



LIBERTY GROVE ROCKS

Important Dates:

Mar. 15 – Board Meeting 7pm
Mar. 22 – Plan Commission 7pm
Mar. 20 – In office voting starts
April 4 – Spring Election
April 5 – Board Meeting
April 18 – Annual Town Meeting

Featured Business

Seaquist Orchards Farm Market and Bakery

920-854-4199

11482 State Highway 42

Sister Bay, WI 54234

www.seaquistorchards.com

DON'T FORGET TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD
(Spring ahead, Fall Back)
ONE HOUR ON SATURDAY NIGHT, MARCH 11th!

From Your Town Chairman:

We are awaiting word from NWTC regarding the letting bids for the remodeling of the Old Baylake Bank building in Sister Bay for the new Regional Learning center they plan to open in that location. Dean Stewart, who is Dean of Corporate Training and Economic Development, has been invited to update us on the progress of the project.

Administrator Kalms and I met with representatives from the DOT regarding the upcoming repaving project on Highway 57. A lot of discussion and consternation has been expressed by town residents over the proposed removal of rock piles within the clear zone as part of this project. The DOT representatives were seeking input on the proposed removal of the rocks and assured us that many walls and piles would be left untouched. We explained that the rocks represent a significant link to the history of our area and the people who originally cleared those rocks from the fields. We also discussed the desire not to have the road resemble all other state highways as this was not in keeping with our rural scenic historic character. We suggested they meet first with the affected property owners and then schedules general meeting to explain the project. Based upon our experience in the past several years over tree removal when a town road is scheduled to be repaved, we emphasized the importance of meeting with residents and being flexible in addressing the clear zone. The representatives were receptive and appreciative of the input. Hopefully the project will be able to proceed respecting the concerns expressed by town residents.

Town Crew Chief, Jay Olson, has indicated just short of 900 yards of sand/salt have been applied this winter to Town Roads. The crew was clearing roads until after 10:00 PM during the last snow storm. We have purchased additional sand and salt to shore up our reserves for the rest of the winter.

The Town's attorney, on behalf of the Town Board, has filed a Notice of Circumstances and Claim Pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 893.80 (1D). This is regarding our claim of ownership interest, which amounts to about 46.25% of the Wastewater Treatment plant located in the Village of Sister Bay. We are also looking to recover the amount due to the Town on the sale of the Larson Property located south of Ellison Bay on Hwy 42.

From Your Town Board:

- Waiver of 28 day review for zoning request (Discussed at the meeting of 1-18-2017):
Goss and Covotsos recused themselves. Goss spoke on behalf of the Flottmann's and Grandview Goods. She circulated a couple of old post cards from the property that pre-dated zoning. They showed that the property has always been used as a commercial entity. Mulliken asked what they are currently zoned as and what is around them. They are currently zoned SF30 and would like to be rezoned MC. Kalms brought in the zoning map and showed that this would not be considered spot zoning. MC is directly across the street and directly to the north. Waiver of the 28 days is an option of the Town. Mulliken wanted to be sure that the town had no interest in this building at this time. Goss and Lowry said no, it was GEO-DC which is not a town committee.
Lowry moved, Mulliken second to waive our 28 day review period. The motion Passed 5-0.
- **Administrator report**—he has started formulating the budget for 2018 in preparation for the finance meetings which start in the summer of 2017.
- 1. The County board has been discussing the ozone layer and the fact that there is an ozone counter at Newport State Park. The strongest concentration of pollution is along the lake.
- 2. MSHA (mining) class was held here on January 26, 2017 with about 50 people attending.
- 3. Kalms has met with Matt Velguth who is working on paintings found on the escarpment rocks.
- 4. The request to the state for funding for the diving staircase was made on Jan. 31st.
- **Ellison Bay Marina** – The board has approved requesting bids for doing the work on the marina. The request will be advertised in the Door County advocate as soon as possible. The work is to begin in the fall of 2017. There was discussion as to whether to drop or keep launch fees in the town as the DNR is no longer charging at Rowley's Bay. No decision was reached at this time. A motion was made to contact the DNR to ask their rationale for not charging launch fees.
- **Rock piles on 57** – the decision was made to write a letter to the DOT and State Representatives to save the stone walls in Liberty Grove along Hwy 57.

To watch YouTube videos of Town Board Meetings go to the town website www.libertygrove.org, click on Meetings and Agendas and search for Town Board meetings.

