



LIBERTY GROVE ROCKS

Featured Business

Viking Grill and Lounge
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Important Dates

Nov. 14th- Planning Commission meeting 7pm
Nov. 21st- Town Board meeting- 7pm
Nov. 22nd & 23rd Town Hall closed
Nov. 28th- Smart Growth Hearing- 7pm
Dec. 5th – Town Board meeting- 7pm

All the above at the Town Hall

It's kind of fun to do the impossible...



Door County Trivia

Roughly half of Door County's visitors come from within Wisconsin, about one third from Illinois (mostly greater Chicago, which is 4-5 hours away) and about 5% come from Minnesota (mostly the Twin Cities region, which is about 5 hours away). In all, over 90 percent of Door County's overnight visitors come from within the six-state Midwest region of the United States, however, a growing number of visitors from all corners of the U.S. are finding out about the area and visiting Door County

FROM THE TOWN CHAIRMAN

We are saddened to report the passing of Gary Farber. Gary served on the Town Board and was chair of the Parks & Property Committee. He always had the best interest of our community in mind when discussing and deciding on issues that came before the committee and Board. It was an honor and privilege to be on the Board with him.

I want to compliment the electors who attended the budget hearing and Special Town meeting on the proposed purchase of three shoreline properties in Gills Rock. The questions asked regarding the levy override and property purchases were excellent. The electors voted to approve the purchase, authorized the Board to proceed and the levy override. A task force is in place to gather information on the best possible uses for the properties. They have been requested to report their findings at the Annual Spring Town meeting. Their meetings are posted and open to the public.

The Board and members of the Highway committee had a conference call with a representative from the Wisconsin DOT regarding the proposed pavement improvements along Hwy 42 in the area of Yacht Works and also in Ellison Bay. The DOT is asking the town to fund a portion of the cost when it comes to paving the outside lanes. The estimated cost to the town would be \$20,000.00.

Another task force in place is the 2030 group which is formulating how the Town should address the future needs, possible facilities and infrastructure as we approach 2030. These meetings are posted and open to the public.

Any interested in serving on the Town Board to fill the vacant position is asked to contact the office. The Board will hold interviews with applicants and appoint as quickly as possible to have our community represented by a full Board of Supervisors.

The law firm for the Village of Sister Bay has asked for a summary judgement by the court regarding our lawsuit over plant ownership. Our attorney will proceed with answering that request before the court.

**From your Town Board-
On behalf of the Board, Administration, Committees and Town
Crew I would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.
John Lowry**



If you are interested in running for office, there will be 2 supervisor positions and the chairman position up for election in April.

Car Charging Station



A car charging station has been installed behind the Maritime Museum in Gills Rock. The Tech committee is currently working on a second car charging station, the second site to be determined.

If you enjoy farm markets during the summer, now you can enjoy one during the winter months.

Baileys Harbor Community Association will host winter farm markets at the Baileys Harbor Town Hall. Open during the following, November 10th, January 13th, February 10th, March 10th and April 14th. The market will be open from 10:00am until 2:00pm. During the month of December the market will be on Sundays, the 2nd, 9th and 16th from 9:00am until 1:00pm. They will have locally grown and handmade items for sale. If you want more information you are encouraged to call 839-2366.

Over the Thanksgiving weekend many organizations or churches hold a festive dinner, either free-will donation or a small fee which the proceeds benefit a local cause. If you find that you may be dining alone consider checking the Peninsula Pulse for a location that sounds interesting to you. A bountiful meal tastes better when enjoyed with friends.



Now that leaves are off the trees and fields have been cut, turkeys traveling in numbers can be seen regularly. They are fun to watch but be warned that hitting one is like running into a large rock. Just like with deer at this time of year, eyes on the sides of the road are important.

THE BIG BUNDLE UP is back!

Beginning on November 15th and running through December 31, during business hours 8:30-4pm, the Town Hall will be a drop off point for new or lightly used winter clothing. Coats, hats, gloves, scarfs, socks, etc. are welcome. These items will find their way to *Clothe My People* in Sturgeon Bay. PLEASE, check your closets or give a nice Christmas gift to someone who is having trouble staying warm this winter.



