

January 2024



LIBERTY GROVE ROCKS

Featured Business

Turtle Ridge Gallery
11736 Mink River Road
Ellison Bay, WI 54210
920-854-4839
Turtleridgegallery.com

Important Dates

Jan 03rd - Town Board Meeting 6pm
Jan 11th – Listen session on Internet
Connectivity 5pm
Jan 17th -Town Board Meeting 6pm

All meetings at the Town Hall

***** January 11, 5pm at the Town Hall. There will be a listening session to discuss Internet Connectivity for the Town. No action will be taken at this meeting.*****

From our Town Chairman:

First, Happy New Year to all. I hope this year brings great surprises and memories to you.

At our first December board meeting we discussed changing the height of the drain pipe on Isle View Road where water drains from Europe Lake under the road and off north. In the Spring when there is snow melting and more rain, this prevents the overflow of lake water from running across Isle View Rd. It also changes the water levels of the lake. The town has received a permit from the DNR to replace the culvert and drain pipe just as it is.

Some of the landowners around the lake would like to see this drain pipe raised up by 6 inches to keep the lake from becoming too shallow. Boat launching has become difficult at private piers and at the public launch area. The town has been in touch with an engineering company and they have confirmed that raising the drain pipe another 6 inches would require studies from Door County Land Use, FEMA, the DNR, and completing a LOMR (letter of map revision) as well as approval from every land owner on the lake not to mention the cost of design, permitting and modeling. The board did tell the Europe Lake Landowners Assoc., ELLA, that they were welcome to look into this and bring a total cost back to the town board but that ultimately it would be them that handled this task. The board made no promises of a financial contribution. The Town is only responsible for the condition of the road. If launching at the public launch becomes a problem, the Town would have to look at possibly shutting down that launch for a period of time.

I hope ELLA can find a solution to this issue.

Janet Johnson, Chairman

Liberty Grove Meal Program

The main headquarters for ADRC (Aging & Disability Resource Center) is located in Sturgeon Bay. The center is open just about every Monday thru Friday. It is a center providing all types of services for people in our area. In Liberty Grove we benefit from them by a meal program on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and an occasional speaker or entertainer. This program isn't designed just for those who may have financial hardships. It is also meant as a means of social gathering for people who may be home alone or a couple who want to meet others in the area. It also provides Meals on Wheels delivering nutritious meals to those who are unable to leave their homes.

In the midst of Covid the program took a turn and continued but only for carry out meals. People weren't able to gather, enjoy a meal and talk. Now the program faces either no service dates or the possibility of being discontinued because the turn out is low. I would love to see this program continue and to grow in numbers. There was a time when those that gathered for lunch would stay and play Bingo or card games. There are also puzzles in the hall that can be worked on after lunch. For some, this camaraderie has great meaning.

ADRC would like to know how many people will be coming for lunch in order to send enough food. Their information is further down in our newsletter if you want to give it a try. You can also check out the menu for the month for Liberty Grove on the last page of the ADRC newsletter.

Janet Johnson, Chairman

ADRC 920-746-2523 Call 24 hours prior to the first time you come for lunch



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.**

Door County Coastal Byways

The mission of all designated Scenic Byways is to educate/preserve/protect/enhance & promote the outlined intrinsic values required by the Federal Highway Administration National Scenic Byway & Wisconsin Scenic Byway programs. In addition we collaborate with other local/regional & state agencies to further these goals.
www.doorcountycoastalbyway.org

Door County North

The local business organization promoting and supporting this area.
www.doorcountynorth.org

Ellison Bay Service Club

Visit their **Facebook page** to find out the latest news & activities in **Ellison Bay** and **all over Liberty Grove**.
www.facebook.com/ellisonbayserviceclubdc

GEO-DC

Cultivating knowledge and stewardship of the Niagara Escarpment corridor and its geological, ecological, and cultural wonders in people of all ages and from all walks of life.
<https://Geo-dc.org> or
<https://www.facebook.com/geo.doorcounty>

Liberty Grove Historical Society

Preserving the artifacts, sharing the stories, and promoting the community of Liberty Grove.
www.libertygrovehistorical.org or
<https://www.facebook.com/libertygrovehistory>

**LET YOUR SMILE CHANGE THE WORLD, BUT DON'T LET
THE WORLD CHANGE YOUR SMILE...**

NWTC Community Education Classes

To see all the classes/credit classes offered in Sister Bay go to 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 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

Door County Library- Sister Bay / Liberty Grove

Every Wednesday 10:30-11:30am

Sister Bay/Liberty Grove Storytime/Craft workshop

Tuesday Jan 16th- 5:30-6:30pm- Record History Series, Part 3: Where do Great Records Come From? Our History Listening series continues with vintage record Historian David Watkins.

Contact the library: 920-854-2721

Every Thursday 10-12 pm

Sister Bay/Liberty Grove Northern Door Crafters Group

Readers Rampant Book Group

Second Tuesday each month- 2:30pm

Jan. 9th- "The Last Flight" by Julie Clark

All month long

Screen- free craft bag pickup

Great Lakes Water Levels

Great Lakes projected water levels for December 22nd range from 4 inches below to 1 inch above their levels from a month ago. The predicted water level for Lake Superior is 8 inches below what it was a year ago. Lake Michigan-Huron's forecasted December 22nd water level is 1 inch below its level from a year ago, while Lakes St. Clair, Erie, and Ontario are predicted to be 2, 4, and 1 inch above their levels from a year ago, respectively. Levels on Lakes Michigan-Huron, St. Clair, and Erie range from 2 to 9 inches above their long-term average December levels, but Lakes Superior and Ontario are 2 inches and 1 inch below their long-term monthly averages, respectively. Over the next 30 days, Lake Superior is forecast to decline 3 inches, Lakes Michigan-Huron and Erie are forecasted to decline 1 inch, Lake St. Clair is predicted to increase 1 inch, and Lake Ontario is projected to remain near its current level. See our [Daily Levels](#) web page for more water level information.

