



LIBERTY GROVE ROCKS

Featured Business

Turtle Ridge Gallery
11736 Mink River Rd.
Ellison Bay, WI 54210
(920) 854-4839
www.turtleridgegallery.com

Important Dates

Oct. 17 – Budget hearing/Special Town meeting-starts at 7:00pm.
Oct. 18th – Town Board meeting at 7:00pm
Oct. 20th – Flu shots from 11 to noon at Hall
Oct. 25th – Plan Commission mtg at 7:00pm



FALL COLORS ALWAYS ATTRACT

Again we will ask people to be careful driving in Northern Door County. The stretch of road to the left, at this time of year, can be a challenge. PLEASE watch for people trying to get that perfect picture.

FROM YOUR TOWN CHAIRMAN

The Board met with Fire Chief Chris Hecht at our first meeting in October. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss possible future alternatives for the funding and organization of the Sister Bay/Liberty Grove Fire Department. The Town and Village share a number of joint operations including the fire department, library and waste water treatment facility. Recent articles regarding the Villages finances prompted us to consider the long range financial obligations the Town has in the continuing operational co-operation between the Village and the Town. This past summer Administrator Kalms and I met with the Village Administrator and President to express the Town's concerns regarding the articles that appeared in the press. At that time we were assured everything was fine and was being handled correctly. We were also informed that the monies due the Town from the sale of the Larson property south of Ellison Bay had been tied to the outcome of the ownership dispute of the waste water facility. It was a unilateral decision made by the Village and not open for discussion. A recent revelation at a Fire Board meeting raised concerns on our part again. The board assured Chief Hecht of our continuing support of his fire personnel and the department and expressed our appreciation for the protection they afford to the Town, Village and surrounding communities. Chief Hecht was assured we will meet our financial obligations in full and on time when needed. Information on our funding of the various co-operative efforts with the Village may be found in the current proposed 2018 budget and also answered by the Town Office.

We also have received concerns regarding the 2018 road projects and the "clear zone". A clear zone is the area between the edge of the road shoulder and right of way. While we can delineate an area 10 feet in depth the Town has designated a six foot zone. As in the past the road right of way will be surveyed and marked. A letter to adjoining property owners was sent to explain the planned project and timing. If a property owner wants to meet with the Administrator while making plans for road preparation in front of their property they can do so by calling the office. The Town has taken a conservative approach to the "clear zone". Our roads account for a large portion of the yearly budget and it is important to make sure the Town receive the best return on its investment.

From your Town Board:

Ordinance approval – The Town Board approved Ordinance 5-17, Broadband Forward which encourages expansion of broadband services and helps companies that may be looking for grant money for this service and Ordinance 4-17, Boring under town roads which applies to anyone having buried lines that may have to be trenched under a town road. Please refer to ordinances on our web site or at the town office.



Town valuation – After the open book process the town's valuation has increased by roughly \$4,600,000.00. This does help the town when forming budgets and determining the amount that we are allowed to levy.

Committee appointments – Dale Stewart has been appointed to the Highway Committee and Pat Hockers has been voted as the new chairman of that committee. We want to thank Mike Walker for his service on this committee.

Finance Committee meetings – Finance and the Board have met to form a budget for 2018 to present to the special town meeting on Oct. 17th at 7:00pm. Electors are asked to vote for the proposed budget.

BOOKS AVAILABLE THRU THE TOWN OFFICE.

Along with printed material on subjects from A to Z, the office has samples of books that can be purchased from other organizations. Two books of particular interest are *Door County Coastal Byways* and *Liberty Grove History*. Stop by the Town office and page through them. Then if you wish to purchase them we can make arrangements for copies.

New signs for Town Parks and Cemeteries

In the past the Town Board had decided that they would like signs located in the town to all be of the same design. It was felt that this would help to further identify various locations in the town. A contest was held and Pat Keenan Design was the winner. We have received the signs that will be installed in the parks and cemeteries. The highway crew will be working on getting them installed along with their other maintenance duties. These match the design of the new signs along Hwy 57 and Hwy 42.



Getting ready for hunting season

Mid October begins the time were hunters are getting ready for deer season. Deer are also on the move. Please watch the sides of the roads for deer running out onto the roads. With earlier darkness it becomes difficult to see them. At the same time we would like to remind you of the importance of seat belts. Please buckle up. It is the law.

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, then you would come to the Town office to secure a building permit. Our building inspector is here on Thursday mornings from 8:30am to 10:00am. Appointments for other times are also possible. Call him at 920-421-1926 to schedule an appointment outside of his regular Thursday office hours.



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

WORTH REPEATING

(was in a previous newsletter)

If you know someone who is living with **Macular Degeneration**, there is a state agency that can help.

**State of Wisconsin-Dept. of Health
Office for the Blind & Visually
Impaired
888-879-0017**

This group does many things to help the visually impaired function better in their own home. For instance (among many other things):

- They will set up a **home visit** to give advice on improvements in safety and ease of motion.
- An account can be set up to order **audiobooks** from the Library of Congress free of charge, including postage.

Please call the agency to get more info on what they can do.

Budget hearing and Special Town meeting

Oct. 17, 2017 starting at 7:00pm

The Town Board will hear elector's comments on the proposed budget. Following the hearing the electors will vote on the proposed tax levy for the 2017 tax year payable in 2018.



A clock that doesn't run is right two times a day.

Moving forward with the NWTC project.

Well, the good news is the NWTC Learning & Innovation Center in Sister Bay (old Baylake Bank building) now has a manager and is moving forward. The new manager is Lisa Tetzloff and she is excited about the possibilities the center has. There will be a support group meeting held on Oct. 13th at the Liberty Grove Town Hall. Although this isn't a scheduled open meeting some of the Liberty Grove Board who have been directly involved may attend. In the meantime Lisa would love to hear from you with your thoughts on programming for the center. You can send an email to Lisa.Tetzloff@nwtc.edu and let her know your thoughts on hours, classes, center availability and more. This is a great opportunity for our residents to attend classes and still hold local jobs knowing they don't have to drive over an hour to get to school. Please let her know what classes you would like to see taught at the center. That is the way the programming will be effective and serve the taxpayers best.



Ellison Bay Fall Art Crawl

October 21st and 22nd
10:00am to 5:00pm

Maps for the crawl are available at the Ellison Bay Information Booth or with participating artists.



FLU SHOTS GIVEN AT THE TOWN HALL

Door County Health Services provides flu shots at the Town Hall once a year. This year's date is October 20th from 11:00am to noon. If you are on Medicare, please bring in your card. Otherwise there is a small fee for the shot.