



LIBERTY GROVE ROCKS

Featured Business

JJ's LaPuerta Restaurant
10961 Hwy 42
Sister Bay, WI 54234
920-854-4513
www.jjslapuerta.com

Important Dates

May 15 – Town Board meeting at 7:00pm
May 27 – Town Hall closed for holiday
June 5 - Town Board Meeting 7:00pm
July 13 – Electronic recycling, document shredding and expired medications from 9:00 until 1:00pm.



Has Spring sprung at last?

Deer will be out soon with the new fawns. Enjoy the wild life and scenic vistas by using safe speeds on our Town roads.

FROM YOUR TOWN CHAIRMAN

"Our rural roads are twice as deadly as other roads in the state, and more deadly than the national average--and estimates suggest that roadway features are a factor in about 1/3 of fatal crashes." This quote appears in the May issue of the Wisconsin Towns Association monthly publication. We are very fortunate in Liberty Grove to have a well maintained, safe roadway system that has been able to catch up and keep pace with needed maintenance. Several years ago, the Finance Committee created a budget that addressed the much-needed funding to catch up on road maintenance. It resulted in a request for a levy cap override which was passed by the town electors who understood and wanted well maintained and safe roads as an important part of the town infrastructure and were willing to cover the expense to achieve that goal. Roads are one key to a healthy, safe community with improving economic wellbeing as they serve as arteries within the community.

Another infrastructure item that has become very important to our town economy, wellbeing and safety is access to broadband internet. It is well documented locally, regionally and nationally that access to broadband internet is a vital asset to a community's health and future. In reality, it is no longer a luxury but a necessity to life in the 21st Century. Our Tech Committee has addressed this issue and searched for answers on how to provide adequate service to the large expanse of underserved Liberty Grove area. At this time only one provider has indicated a willingness to make that investment and has been assisted from the town government. Liberty Grove was a partner in a grant received last year that provided for the construction of additional towers and equipment upgrades on some existing towers. One taller tower was installed at the town gravel pit several years ago. Five underserved areas have been identified in the Town. Due to our geography and lack of population concentration wireless access, barring any new technology, currently is the answer to obtain the required up and download of data required to go beyond personal uses such as email and searching the web, whether we like it or not, is the use of towers. Much like the cell phone towers, high voltage electrical structures and even telephone poles that dot our landscape they become a reality and necessary part of our everyday life. A research study by University of Wisconsin Whitewater concluded that access to high speed internet in Liberty Grove would have a large economic impact on our community. Recent developments are also indicating that a lot of important medical contact in the future will depend on adequate internet access. It has been a goal to retain and attract younger families and residents to our area as our population ages. One of the key ingredients to that today is the availability of broad band access. Many issues and challenges will continue to be addressed by the board, administration and our committees to find best solutions that benefit the entire Town. If we remain technology deprived in this area that goal will not be attained. What most visitors and second or third home owners consider a given is simply not available in large portions of Liberty Grove. While our desire is to remain rural in character with a respect for our environment, ecology and citizens it should not prevent us from being a part of the 21st Century.

May 7th marked the first-year anniversary of the NWTC Learning and Innovation Center located in the former Bay Lake Bank building in Sister Bay. Liberty Grove played an important role in NWTC's decision to open the campus in northern Door. I want to thank Supervisor Nancy Goss, David and Karen Studebaker, Mary Pat Carlson, Administrator Kalms and Clerk/Treasurer Johnson for their work on the project. Also, to the NWTC administrative staff for the well-planned center. If you have not had the opportunity to visit the campus, please do so as it is a wonderful addition servicing all of northern Door County.

From your Town Board:

Annual Town meeting – The Annual meeting was held on April 16th at 7:00pm. John Lowry was sworn in as Chairman and Cathy Ward and Nancy Goss as Supervisors. Anastasia Bell was sworn in as Clerk/Treasurer and Douglas Curzon as Deputy Clerk/Treasurer. At the Board meeting April 17th, the Town has hired Door County Inspections LLC to replace Safebuilt. Winter grave sit opening raised to \$850 from 12/1 to 4/1.



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 hours before the
first time you come for lunch.

ORGANIZATIONS IN LIBERTY GROVE

Some community groups you may want to follow:

Door County North-local business organization promoting and supporting this area.
www.doorcountynorth.net

Liberty Grove Historical Society- supporting the past, present and future of Liberty Grove.
www.libertygrovehistorical.org

Ellison Bay Service Group- involved in the day to day community.
www.facebook.com/ellisonbayserviceclubdc

Having an outdoor fire in the evening is always a fun family event. A portable fire pit with a mesh enclosure to capture hot embers is obviously the safest to use.

If you have an open fire pit please remember that your fires should be no larger than a fire that you would cook over and should never be left unattended. Grass fires can start easily and get out of hand very quickly. Have a hose or a fire extinguisher nearby for safety.



Ellison Bay Service Club

Visit their **Facebook page** to find out the latest news and activities around **Ellison Bay** and **all over Liberty Grove**.

Electronic Recycling and paper shredding!!!

Saturday, July 13th from 9:00am until 1:00pm

Liberty Grove and Sister Bay Residents only
Also accepting expired medications.



Household appliances accepted as well.

As in past years the Town and the Village co-sponsor this event to help residents safely remove old electronics and appliances from their home. There is also paper shredding of sensitive documents on the same day. (Limit of 5 banker boxes per household or business) There are minimal charges for some electronics listed in the blue box on this page. You can also find a list of these items on the Town's web site later this month.



“Remember, today is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday.”

Free:

Computer Towers, laptops, keyboards and mouse
Cell phones
Servers
Wire and cabling
Copiers, printers, fax machines
Phone systems
DVD or VCR
Stereo's or CD players
Rechargeable batteries
Household appliances, big or small
Anything metal

For a fee:

Monitors	\$10
TV	\$15
TV over 30"	\$30
Console TV	\$30
Freon units	\$5

(This list may not be all inclusive and prices may vary.)

NWTC Spring Classes



Here's a look at what is coming up at the NWTC Sister Bay Center

Like & Share: Social Media for Business- 6-8pm Tuesday, May 9 free.

Job Resource Fair- 3-5pm Thursday May 23 Free Hosted by We are HOPE Inc, the local operator of the Door County Job Center, Sturgeon Bay.

With the transportation challenges facing Northern Door County, NWTC is working to provide a training session on "How to Become a Lyft/Uber Driver" from 1-2 pm on Thursday, May 30 at the Sister Bay NWTC location. The session is free, but pre-registration is recommended. Call 920-746-4970 or register on-line to secure your spot. Bring your smartphone, driver's license, SSN, car insurance, and vehicle registration to this session to get registered as a driver on a spot.

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" from the dropdown box. You can also register by calling 1-888-385-NWTC, local you can call 920-746-4970 for assistance.

Just a reminder that the NWTC one-year anniversary celebration is scheduled for 11am- 3pm Tuesday, May 7. NWTC has invited the food manufacturers who use the commercial kitchen to discuss and sell their products. They have also invited the graduates of the Personal Care Worker class to discuss the work they are doing in the community. Stop in and celebrate with all. Coffee and cake will be served.

Liberty Grove Senior Resources



Aging & Disability Resource Center of Door County

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916 N. 14th Ave. • Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

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Email: ADRC@co.door.wi.us

Website: www.ADRCDoorCounty.org

Open Monday – Friday 7:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

or by appointment