

LIBERTY GROVE ROCKS

Featured New Business

Cloud Nine Café

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Important Dates

Dec. 14th – Tech Comm. mtg at 7:00pm

Dec. 20th – Town Board mtg at 7:00PM

Dec. 22nd – non-candidacy papers due in office

Dec. 24, 25 and Jan. 1st – town hall closed

Jan. 2nd – candidate papers due in office by 5:00pm.



IT'S THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME

The annual Ellison Bay tree lighting was held on November 19th 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.

FROM YOUR TOWN CHAIRMAN

The Board continues to find a solution to the dispute of ownership of the Wastewater Treatment facility with the Village of Sister Bay. Both boards are attempting to reach a settlement that is considered to be equitable to both communities and avoid costly legal bills in reaching a settlement. Attorneys for each community have been asked to attend the meetings with the hope that any resolution does not result in future litigations. The meetings are open to the public and have been posted.

The remodeling of the former Baylake Bank building in Sister Bay for the new NWTC Regional Learning Center continues. A late winter/early spring opening is on schedule as planning for course offerings are being finalized.

The Board has adopted Ordinance 8-17 for the Control of High Strength Waste and Septage Wastes brought to the Waste Water Treatment Plant in Sister Bay. The ordinance requires the installation of grease, oil and sand interceptors in situations as specified in Section 62.6(o)(9) of the Sister Bay Utilities Codes. It does not apply to private living quarters in dwelling units. The Ordinance is available at the Town Office and question should be addressed to the office as well. The Ordinance requires that no later than December 1 of 2018 grease interceptors must be provided at all restaurants, food processing and similar facilities for the proper handling of liquid wastes containing floatable grease in excessive amounts.

The Board has approved the initial steps in advertising for a clerk/treasurer to replace Janet Johnson's anticipated retirement. It is hoped to have someone on board to provide an adequate amount of time for Janet to train and assist the person in the position. Interested persons are requested to obtain additional information at the Town Office.

Don Sitte of Baileys Harbor who represents a portion of Liberty Grove on the Door County Board has announced he will not seek re-election next spring. On behalf of the Town I want to thank him for his years of service and dedication.

As we approach the end of another year I want to express my thank you to all the persons past and present who serve on committees and commissions for the Town. Their dedication, time and effort is extremely appreciated. A special thank you to fellow board supervisors, the administration and town crew for their continued efforts on behalf of town residents. Also not forgotten are the family's members who support their efforts.

From your Town Board:



Resolution – The Town Board passed Resolution 13-17 acknowledging Chief Chris Hecht for his contributions to the firefighter's various publications.

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 meetings – During this quiet time of the year committees will not meet regularly unless there is a time sensitive issue to resolve.

Tech Committee – The Tech committee has a questionnaire that will be on one side of the tax insert this year. You can also do the survey on the town's web site, www.libertygrove.org, or print the fourth page of this newsletter, fill it out and mail to the town's address.

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TAX COLLECTION AT THE TOWN HALL

This year taxes can be paid at the Town Hall on Saturday, December 30th between 9:00am and noon. 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 there. You can also pay at North Shore Bank or Associated Bank in Sister Bay any time they are open.

DOG TAGS NOW AVAILABLE

We now have the 2018 dog tags available at the Town Hall. Dog tags need to be purchased every year and are required for all dogs in Liberty Grove. To receive a dog tag we will need to see a copy of your rabies certificate. The certificate needs to include the manufacturer of the rabies serum, the date given, the date expires and the serial number of the vaccine. If you have presented this information for previous years you will have to present it again as the licensing program we use drops this information each year. Your rabies certificate will be mailed back to you. The cost for the tag is \$3.00 if the dog is neutered or spayed or \$8.00 if not. There is a \$5.00 late fee added if not done by April 1st. If you have questions please contact Janet Johnson during the day at 920-854-2934.

