offering a series of classes called Powerful Tools for Caregivers from 9:30-11am on Tuesdays from April 19 thru May 24 at NWTC. This free program is designed to help caregivers improve their emotional wellbeing while they assist others. Call 920-746-3504 for more information or to register.

### Door County Library- Sister Bay / Liberty Grove

#### **READERS RAMPANT BOOK CLUB Sister Bay-Liberty Grove Library - second Tuesdays, 2:30 pm**

March 8- Four Winds by Kristin Hannah

April 12- Many Hands Make Light Work by Cheryl Stritzel McCarthy (author joining via Zoom.)

### **ALL MONTH LONG**

#### ***March Screen-Free Craft Bag Pickup. All Libraries***

Stop in at any Door County Library to pick up the free children's craft packet featuring spring crafts including a rainbow. For ages 4K – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Contact: Beth at 920-746-7119.

### **Annual Easter Egg Hunt**

The Ellison Bay Service Club will sponsor their annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 16th 12- 2pm at the Fitzgerald Park, the corner of Garrett Bay Rd. and Old School Rd. For more information contact a member of the Service Club or find them on Facebook.



Make an impact where people live,  
work, play and gather in Door County.



# Defibs4DoorCounty.org

**Put more automatic external  
defibrillators (AEDs) within reach and  
help save lives.**

For every minute that passes without CPR and  
defibrillation, the chances of survival decrease 7-10%.

Quickly shocking the heart of a cardiac arrest patient with  
an AED can help save their life.

Learn more and donate at [www.DeFibs4DoorCounty.org](http://www.DeFibs4DoorCounty.org)



Donations accepted at fire stations and North Shore Bank  
and Nicolet National Bank branches throughout Door  
County. Make checks payable to DeFibs4Door County.

**SPONSORED BY THE DOOR COUNTY  
FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION**

*The Door County Fire Chiefs Association works to improve fire safety, education and prevention through partnership and cooperation with organizations throughout the county. The 13-members organization represents 10 fire department and three EMR agencies.*



## NEWS RELEASE

Contact: Chief Chris Hecht  
Sister Bay/Liberty Grove Fire Department  
920-854-4021

### NEW DEFIBS4DOORCOUNTY FUNDRAISING EFFORT AIMS TO INCREASE DEFIBRILATOR ACCESS THROUGHOUT DOOR COUNTY

#### \$75,000 Matching Challenge From Anonymous Donor

Door County, WI, February 1, 2022 - Fire departments throughout Door County are calling on the public to help put more automatic external defibrillators (AEDs) in key locations throughout the county and help save lives by donating to the Defibs4DoorCounty campaign.

More than 356,000 people experience [out-of-hospital cardiac arrest](#) (OHCA) in the U.S. each year. For every minute that passes without CPR and defibrillation, the [chances of survival decrease 7-10%](#). Quickly shocking the heart of a cardiac arrest patient with an AED can help save their life.

"Access to a defibrillator means that first responders or even bystanders can begin a key life-saving step before an ambulance arrives," said Chris Hecht, Door County Fire Chiefs Association president. "While not a replacement for calling 9-1-1, it allows patient treatment to start immediately."

AEDs address an important public safety need in a community like Door County that attracts more than 2 million visitors a year, hosts numerous large public events and where nearly 4 in 10 people who live here year-round are [60 or older](#).

An anonymous \$75,000 donation and matching challenge from a local donor was the catalyst for the fundraising campaign that runs now through Labor Day. The public can help meet the challenge by making donations at [www.Defibs4DoorCounty.org](http://www.Defibs4DoorCounty.org), in-person at local North Shore Bank and Nicolet National Bank branches and at any Door County fire station. Checks should be made payable to Defibs4DoorCounty.

If the public fundraising goal of \$75,000 is met, the total amount of \$150,000 would add approximately 80 new AEDs to Door County's current inventory. Along with providing new units to law, fire and EMS responders, wall cabinets with AEDs would be available to schools, places of worship, and businesses and venues that frequently attract large crowds.

Government agencies, including police, fire, emergency services and the Department of Natural Resources, can submit applications for new, not replacement, defibrillators through [www.Defibs4DoorCounty.org](http://www.Defibs4DoorCounty.org) at this time. The application process will open to other organizations April 1. Recipients of defibrillators must commit to annual maintenance costs and other guidelines listed on the application form.

"We know that a defibrillation delivered by an AED and CPR make a critical difference in helping cardiac arrest patients before an ambulance arrives, especially in a rural area like Door County," said Door County Emergency Services Director Aaron LeClair. "Making AEDs more accessible and part of our public safety cultural will help save lives."

AED and CPR training is available for a nominal fee through the Sister Bay & Liberty Grove Fire Department.