Registering to Vote or Requesting a Mailed Ballot

The processes are easy and can be done online at www.myvote.wi.gov. You may also email your full name, registered address, date of the election, mailing address, and a copy of your photo ID to the Town Office at tlibertygrove@gmail.com.

2024 Dog licenses & Tags

The **2024 Dog Licenses & tags** for new dogs and renewals are available as of December 1, 2023. You must apply for the license before April 1, 2024, to avoid a late fee. **Fees are Altered- \$5.00, Regular-\$10.00.**

You will need to provide a certificate from your dog's veterinarian showing his/her current rabies shot, expiration date, the manufacturer and serial number for that vaccine.

New Liberty Grove Building Inspector

eService's LLC Building Inspector

Office hours- Thursdays 8:30-10:00am or by appointment.

David Enigl - 920-493-2294 Residential & Commercial dave@eservicesllc.us

Process for building a home or placing an accessory building on your property.

Many people call the office asking what the process is for adding structures to their property. Generally, speaking, the County deals with correct placement of structures on properties including well and septic and the Town deals with the actual construction of dwellings and accessory structures. The Town is under County Zoning so the first step is to go to the County Land Services department at 421 Nebraska St., Sturgeon Bay. Their phone number is 888-743-1844, ext. 2323. Once all permits are approved, you will then complete a Town of Liberty Grove building permit. The form can also be found on the Town website. Libertygrovewi.gov

Our building inspector is here on Thursday mornings from 8:30am to 10:00am. Appointments for other times are also possible. Call Dave Enigl at 920-493-2294.

Snow Plowing

A reminder that this is snow plowing season. Plowing or shoveling the snow into or across town roads is not permitted and can result in fines. If you have your driveway plowed by a private individual, please remind them not to plow across town roads.

Winter Market Baileys Harbor

At the Baileys Harbor Town Hall 10am-2pm, Sundays

Jan. 14th

Feb. 11th

Mar. 11th

April 8th

Community Shared Values Guides DDC

Destination Door County (DDC) has a three-year strategic plan that was created with our Board of Directors and the Door County Tourism Zone

By Julie Gilbert
President/CEO
Destination Door County



Commissioners. We are now in year two of that Strategic Plan with our pillars including Community Outreach/Destination Alignment, Sustainability and Values Based Marketing. We know that by supporting the development of a more sustainable and equitable visitor economy we can prioritize sustainable development that includes environmental, sociocultural, and economic resilience.

The Community Investment Fund (CIF) was created to support that goal. The CIF offers grants to projects that follow Wisconsin State Statute and are significantly used by tourists who are visiting Door County. In addition, the project must also show that it will likely lead to an increase in tourists staying overnight in paid accommodations in Door County. The additional criteria is that projects also have to have a positive impact for our residents. This program is facilitated by the Door County Community Foundation. These grant funds are available to municipalities, 501c3 and 501c6 organizations.

Planning is key to all our sustainability initiatives as it helps identify priorities that are important to your community. As we launched our Destination Stewardship Master Planning process this year, the importance of Stewardship was the highest rated initiative that was mentioned in resident and stakeholder surveys, town hall meetings and our visioning session this past September. It was identified as an important value for additional collaboration among the tourism industry, land agencies and the community to help protect the beauty, history and culture of Door County for future generations. Also identified was the need for more outdoor recreation infrastructure to improve visitor connections and provide opportunities for year-round recreation. New trail development and improvements to connect our communities which support the visitor, as well as arts and culture and communications, all trended high. These priorities have been key drivers for our CIF and our Parks Challenge efforts.

We understand the value of maintaining and preserving the natural environment and cultural heritage of all our communities and as we continued to see the increase in visitor numbers the past few years, which helped us grow our local economy and provide more opportunities for our residents, it also put a stress on our fragile natural ecosystem and stretched our local resources.

Our natural environment, hospitality and unique heritage has been attracting visitors to Door County for more than a century. As more people travel to experience our community, which we want, the more important it becomes for us to reinvest back into the place we visit, live, work and love. And that is what inspired our one-time Parks Challenge Fund which we implemented earlier this year. Learn more about our Parks Challenge Fund at DoorCountyStateParks.org.

Partnerships and working together are the key to solving broad challenges. We appreciate your partnership and look forward to the future!

Thank you!



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Deaths Door Dance Festival Needs Your Help

Let's keep this festival going!

I want to draw your attention to something very special in our community that's in need of some serious support right now. Death's Door Dance Festival is a public dance event that has happened over the last two Summers- featuring performances, classes, conversations, and workshops, all entirely FREE to the public and accessible to all ages and abilities. This woman-led festival that promotes creativity, diversity, and wellness has seen a considerable amount of rejections from grant sources. So, they've decided to take it to the streets in order to facilitate its return. DDDF is hoping to raise 20k by January 5th so that there can be a 2024 festival...and they have a LONG way to go. I'm hoping you'll be willing to share this fundraising information, amplify the event, and help make this unique Door County event happen again! Let's see what us 100+ women can accomplish together. FIXED fundraiser- <https://igg.me/at/savedeathsdoordancefest/x/523528#/>

To make a tax-deductible donation through their fiscal sponsor-

<https://www.studiokflamenco.com/dddf>

Also, they are in search of pledged business sponsors in exchange for a robust marketing campaign and VIP perks- email deathsdoordancefestival@gmail.com