Snow Plowing and sand/salt

A reminder that snow plowing will resume shortly. 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. We also have a mixture of sand and salt available at the hall. The cost is \$3.00 for a 5 gallon pail while the supply lasts. You must supply your own pail and ability to shovel. This is not available for commercial use.

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.

NWTC Learning and Innovation Center in Sister Bay

They have developed a survey to decide on uses for the center that they would like everyone to take. Copy and paste this link into your browser to take the survey.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NWTC_LIC_Survey_2017

ARE YOU PROVIDING CARE FOR A FAMILY MEMBER OR FRIEND?

If you are a caregiver and experience anxiety or frustration periodically or need information on where to turn to for special services there is support out there for you.

On the 2nd Wednesday of the month between the hours of 1:00pm and 2:30pm a support group meets and shares ideas. They meet at the Sister Bay/Liberty Grove library at 2323 Mill Rd, Sister Bay.

If you would like more information about this service contact the Senior Resource Center in Sturgeon Bay, 1-888-743-1844, ext. 2542

Brushing will begin in Liberty Grove

One of the regular maintenance projects for the highway crew during cold weather is to clear overgrown brush and dead trees from the sides of the town roads. As of the date of this newsletter the following roads will be brushed

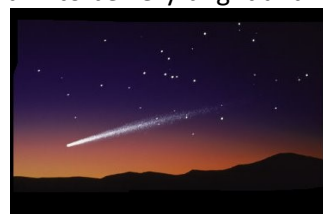
this winter:
Townline Dr.
Skaugum Rd.

(Watch for updates on brushing of roads.)

TAX BILLS MAILED OUT

Tax bills were mailed out early in December. If you have 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.

Set your alarm for the Geminid Meteor Shower, December 13th late evening until about 4am. These meteors claim to be very bright and fast moving.



Most letters addressed to Santa in the United States go to Santa Claus, Indiana

THE BIG BUNDLE UP is back!

Beginning on November 18th and running through January 2nd the Town Hall office 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.

Town of Liberty Grove Internet Service Questionnaire

All questions apply to the address(es) on the enclosed tax bill(s). If more than one home or business, copy this form and respond for each home or business. **You may complete this survey online at www.libertygrove.org.** The goal of this questionnaire is to gather information to support a request for grant funding to improve the Internet service availability in Liberty Grove. *If you don't know the answer to a question, leave it blank.* **Please complete and return questionnaire by Jan. 10, 2018.**

1. Property Street Address _____
Is this a Business ☐ Residence ☐
2. Is Internet service subscribed to at this address? Yes ☐ No ☐
If No, what is the reason? _____
3. If there is a current Internet service subscription at this address:
 - a. Who is the provider? _____
(e.g. Charter, Frontier, Cellcom, Door County Broadband, Hughes, other)
 - b. What is the type of service? _____
(e.g. satellite, wireless, cable, cellular, DSL, other)
 - c. What is the speed of the service (in Mbps)? _____
 - d. Are you satisfied with the speed and reliability that you receive? Yes ☐ No ☐
If not satisfied: Would you be interested in talking to someone about installing a small tower on your property to improve your service? Yes ☐ No ☐ Any other comments about your service?

 - e. What is the monthly charge for your service? _____
 - f. Would you be willing to pay a higher fee for faster or more reliable service? Yes ☐ No ☐
 - g. What are the three primary uses of the Internet service at this location? Please number 1, 2, 3

Browsing _____	Shopping _____	Telemedicine _____
Work _____	Email _____	Streaming Video _____
(e.g. Netflix, Hulu, Amazon, others)		
Other (describe) _____		
4. If this is a part-time residence, would it be occupied more if better Internet service were available?
Yes ☐ No ☐
5. Other comments:

Fill in the following if we may contact you for follow-up questions or relative to question 3(d).

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Return to: Town of Liberty Grove, 11161 Old Stage Rd, Sister Bay, WI 54234