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,
enjoy conversation, meet new
friends and socialize!**

**Call **888-743-1844 X2542
24 hrs before the
first time you come for lunch.**

Shop Local this Holiday season!

As we approach the end of November and December this might be a good time to remind everyone that shopping locally is the best. It helps to keep people employed and shops open longer than the tourist season. You can find shops located in Liberty Grove by going to our web site, www.libertygrove.org and look under the business tab. If you know of a business in Liberty Grove that isn't listed on the web, contact Janet Johnson at 920-854-2934 and she can get that business in the directory.

Shopping locally saves time and gas and is safer when the snow is falling. Plan on shopping locally this year.



News Worthy Tidbits



Passing of the 2018 levy and 2019 budget

On Tuesday, Oct. 16th 133 citizens came together to vote on the Town tax levy for the 2019 tax season. The final amount to levy is \$2,343,187.76 and that passed with a vote of 133 with no nays heard. At a subsequent board meeting the budget of the same amount was passed unanimously. A copy of the approved budget can be found on the Town's website, www.libertygrove.org.

Town Hall Positions

The Town of Liberty Grove in Northern Door County, Wisconsin, is looking for a full time, year round Clerk/Treasurer along with duties assisting the Administrator. For this position you must have excellent communication and Customer Service skills, have basic Banking and accounting skills, a working knowledge of Microsoft Word, Excel, and Quick books, social media such as Facebook, and have good keyboard skills. The position is salaried with some nights required. A job description is available upon request. The Town of Liberty Grove is an equal opportunity employer. Please submit your resume to the Town office at 11161 Old Stage Rd, Sister Bay, WI 54234, phone 920-854-3220.

Annual Ellison Bay Holiday Tree Lighting

Mark your calendars for Sunday, **Nov. 18th** when the Ellison Bay Service Club will hold their annual tree lighting. They will start at 5:00pm across from the Viking Grill followed by the ceremony walk to the community chili dinner sponsored by the Mink River Basin. There is no charge for dinner but those who attend are asked to bring a canned good for the local food bank.



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Liberty Grove Senior Resources



Retirement should be a time when seniors relax and enjoy their golden years. However, this will only happen if a person starts planning early. Having a solid plan means one gets to have more fun and less stress in their later years.

During one's peak earning years, both men and women should not be spending all their money, as they should be thinking about setting some aside for older age when they will no longer be able to look after themselves and will no longer be working. It is something that can ensure they have adequate amounts in place for a rewarding and active retirement.

Although nobody likes to think about long-term health care and senior living, especially in their healthy and younger years, it is a crucial aspect. Statistics indicate that about 70% of retirees who are 65 years and over at some point require long-term care. Costs for long-term care may be higher than you think and will probably keep going up as the years go by.

For example, residing in a private room in a nursing home for a year on average costs nearly \$100,000 while one will have to part with almost \$50,000 for a home health aide or homemaker services. The [more affordable senior living option](#) is assisted living, which currently carries an average nationwide cost of around \$45,000, with some states far below and far above this cost. The prices can go way up depending on the services that a person requires and the type of facility one decides to live in ([Alzheimer's facilities](#) will cost more for example). Moreover, many older adults choose to live in retirement communities, and these can get quite pricey as well (especially the [luxury retirement communities](#)).

Fidelity states that an average 65-year-old couple will most likely spend around \$250,000 on health care alone in their senior years. For this reason, when planning for retirement, include the long-term care costs as well to be on the safe side and to be in the best possible position when retiring.

Senior Guidance, an organization dedicated to providing helpful senior living resources for the elderly. There is a dedicated section that provides extremely detailed information on Wisconsin assisted living, a listing of services available for seniors living in Wisconsin: www.seniorguidance.org

Aging & Disability Resource Center of Door County
916 N. 14th Avenue, Sturgeon Bay, Wi. 855-828-2372
www.ADRCDoorCounty.org

Caring.com is a leading senior care resource for family caregivers seeking information and support as they care for aging parents, spouses and loved ones.
www.caring.com

FROM ALL OF US AT THE TOWN HALL, WE WOULD LIKE TO WISH THE CITIZENS OF LIBERTY GROVE A VERY HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