Reminder

You must apply for your dog license **before** April 1, 2017 to avoid a late fee.

Fees are

Altered - \$3.00

Regular - \$8.00

Late fee – Add \$5.00

You will need a **certificate** from your dog's veterinarian showing his/her **current rabies shot, expiration, manufacturer and serial number of the shot.**



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.
Come and have lunch with us!*

*Call 888-743-7844 X2542
24 hours before the first time you come.
You can sign up for future lunches at
the site.*



Aside from the two recycling events in Liberty Grove twice a year, there is recycling available (paid for by the Town) for Liberty Grove Residents:

Going Garbage
10564 Old Stage Rd.
920-854-2114

Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri - 9:00am until 3:00pm.
Sat. - 8:00 am until noon.
Closed on Wednesday.

1. **Paper items should be kept separate from containers.** Items allowed in your paper and cardboard recycling container include newspaper, magazines, junk mail, office paper, container board, corrugated cardboard, catalogs, phone books, etc. Greasy pizza boxes are not recyclable.
2. Items that are allowed at this time are un-flattened, unbroken food and beverage containers made of glass, aluminum, tin and plastics #1 - 2. All items must be rinsed of food or liquids.
3. Clean plastic grocery bags, packaging and wrappers can be brought to the drop-off site and placed in a separate container for recycling or taken to your local grocery store for recycling.
4. Styrofoam is considered trash and not recyclable.
5. Electronics can be accepted at the site for a fee, please call Going Garbage to determine if your electronics are eligible to be accepted.
6. Going Garbage no longer allows tires, batteries and waste oil.

Regular garbage pick-up is paid for individually and a private account must be set up with the garbage hauler. Trash can be taken directly to the site and will be accepted for a fee.
For answers to your "Frequently Asked Questions" go to www.goinggarbage.com

Recycling and Shredding
Events in
Liberty Grove
Will be

June 17, 2017
September 16, 2017.



****Reminder****

Early voting
Begins March 20
Ends March 31

Spring Election - April 4.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
FOR THE LIBERTY GROVE
ANNUAL MEETING
APRIL 18 AT 7 PM



1st Annual Easter Egg hunt!!

Saturday April 15, 2017

Time to be determined

Fitzgerald Park

Contact mickie.dcnorth@gmail.com

Are you interested in supporting the younger generation to be able to make a living in our neighborhood? Consider joining

NexGen Young Professionals Network



The Door County Economic Development Corporation (DCEDC) has proudly launched the **NexGen Door County Young Professionals Network**. The purpose of the NexGen Young Professionals Network is to help attract and retain young professionals in Door County through social, educational and community service programming.

NexGen will offer a regular schedule of events, including professional development, community service projects and social gatherings, throughout the length and breadth of the peninsula. Keep up to date with NexGen events via their [Facebook Page](#).

Admission to all NexGen Door County events is free for members. There is a non-member fee of \$10.

Next Gen's goal is **to promote the benefits of living and working in Door County to young professionals as well as long-term young residents.**

By strengthening Door County's community of young people, they also hope to **entice native graduates to return to the community they grew up in.**

Individual Membership: \$50

Includes admission to all NexGen events (other program costs may apply)

Business: \$300

Up to 10 young professionals from your business can participate in our events and programming

Premier Sponsor: \$1500

Unlimited young professional employees can participate

Tailored tours of the community for your recruits and new hires by an appropriately matched NexGen member

Option to hold a NexGen event or program at your business

Business name and logo at all NexGen events

Contact: Aubrey Immel (920) 422-4911

nexgendoorcounty@gmail.com

For info on the organization and upcoming events

From the Door County Tourism zone:

In May of 2007 the Door County Tourism Zone was established because studies showed that Door County was losing its market share to other locations in the state. The room tax was subsequently initiated in order to generate money for a broader marketing campaign. The money is then redistributed to the municipalities at 30%, The Door County Visitors Bureau at 66% and 4% for Administration Costs.

Any innkeeper or other property owner offering transient rental (less than 30 days) must obtain a permit and collect 5.5% room tax (per WI State statute, local ordinance, and the Door County Tourism Zone Intergovernmental Agreement).

The Tourism Zone believes legal lodging providers who collect and remit room tax deserve a level playing field for following the requirements. Failing to collect or remit tax and maintain licenses may give an illegal unit an unfair advantage over a legal lodging property. Consequently the Tourism Zone proactively and diligently seeks out those who are offering their property for short term rentals via word-of-mouth, craigslist, newspaper or online rental by owner sites to ensure proper permitting and remittance of room tax.

