

December 2020

Featured Business

Door County Love Artisan Granola/ Kick Ash Coffee 12055 Hwy 42 Ellison Bay, WI 54210 920-854-9400 Kickashproducts.com

Important Dates

Dec. 16 -Town Board Meeting Dec. 24 and Dec. 25 and Jan 1st- Town Hall is closed

Dec. 30 – Tax payments accepted 9am-Noon Town Hall Office

Jan. 05- Last day to file nomination papers for the Spring Primary

All meetings will be held via Zoom – check the agenda for details on how to join

From your Town Chairman

The Board is proceeding with an ordinance regarding STR's in Liberty Grove. Our plan is to have an ordinance in place prior to summer tourist season.

ERTY GROVE ROCKS

A 190-foot tower is planned for the Town Hall to offer DCB service to the surrounding area. Hopefully it will be in place this coming year and will further fill the gaps in accessible broadband service in Liberty Grove. The 190-foot tower is in place and operational at the North Fire Station in Ellison Bay.

Chuck Schenkel, a member of Liberty Grove Economic Development Committee and Mickie Rasch from DCN providing input, are working on one the major projects on the Liberty Grove Economic Committee drawing board. The project is to have a video presentation on the Liberty Grove website featuring local businesses, parks, and general information on Liberty Grove. We are hoping to utilize the website to attract new economic projects within the Town and bolster existing businesses as well.

The Board and I want to thank our administrative personnel at the Town Office for their great efforts at keeping everyone safe and the offices open during the pandemic. Voting and a few onsite meetings that were held were done with every precaution taken to protect attendees. We have extended the Emergency Resolution to June 30, 2021 hoping that by that time the pandemic will be in full retreat. A request to please wear face masks when out and about and practice the guidelines during the pandemic.

On behalf of the Board, Town Crew and Administration we wish you the best of the holidays. A very Merry, Safe and Healthy Christmas and New Year.

From your Town Board

If you are interested in running for office, there will be 2 Supervisor positions and the Chairman position up for election in April. The forms are available on the Town website.

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



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 available for pick up at noon.

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

Shop Local this Holiday season!

As we approach early 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 website,

www.libertygrove.org and look under the business tab. If you know of a business in Liberty Grove that is not listed on the web, contact Stacy Bell at 920-854-2934 and she can get that business into the directory.

Shopping locally saves time and gas and is safer when the snow is falling. Plan on shopping locally this year.

Bell Ringers needed for the Salvation Army Christmas Kettle campaign

This year the funds raised through the Salvation Army are needed more than ever. The organization expects to serve many more people in 2020 with Christmas Assistance. The Salvation Army could see up to a 50 % decrease in funds raised nationally through the red kettles, which would limit their capability to provide services for the most vulnerable. So volunteer bell ringers are greatly needed. Help is needed in Northern Door locations in Sister Bay (Piggly Wiggly, Al Johnson's Restaurant), Ellison Bay (Pioneer Store), and Baileys Harbor (Baileys 57 BP). You can help by ringing a two- hour shift on a Friday or Saturday from November 27- December 19. Times are 10am-12pm, 12-2pm, or 2-4 pm (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 for Pioneer Store. All money collected stays in Door County to fund local Salvation Army projects.

"LIFE IS LIKE A BICYCLE, TO KEEP YOUR BALANCE, YOU HAVE TO KEEP MOVING!"- ALBERT EINSTEIN

NWTC Community Education Classes

To see all the classes/credit classes offered in Sister Bay go to <u>www.nwtc.edu</u> and click on "Find a Class" by location and choose "Learning Innovation Center" in the drop-down box. Learn from home via Zoom, a video meeting platform.

A computer, laptop, or tablet with reliable broadband will be required for some of the classes. Instructions for accessing the class via Zoom will be provided. You can also register by calling 1-888-385-NWTC, or you can call 920-746-4970 for assistance, or contact the Learning and Innovation Center at <u>sisterbay@nwtc.edu</u>

If you know anyone needing great temporary office space for work with good internet, send them to NWTC. Their co-workspace has been busy as more people work away from their offices. Give them a call for rates and availability, 920-746-4970.

Shopping Opportunities that Support our Local Food Vendors

Pop-up at Top Shelf Gourmet: *Tuesdays, 12-4 pm, Country Walk Shops, 10588 Country Walk Dr. in Sister Bay* Featuring Cultured DC Sourdough bread and bagels, fermented vegetables, Galecktables' rosemary caramel cookies and vegetarian soups.

Nor Door Community Market at Mink River Basin: *Fridays, 10 am – 1 pm, 12010 Hwy 42 in Ellison Bay, v*endors include Henriksen Fisheries, Cultured DC Sourdough, Door County Wildwood Market, Galecktables, Pat's Patch Produce, Farmhouse Leather and Gemma Lou's Door County.





Tax bills will be mailed out in early December. If you do not receive yours, you can check the amount due on the County's web site, <u>www.co.door.wi.gov</u> 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.

Tax Payments

December 30, 2020 9:00am - Noon

For those of you who wish to pay your **Property Taxes in person for 2020,** Stacy Bell, Clerk/Treasurer, will be 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.

The **2021 Dog Licenses & Tags** for new dogs and renewals are available as of **December 1, 2020**. You must apply for the license before April 1, 2021 to avoid a late fee.

> Fees are Altered - \$5.00 Regular - \$10.00

You will need to provide a certificate from your dog's veterinarian showing his/her current rabies shot, expiration date, and the manufacturer and serial number for that vaccine. Due to COVID-19 please mail your renewals to the Town office. All documents will be returned with the new license.