Defibs4DoorCounty.org

## Defibs4DoorCounty Fact Sheet

### What is the purpose of Defibs4DoorCounty?

- **Raise funds** to increase the number of automatic external defibrillators (AEDs) in key locations throughout the county and **help save lives**
- Match an anonymous \$75,000 donation to add approximately **80 new AEDs** to Door County's inventory
- Address an important **public safety need**:
  - For every minute that passes without CPR and defibrillation, the chances of survival decrease 7-10%\*
  - Most cardiac arrests occur in public places are "shockable," making AEDs in public places vital\*
  - Over 2 million people visit Door County each year\*\*
  - 39% of Door County's year-round population is 60 or older\*\*\*

### When is the Defibs4DoorCounty Campaign?

- Fundraising now through Labor Day 2022
- Application process for AEDs is in two phases: February 1 for government agencies and April 1 for other organizations (see below)

### Who Can Request An AED?

- Government agencies (police, fire, EMS and DNR, may submit applications for new AEDs starting February 1
- Schools, places of worship, theaters, & venues/businesses with large public gatherings) can apply starting April 1

### How To Request An AED

- Go to <https://www.defibs4doorcounty.org/>
  - Complete an AED request application
  - See guidelines required for receiving an AED
  - Request AED/CPR training
- All applications will be reviewed and prioritized by the Door County Fire Chiefs Association

### How to Donate to Defibs4DoorCounty

- Donate by mail: P.O. Box 287, Sister Bay, WI 54234
- Donate online via the website: <https://www.defibs4doorcounty.org/>
- Donate at any Door County fire station
- Donate at Nicolet National Bank or North Shore Bank branches in Door County, in person or by mail.
- Make checks payable to Defibs4DoorCounty.

### Who is behind Defibs4DoorCounty

The Door County Fire Chiefs Association, which works to improve fire safety, education, and prevention through partnership and cooperation with organizations throughout the county.

\*Source: American Heart Association

\*\*Source: Destination Door County

\*\*\*Source: U.S. Census 2020

### Contact Us

E-mail: [defibs4doorcounty@gmail.com](mailto:defibs4doorcounty@gmail.com)

Website: <https://www.defibs4doorcounty.org/>

Phone: (920) 854-4021

Address: 2258 Mill Rd/PO Box 287, Sister Bay, WI 54234

***Make an impact where people live, work, play, and gather in Door County.***



The Liberty Grove Historical Society welcomes you to listen to the incredible story of two of Door County's Pioneering women. [Elaine & Gretna's Fish Tails](#)

# ***Race to End COVID!***

**FREE COVID-19 VACCINATIONS!**

**Pfizer**  
5 years to adults!

**Sister Bay Fire Station**  
on Mill Rd

**Thursday**  
**March 10<sup>th</sup>**

**2:00pm**  
**5:00pm**

**Walk-Ins Encouraged!!**

Help Door County bring an end to the COVID-19 Marathon! Come to the Sister Bay Fire Station March 10<sup>th</sup> from 2:00pm to 5:00pm for your COVID-19 vaccination/booster!  **920-746-2234**

For Appointment visit [bookdcph.timetap.com](https://bookdcph.timetap.com)

 **Public Health**  
Door County

High speed internet, aka broadband, is now defined as 100 Mbps (think miles per hour) down to your computer and 20-100 Mbps up to the internet.

Internet activities that require broadband include:



#### ONLINE SHOPPING

Amazon, eBay, Etsy, local stores for groceries & many other items



#### SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook, TikTok, Instagram, Snap Chat, What's App, Twitter



#### VIDEO STREAMING

Netflix, Amazon Prime Video, Youtube TV, Disney+, Hulu, Sling, Roku



#### VIDEO CONFERENCING

Zoom, Skype, FaceTime, MS Teams

#### SMART HOME TECHNOLOGY

Thermostats, Security Cameras, Door Locks, Outdoor Lighting, many cloud based services



**WHAT**  
IS BROADBAND INTERNET?



Improves healthcare at reduced cost with telemedicine; supports aging in place



Attract and retain families and younger generations



Work from home expands job opportunities, enhances quality of life, attracts new residents

Improves access to online education at all levels and for all ages



Improves access to online businesses to better serve customers both in person and online



Homes without adequate broadband lose **\$12-\$20K** in value

**HOW**  
CAN THIS HELP?

**WHY**  
DON'T WE HAVE BROADBAND?

**PUBLIC SUPPORT NEEDED**  
for funding through local government borrowing augmented by state and federal grants. Money must be made available by means of local community action & support.



#### PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS

are required to provide the financial support and technical expertise needed to make the investments feasible in rural and sparsely populated areas.

YES!

#### FULLY APPRECIATE THE BENEFITS

It is important we all fully appreciate the benefits and importance of having universally available high-speed, utility quality, affordable internet access.



**WHERE**  
CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

#### HELP YOURSELF AND YOUR COMMUNITY

Let your Town, Village, City and County representatives know you want them to strongly support immediately proceeding with a full-scale implementation of fiber based internet in your community.



#### CONTACT:

Door County Economic Development  
Technology Council

P: 920-743-3113

E: [Info@DoorCountyBusiness.com](mailto:Info@DoorCountyBusiness.com)

**FIBER IS FUTURE PROOF** Fiber can be installed underground or on utility poles and will be upgradeable with minimum maintenance for several decades. Fiber is now the preferred option by Internet Service Providers and by government granting agencies.

