



# LIBERTY GROVE ROCKS

## Featured Business

Uncle Tom's Candy Store  
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## Important Dates

Nov. 15 – Town Board meeting 7pm.  
Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> – tree lighting in Ellison Bay  
Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> – Town Hall closed  
Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> – Candidacy papers may circulate  
Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Candidacy papers must be turned in by 5pm



## TURKEYS - NOT JUST A PRETTY FACE

*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.*

## FROM YOUR TOWN CHAIRMAN

The Town and Village of Sister Bay have agreed to hold several joint meetings with the purpose of resolving differences between the Town and Village. At the heart of the differences is the ongoing question of ownership in the Wastewater Treatment plant. The 1988 agreement between the Town and Village was reviewed and updated in the 2013 Agreement. The Village did not want to address ownership in the 2013 agreement but left open the option for the Town to pursue a resolution to the ownership. The Town has legal opinion from the former Town attorney and the current Town attorney that we have an equity ownership in the plant base upon case law and earlier communications from the Village and their attorney at that time. The DNR has stated in the past that investment in a facility is viewed as ownership on their part.

Currently the Village has filed one lawsuit against the Town attempting to resolve the ownership question. The Town has subsequently filed two separate suits against the Village. Records indicate that the Town has invested just under two million in the facility over the life of the plant. In addition money was invested in the former Larson property just South of Ellison. The area was to be used for sludge spreading from the plant but that never occurred. The Village subsequently sold the property without any consultation with the Town. It should be noted that at the request of the DNR at the time of original purchase only one municipality was to be listed on the deed. The DNR also provided funds to help pay for the property. As the Town considers the sale of the Larson property to be separate from ownership it is seeking to be reimbursed for its portion of the original purchase price in addition to a portion of the DNR investment and profits realized by the sale. The Village was successful in having the DNR sign off on the property and will not seek its investment. The Village has assured the Town there is an account set aside that will reimburse the Town's portion of the selling price. The Town has subsequently billed the Village for that amount but to date has received no payment.

The Town's Utility District #1 receives water and waste water treatment from the plant. That district extends north on highway 42 to Beach Road and then north on Beach Road for several blocks. A sanitary district was created that encompasses the remainder of the Town.

Both municipalities are hopeful that the face to face meetings of the boards and administrations will result in a settlement of the disputes and allow everyone to move on.

## From your Town Board:

**Ordinance approval** – The Town Board approved Ordinance 7-17, Footings and Foundations in the town.

**Fire Board resolution** – The SB/LG Fire Board passed a resolution supporting communication between the Town and Village and promising continued support to the two municipalities no matter what.

**Parks Committee** – Suggested to the Board to place trash and recycling containers in all town parks. The Board needed more information so they sent it back to the Parks & Property Committee for more information.

**Utility Dist. #1** – Held a meeting on Nov. 1, 2017 to discuss various topics and to welcome Bob Tidball to the committee.



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### *Technology Committee Questionnaire*

The Tech committee will be including a questionnaire in this year's tax bill that they would like filled out and returned to the town. The goal of this is to see where the town is lacking in internet service, how people would use internet service, and to see how they can best put their efforts in the future for the citizens in Liberty Grove. Watch for this. It will be on a colorful insert with your tax bill.

### *ANNUAL ELLISON BAY HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING*

Mark your calendars for Sunday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> 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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### *THE BIG BUNDLE UP is back!*

Beginning on November 18<sup>th</sup> and running through January 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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*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. During the months of November, January, February, March and April they will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month from 10:00am until 2:00pm. During the month of December they will be on Sunday the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

## *Passing of the 2017 levy and 2018 budget.*

On Tuesday, Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> 16 citizens came together to vote on the Town tax levy for the 2017 tax season. The final amount to levy is \$2,183.403.50 and that passed with a vote of 14-0 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 web site, [www.libertygrove.org](http://www.libertygrove.org).

*From Administrator Bud Kalms and Clerk/Treasurer Janet Johnson, we wish the citizens of Liberty Grove a very happy Thanksgiving.*



### **NEED HEALTH INSURANCE?**

5 facts you should know

1. Open enrollment on the health care marketplace begins on Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> and lasts until Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> on HealthCare.gov
2. No matter if this is the first time or returning you must do so by Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>.
3. There is a minimum penalty of \$695 for not having health insurance.
4. Last year 8 in 10 people qualified for reduced insurance rates, some between \$50 and \$100 a month.
5. Free help is available to talk through your options with a trained professional.

Visit <http://localhelp.healthcare.gov> to get the help you may need to navigate through the health care marketplace.



**It's estimated that  
millions of trees are  
planted by forgetful  
squirrels.**

### 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. 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](http://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.



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.



### INTERESTED IN RUNNING FOR TOWN BOARD?

In the year 2018 there will be two seats open for Town Supervisor. Anyone interested in running for this position can pick up candidacy papers from the office. They cannot be circulated for signatures until December 1, 2017 and must be returned back to the office no later than January 2, 2018. Supervisors serve a two year term. In addition to 2 monthly meetings there are committees that meet on a regular basis that you may be asked to serve on. You must be a registered voter in Liberty Grove.

To be informed on the voting and the election process in Wisconsin go to [www.elections.wi.gov](http://www.elections.wi.gov).

### Ice skating in Liberty Grove

At Fitzgerald Park off of Garrett Bay Rd in Ellison Bay the town highway crew maintains a small ice rink. The rink isn't flooded until the temperatures are below freezing for a few weeks straight and upcoming weather conditions look favorable for keeping the ice frozen. There are no skate rentals at this location. Look for the rink beyond the driveway near a small house. Obviously at the time of this newsletter the weather has not been cold enough for winter sports activities but for you cold weather enthusiasts it's time to sharpen the skates. Winter is coming.