



LIBERTY GROVE ROCKS

Featured Business

Sutra Gallery Fine Art & Textiles of India
12044 Hwy 42
Ellison Bay, WI 54210
phone: (920) 854-2880
Visit their web site:
www.sutragallery.com

Important Dates

June 13: Parks & Property at 9:00am
June 14: Plan Commission at 7:00pm
June 17: Electronic and shredding 9-1pm
June 23-25: Ellison Bay Days
July 4: Office will be closed
July 5: Town Board meeting 7:00pm



HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!
PLEASE CELEBRATE RESPONSIBLY!

Don't forget your fireworks permit prior to shooting them off. Call 920-854-2934 for information.

FROM YOUR TOWN CHAIRMAN

Administrator Kalms and Treasurer Johnson have begun work on next year's Town budget. They will present the proposed budget to the Finance Committee this summer for consideration. The Budget Hearing will again be scheduled for fall as in the past several years. This has been done to provide more public input prior to many leaving the area for winter. 2018 will see both major Bond obligations finalized. A request for a new levy override in the future will be discussed as we have been able to catch up on many maintenance projects that had been delayed due to budget restraints in the past. An attempt to explain how a new override will impact the mill rate will take place at the informational meetings to be held before the budget hearing. The dates of those meetings will be coming soon.

The Board has begun working on long range planning for Liberty Grove. This will be done in conjunction with the Town Comprehensive Plan which is currently being updated by the Plan Commission. Many of the Town committees currently have developed rolling five year plans to anticipate needs and projects in coming years as a way to anticipate financial needs and planning.

Administrator Kalms and I recently met with Sister Bay Administrator Jackson and Village President Lienau to discuss possible ways to settle the ownership issue regarding the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Both the Town and Village have filed lawsuits against each other regarding ownership. We were exploring a possible solution to avoid legal expenditures. We also wanted to clarify how the current Village financial situation might impact the Town as we share expenses for the joint Fire Department and Library in addition to the treatment plant. The Board was updated on that meeting at our June 7th Board meeting. The expenditures for library, fire protection and waste water treatment may be found in the Town Budget. The Town office is also available to answer questions.

The NWTC Learning and Innovation Center planned for the old Bay Lake Bank continues to develop. Work should commence shortly on interior changes to develop class room space and programs. It now appears that the center will be ready to open sometime next winter.

From your Town Board:



Committee appointments – Chairman John Lowry has appointed Cheryl Culver to the Parks & Property Committee, Bob Tidball to Finance and Utilities, Peter Brooks to Technology and Hugh Mulliken to the Tourism Zone Commission. All Plan Commissioners have been asked to return for another term.

Public input – Carol Maronek asked that the Town Board create a recusal policy to help eliminate any concern of conflict of interest. A copy of her handout to the board is in the office.

Associated Appraisal Consultants – a three year contract was renewed with the company. Ryan Andersen is the representative in charge of Liberty Grove.

Road Work. Lowry moved, Mulliken second to award NE Asphalt the paving contract for the following roads: S. Sand Bay Ln, Northern Door Rd, Beechwood E & W, Sunnyside, Little Sister Hill and Timberline N. of Hwy 42 in August of 2017.

Tobacco licenses in Liberty Grove- The Board voted unanimously to raise the price of tobacco licenses from \$10 to \$50/year. By statute they could go as high as \$100/year.

Resolution thanking Peter Sauer-a resolution was passed by the Board thanking Peter Sauer for his many years of service to the town and the Utility District.

Commercial launch application- once Ord. 1-17 is approved the application for a commercial launch permit will reference this ordinance in hopes of stopping certain activities at the launch sites making it difficult for others to launch their watercraft.

Long range plan – Lowry would like to start working on a long range plan for the Town. With the growth in Sister Bay and the properties for sale in Ellison Bay it is just a matter of time for change in Liberty Grove. He would like to take a pro-active approach to it working with the Plan Commission and the Smart Growth Plan.

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Here is the Liberty Grove Ordinance on Noxious Weeds & Invasive Species adopted in 2016:

Town of Liberty Grove Ordinance

Ordinance 7-16

An Ordinance Regulating Noxious Weeds and Invasive Species

The Town Board of the Town of Liberty Grove, Door County, Wisconsin, does ordain as follows:

1. Authority. This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to authority granted in Wis. Stats. 66.0407 and Wis. Stats. 60.22(3).

2. Purpose. This Ordinance codifies the requirement for property owners to destroy noxious and invasive weeds upon their property in the Town of Liberty Grove and provides the Town enforcement authority to require such action.