**For a permit application, call 920-854-6200 or
e-mail info@doorcountytourismzone.com**

Northeastern Wisconsin Housing Rehabilitation CDBG Loan Program



For additional information on the program,
please contact:
Todd D. Mead, Planner I
Brown County Planning Commission
305 E. Walnut Street, 3rd Floor,
Green Bay, WI 54301
mead_td@co.brown.wi.us (920) 448-6485

Serving the Counties of Brown, Calumet, Door, Fond du Lac, Kewaunee, Manitowoc, Marinette, Outagamie, Sheboygan, and Winnebago

* Residents of the Cities of Appleton, Fond du Lac, Green Bay, Neenah, Oshkosh, and Sheboygan should contact their respective cities for information on similar programs.

Landlords:

0% Installment loans are available for rental unit repairs provided the unit is/will be rented to tenants who are low or moderate income. Contact the program administrator for more details.

Door County

0% interest, deferred payment loans are available to assist with purchasing a home, including down payment and closing costs.

The Community Development Block Program is an equal opportunity program. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.

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Homeowners:

If your home is in need of repairs, you may qualify for home rehabilitation assistance through the NE Wisconsin Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) - Housing Loan Program:

- Minimum loan amount of \$1,000.
- Loans are offered at 0% interest.
- No loan payments are required until the home is sold, refinanced, or is no longer the primary residence of the applicant. Loans lasting 30 years may be re-recorded for up to another 30 years.
- The loan is secured by a mortgage on the property.

Activities generally may include:

- Private septic system replacement
- Private well replacement
- Roof repair/replacement
- Lead paint and asbestos remediation
- Door/window replacement
- Plumbing/electrical/HVAC repairs
- Siding repair/replacement
- Accessibility improvements for individuals with disabilities
- Other general improvements

Gross household income must be at or below 80% of the median county income.

Income limits may be found here: http://doa.wi.gov/Documents/DOH/Household_Income_Limits.pdf

Neptune's Dive Club partners with Liberty Grove and Wisconsin Coastal Management:



- **September, 2016:** Liberty Grove has approved funding for Porte des Morts Staircase Project dependent on also receiving a grant from Wisconsin Coastal Management. Liberty Grove will apply for the 2017 Wisconsin Coastal Management Program grant that will provide additional funding for the completion of the staircase.
- **January, 2016:** Our application for a grant from the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program has been postponed for another 12 months.
- **December, 2015:** Google Trusted Photographer, John Touscany is offering to create and publish Google Virtual Tours for any Door County business. In return the business pays 100% of the fee directly to the Port des Morts Staircase Fund at the [Door County Community Foundation](#). If you are a Door County business and want to learn more, contact John Touscany, (920) 246-7800. See all John's Google Virtual Tours here: [Touscany Google Virtual Tours](#)
- **November, 2015:** Our application for a grant from the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program has been successfully submitted for consideration.
- **July, 2015:** Our application for a grant from the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program was denied. However, we were told it was close to being accepted and have been asked to apply again in 2016. More news to come in Fall, 2015.
- **September, 2014:** The Town Liberty Grove has agreed to apply for a grant from the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program for the Porte des Morts Staircase Project in Door County that when granted in early 2015, will fund 50%, (\$25,000) of the construction costs. This grant is a 'lock' if we can raise the other \$25,000 by year's end.
- **July 14, 2010:** John Tuscany met with the Liberty Grove Waterfront Committee to further discuss this project. This committee was also receptive to the project.
- **July 6, 2010:** John Tuscany met with the Liberty Grove Parks & Property Committee on July 6th and explained why a staircase would be a benefit to Liberty Grove. They agreed to explore the possibility of constructing staircases to the shore at two Liberty Grove Parks.

To learn more about how you can support this project go to www.neptunesdiveclub.com.



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FALL/WINTER/SPRING HOURS
Oct 26, 2015 – MAY 28, 2016

Monday	10:00 am - 7:00 pm
Tuesday	1:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Wednesday	10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Thursday	Closed
Friday	10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Saturday	10:00 am - 2:00 pm

You can catch more of their news on:

doorcountylibrary.org

Then click on the
[Sister Bay/ Liberty Grove](#)
Link on the right.