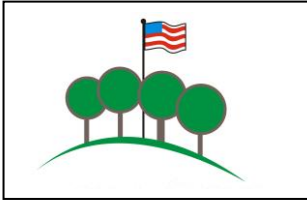


December 2019



LIBERTY GROVE ROCKS

Featured Business

Bea's Ho-Made Products
763 State Hwy 42
Ellison Bay, WI 54210
920-854-2268
beashomade@gmail.com

Important Dates

Dec. 18th- Town Board Meeting 7pm
Dec. 24 and Dec. 25 and Jan 1st- Town Hall is closed
Dec. 27th-Notification Non-candidacy papers due in the office
Jan. 07- Last day to file nomination papers for the Spring Primary

WISDOM IS THE POWER TO PUT OUR TIME
AND KNOWLEDGE TO THE PROPER USE...

From the Town Chairman

Supervisor Cathy Ward is assembling an ad hoc committee to work on plans for the Gills Rock properties. The group will utilize the information gathered in listening sessions held this past year where citizens expressed their preferences for how the property should be developed. A proposal by private individuals which was presented to the Parks and Property Committee will be part of the group's consideration.

The Board has authorized the participation in a broadband expansion 2020 grant. Liberty Grove and Door County Broadband will each pledge \$75,000 in hopes of receiving a matching fund of \$150,000 from the Public Service Commission. If received, the monies will fund at least two 190' towers and smaller 100' towers in Liberty Grove. The Town has received many support letters from residents and organization which will be presented with the grant application. David Studebaker, chairman of our Technology Committee, and his committee have been very diligent in the quest for better broadband service in Liberty Grove.

The Board is gathering information on the formation of a Community Improvement Foundation. The Wisconsin Towns Association November magazine made mention of such an organization in Marathon County whereby contributions are accepted to help fund community projects. The Board felt this would be an excellent way to move forward with projects within the Town in the future.

The Board, meeting as the Personnel Committee, has formalized an employee evaluation process as a way to assist employees in their respective positions and overall efficiency of the Town government.

On behalf of the Board, administration, committees and Town crew I would like to extend to everyone a sincere Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

From your Town Board

Ordinance 15-19, Fireworks Policy –The fireworks ordinance has been updated to Prohibit the use of binary explosive devices. **Lowry moved, Schwengel second** to adopt ordinance 15-19 as presented. Passed 5-0. The full ordinance can be viewed at the Town office.



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. Lunch is served at noon.

Come and have lunch with us, enjoy conversation, meet new friends and socialize!

Call ****920-746-2523****
24 hours before the first time you come for lunch.

The Senior Christmas party will take place Dec. 18th. If you are interested in attending, please call to be included for the lunch.

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, from 10-2pm.

Dec. 07, Dec. 14, Dec. 21, Jan. 11, Feb. 08, Mar. 14 and April 11.

They will have locally grown and handmade items for sale. If you want more information you are encouraged to call 839-2366.

From the Front Lines:



December 31, 2019
12:00-4:00pm

For those of you who wish to pay your **Property Taxes in person for 2019,**

Stacy Bell, Clerk/Treasurer, will remain available in the office for the purpose of collecting your property taxes during the above referenced time period. Please bring your tax bill with you to be certain your payment is applied to the correct tax parcel. This is the only time you will be able to make your payment at the Town Hall. **If you are an Associated Bank customer, you can also pay at the Sister Bay bank during their banking hours.**



IT'S THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR

The annual Ellison Bay tree lighting was held on November 24th with good weather helping the turnout. Following caroling and seasonal greetings the crowd headed to the Mink River Basin and enjoyed warm chili and friendship to kick off this season of good tidings.



Tax Bills



Tax bills have been mailed out in early December. If you did not received yours, you can check the amount due on the County's web site, www.co.door.wi.gov and choose land records. You can look up your bill by entering your parcel number, physical address or owner last name. You can also call 920-854-2934 during the day and our office can help you.

The **2020 Dog Licenses & Tags** for new dogs and renewals are available as of **December 1, 2020**.

You must apply for the license before April 1, 2020 to avoid a late fee.

Fees are

Altered - \$5.00

Regular - \$10.00

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



Bell Ringers needed for the Salvation Army Christmas Kettle Campaign

Volunteer bell ringers are needed for Northern Door locations in Sister Bay (Piggly Wiggly, Al Johnson's Restaurant) and Ellison Bay (Pioneer Store). Get in the Holiday and community spirit by ringing for a two-hour shift on a Friday or Saturday from November 29- December 21. Times are 10-12pm, 12-2pm, or 2-4pm. (At Al Johnson's we ring from 9-3). Please sign up at RegisterToRing.com or call Mary Rosecky at 854-5480 to volunteer for an open slot. All locations are indoors except the Pioneer Store.

Door County Launches HousingDoorCounty.org website

A new website providing an overview of information and resources regarding housing issues in general as well as affordable housing issues specific to Door County is now available. The HousingDoorCounty.org website offers resources and information for individuals, developers, municipalities, and organizations on many housing-related topics, including the following:

- Home purchase, home repair, and renting
- Financial and agency resources
- Videos of recent presentations by a variety of local organizations about housing issues in Door County
- Information regarding occupational incomes and home affordability in Door County
- Affordable housing successes in Door County
- 2019 Door County Housing Study
- Links to local municipalities and comprehensive plans, and links to State and Federal housing-related agencies and programs.

Please contact Becky Kerwin at (920) 746-2327 or rkerwin@co.door.wi.us with any questions.

NWTC Community Education Classes upcoming

Candy (caramels, toffee, and angel food), 1-3pm Saturday, December 14, \$30

Create Your Own Website, learn about website builders, registering domains, creating content menus and more. 6-8pm, Monday, January 13, \$25

The Aging and Caregiving Resource Fair will be from 11am-2pm on Thursday, January 23. Come to the fair to learn how to care for yourself as you age and how to be a good care partner for others. Connect with area resources, develop skills, eat lunch and enjoy the company of others. It is Free, Contact us at (920) 746-4970 or sisterbay@nwtc.edu to pre-register.

NWTC will be hosting Certified Tourism Ambassador (CTA) Training from 8:30 am to 1pm, Thursday February 13, \$25. The Door County CTA program serves to increase regional tourism by inspiring front-line employees and volunteers to turn each visitor encounter into a positive experience. Upon successful completion of this class, participants will earn the Certified Tourism Ambassador designation and receive a CTA certificate and lapel pin. Register at <https://www.jotform.com/build/91045193395157>

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Make and Take Cooking Class: Pot Pies, 1-3pm, Saturday, January 25, \$25

Door County Reads Book Discussion: 1-3pm. Wednesday, January 29, free. Call 920-746-4970

[NWTC cont'd](#)

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. You can also register by calling 1-888-385-NWTC, or you can call 920-746-4970 for assistance.

[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



[Shop Local for the Holidays](#)

As we approach the middle of 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 Stacy Bell 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.