3. Definition of Noxious Weed and Invasive Species. In addition to those weeds defined by Wis. Stats 66.0407, as amended, the town specifically includes the following which are defined as noxious weeds: Phragmites, Wild Parsnip, Common & Cut Leaf Teasle, and Japanese Knot Weed.

4. Enforcement. The Town Board or its designees shall enforce this ordinance. If any person fails to comply with the provisions of Wis. Stats 66.0407, as amended and as adopted by the Town of Liberty Grove, the town may, after five (5) days written notice to the owner, cause the premises to be mowed and/or sprayed and shall report the cost thereof to the town clerk. This cost shall be entered on the tax roll as a special charge for services under Wis. Stats 66.0627.

5. Penalties. Any person owning, occupying or controlling land in the Town of Liberty Grove who fails to destroy all noxious weeds as required herein shall forfeit not less than \$50 or more than \$200. Each day that a violation exists is considered a separate violation. In addition, the court may impose upon each person violating the section an assessment for court costs and all costs and fees, including reasonable attorney fees, incurred by the Town in enforcement of this section.

6. Implementation

This ordinance shall become effective upon passage and posting according to law.

Adopted at a regular meeting of the Liberty Grove Town Board on the 5th day of October, 2016.

Door County Invasive Species
now has a Facebook page. If you
are interested in following them
use the link below and "like"
them.

<https://www.facebook.com/dcist>

A shout out to Janet Rhiner

Janet Rhiner, better known in the office as JR, has decided she needed to be closer to family in the Milwaukee area. Her help in the office will be missed. And as for the quality of the upcoming newsletters.....that remains to be seen. I will do my best to follow in her footsteps. Good luck on the move and in the future.

Getting rid of liquid waste.

Going Garbage Recycling and Solid Waste Inc. has some helpful tips for getting rid of liquids that you don't know what to do with.

- **Used motor oil:** When changing the oil in your car or lawnmower you can dispose of the waste oil by putting the dirty oil in containers that will seal tightly. Bring the sealed container to Going Garbage and they will let you leave it at no charge.
- **Latex paint:** If you are not planning on using what is left in a latex paint can you just need to leave the top off and let the paint dry out completely. This is not considered hazardous and can be disposed of as regular trash. One can of paint can go into your trash pickup. Leave the lid off. If you have quite a few cans please bring them in with the lids off.
- **Oil-based paint:** This is still not hazardous but needs to be treated differently from latex paint. Cat litter, newspaper, oil absorbents, sawdust or commercial paint hardener will do the trick.
- **Thinners, solvents, gasoline, kerosene, etc.:** These are considered hazardous and under any circumstances should not be mixed in with your regular trash. A small spark can create a tremendous fire. Garbage companies cannot take hazardous waste. Occasionally the County will sponsor a hazardous drop-off in the fall. The dates for these are not known far ahead of time and are usually two years apart. You can also take these items to the Brown County Household Hazardous Waste facility, 2561 S. Broadway, Green Bay. Charges may apply.



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.

Come and have lunch with us and play bingo on Wednesdays!

*Call **888-743-1844 X2542*

24 hrs before the first time you come.

***Note: Previous newsletters had an incorrect phone number*

ELLISON BAY DAYS!

June 23, 24 and 25.

Don't miss out on the weekend activities in Ellison Bay. Great food, music and activities for the whole family.

Watch the Peninsula Pulse for the schedule of events.

Did you know that radon is present in a lot of northern Door County homes due in part to the decay of limestone below the ground? Test kits are available at Ace Hardware in Sister Bay or on line.

Electronic Recycling and paper shredding!!!

Saturday, June 17th from 9:00am until 1:00pm

Liberty Grove and Sister Bay Residents only

Household appliances accepted as well.



As in past years the Town and the Village co-sponsor this event to help residents safely remove old electronics and appliances from their home. There is also paper shredding of sensitive documents on the same day. (Limit of 5 banker boxes per household or business) There are minimal charges for some electronics listed in the blue box on this page. You can also find a list of these items on the Town's web site.



Free:

Towers, laptops, keyboards and mouse
Cell phones
Servers
Wire and cabling
Copiers, printers, fax machines
Phone systems
DVD or VCR
Stereo's or CD players
Rechargeable batteries
Household appliances, big or small
Anything metal

For a fee:

Monitors	\$10
TV	\$15
TV over 30"	\$30
Console TV	\$30
Freon units	\$5

(This list may not be all inclusive.)