

January 2026 Edition



LIBERTY GROVE ROCKS

Featured Business

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

Important Dates

Dec. 31st - Jan 1st - Town Office closed
Jan. 07th - Town Board Meeting, 6pm
Jan. 21st - Town Board Meeting, 6pm

Liberty Grove's website can be found at: libertygrovewi.gov

From the Town Chairman:

Greeting Grovians,

And Happy New Year!

I hope you've all recovered from the chaotic joys of the holiday season — and from Mother Nature's reminder that we do live in Wisconsin. Take heart... we've passed the winter solstice, and the days will now be getting longer — if not warmer.

Speaking of reminders, it's tax time (as if you didn't know). Be sure to mail at least half of your obligation by the end of January.

As we say goodbye to 2025 (some fondly, some not so much) and begin our 2026 journey, my heartfelt wish for you is peace, health, and the sense of community that binds us.

Blessings and be well,
Nancy



REMEMBER

A delicious and nutritious lunch is provided by.

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

Tuesday, and Thursday
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...**

Door County Library- Sister Bay / Liberty Grove

Readers Rampant Book Group

Second Tuesday each month- 2:30pm: "God of the Woods" by Liz Moore

Northern Door Genealogy Society

4th Wednesday of each month 1:30pm

Wooly Stitches

3rd Monday of each month- 10:00-12:00pm

Wednesday, January 21st –

2pm Spoon Rest Ceramic Class with Owl Arts Pottery: Make your own ceramic spoon rest in relation to our Door County Reads Festival Theme. Limited spots, please RSVP with Sister Bay library: 920-854-2721. Free of cost to participate, and all supplies included.

Tuesday, January 27th - 5:30- 6:30pm, Door County Reads Briar Club Music: Enjoy music hour with David Watkins. As part of the Door County Reads program series, join us and David Watkins for an evening of early 1950's themed music curated with historical context around the book "The Briar Club". Light refreshments provided. Funded by Door County Library Foundation

Screen free Craft Bag pickup the month of January- Free

Great Lakes Water Levels

Forecasted water levels for December 26th are below levels from last month on all lakes by a range of 1 to 5 inches, except for Lake St. Clair, which has a forecast water level is about 1 inch above its level from one month ago. Lakes St. Clair, Erie and Ontario are all above chart datum. Lake Superior is near chart datum, and Lake Michigan-Huron is 1 inch below chart datum. Compared to last year, the predicted December 26 th water levels indicate that Lakes Michigan-Huron, St. Clair, Erie, and Ontario are below their levels from last year by 8, 8, 9, and 1 inch(es), respectively, while Lake Superior is near last year's level. All lakes are below their long-term December average levels by 5 to 14 inches, depending on the lake. However, water levels remain above their record lows for December by a range of 12 to 28 inches. By January 26 th , Lakes Superior and Michigan-Huron are expected to decline by 3 and 1 inch(es), respectively. Lakes Erie and Ontario are both forecasted to rise 1 inch, while Lake St. Clair is forecast to remain near its current level.

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

2026 Dog licenses & Tags

The **2026 Dog Licenses & tags** for new dogs and renewals are available as of January 02, 2026. You must apply for the license before April 1, 2026, 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.

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 in the office on Thursday mornings from 8:30am to 10:00am. Appointments for other times are also possible. Call Dave Enigl 920-493-2294.

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 town@libertygrovewi.gov

CAREGIVER Stress-Busting Dementia Program

Do you provide care for a loved one with Alzheimer's disease or dementia? Program available at no cost.

Multi-component program meets 90 minutes/week for 9 weeks. Groups of up to 8 people.

Where: ADRC of Door County-Caregiver Library: 914 North 14th Avenue

When: January 8th-March 5th 10:00- 11:30AM

Please call for more information to register: Sierra or Nicki 920-746-2372