Door County Library

Sister Bay/Liberty Grove Library

Door County Reads will morph into the NEA Big Read: Door County in 2021. Door County Library is one of 6 libraries in Wisconsin and 84 nationwide to be awarded an NEA Big Read grant for the 2020-2021 season. All eight branches will participate in bringing the book "Station Eleven" by Emily St John Mandel to the Door County and online community readers. In its 14th season, Door County Reads is a winter activity that brings the community together to read and discuss one book while celebrating culture with inspiring theatrical performances, writing workshops, and expert lectures.

With the excitement of winning the grant, we announced the title of the book a bit earlier this year, and now with new building restrictions in place we want to let everyone know how to get their copy, explains Morgan Mann, Community Relations for the Door County Library. "It's as easy as calling your local branch and setting up an appointment to pick one up, either through the pickup service, or by scheduling an appointment to come inside. If you wish to return the book when you are finished, place it in the book drop where it will be quarantined for safety and them given out to the next reader.

The Door County Library Foundation and The Friends of Door County Libraries have generously provided 750 books to be distributed around the county thru each of the eight library branches. The books are free to anyone who calls and asks for one. Once read, the books may be kept, shared with a friend or family member or returned to the local library to share with others. It is also available to reserve on the digital card catalog: Infosoup.org in regular print, large print and autobook, or download the e-book to a device on the free apps Overdrive/Libby.

The book is set in a post-apocalyptic North America, twenty years after the initial collapse of civilization when culture is reshaping itself and defining a new normal. Sometimes terrifying, sometimes tender, "Station Eleven" tells a story about relationships that sustain us, the ephemeral nature of fame, and the beauty of the world as we know it.

Thought-provoking though this book is, reading will be just part of the NEA Big Read: Door County experienceeveryone is invited to attend a variety of virtual programs which begin on January 30, 2021 with a panel discussion about 'The importance of the Arts to Sustain Us' featuring an inspirational discussion about a how music, literature, art and philosophy contribute to the wellbeing. Other events to follow.

Mark your calendars for this exciting start to the new year! To learn more about the events, including author interviews, and how to share in the experience of the NEA Big Read: Door County, visit.<u>www.DoorCountyReads.org</u>.



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DESTINATION COUNTY

Door County Resident Survey

Take our survey to be entered into a drawing for a \$50 Door County Gift Certificate!

Dear Business Owner,

We invite you to <u>participate in our Door County Resident Survey</u> to help Destination Door County (DDC) assess resident understanding of stewardship practices, awareness of the new DDC outdoor ethics guidelines, and the importance of outdoor recreation opportunities in Door County. Your feedback will provide DDC with important insights around the efficacy of our ongoing efforts to promote responsible recreation in the county.

Click HERE to take the Door County Resident Survey

Survey only takes 5-7 minutes to complete to have your name entered into a drawing to receive a \$50 Door County Gift Certificate! <u>Learn more about Door County Gift Certificates!</u>

Should you have any questions about this assessment, please contact Cambria Mueller, Community Advocacy Manager at Destination Door County: <u>Cambria@doorcounty.com</u>

We recognize that you have been asked to participate in a large number of surveys this season. It is our sincere hope that the feedback you share with us, will help us serve you and the needs of our community better. Thank you for sharing your insights.



COVID-19 Resources

IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE Emergency assistance - Dial 9-1-1, Door County Medical Center COVID Hotline: 920-746-3700

RESOURCE LIST

- Door County Assistance Providers and Churches
- o <u>Door 2 Door Rides</u> 920-743-6948
- <u>Mental Health Crisis/Suicide Hotline</u> 920-746-2588
- Door County United Health 2-1-1
- Door County Meals on Wheels (ADRC) 920-746-2372
- Door County Health & Human Services 920-746-7155
- <u>Washington Island Community Health Program</u> 920-847-2108
- Door County Economic Development (business resources) 920-743-3113
- Destination Door County (open businesses) 920-746-4456

Door County Government Operations COVID-19 Limitations and Restrictions

DOOR COUNTY GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS Covid-19 Related Limitations and Restrictions November 10, 2020 Starting Wednesday November 11, 2020 and continuing through Thursday December 31, 2020:

Public access to Door County buildings and facilities will be restricted. Access to Door County departments will be limited to by appointment-only. Visitors must follow all required health and safety measures. This includes physical distancing (keep 6 feet distance between yourself and others) and wearing face coverings (cover your mouth and nose with a mask).

Staff tele-work options will be expanded. Staff will be available by phone and email. These measures are considered reasonable and necessary: for the health, safety, protection, and welfare of persons (including Door County employees and officials); to ensure continued operations and administration of Door County Government's day-to-day and ongoing duties; and to mitigate the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic. Such are also deemed consistent with Door County's authority under law, including Ch.'s 59, 252 & 323, Wis. Stats. Information regarding specific Door County buildings, facilities and departments follow:

Aging and Disability Resource Center ("ADRC") The ADRC is closed. All small in-person group activities and access to the fitness room, public computer workstations have been cancelled until further notice. ADRC staff are available by phone(920-746-2372), email(adrc@co.door.wi.us) or video chat. Office appointments are available by appointment only. Also see ARDC's Facebook page (ADRC of Door County –Door County Community Center) and/or website (www.adrcdoorcounty.org).

Carryout meals, frozen meals and hot home delivered meals ('Meals on Wheels') are available by reservation. Please call (920)746-2372. For Airport lease, contact staff by phone at 920-746-7131.







November 13, 2020 Regional Press Release

Critically High Activity Level

Holiday Guidance

COMMUNITY GATHERINGS: Follow social distancing, face coverings, and sanitation guidelines when in public settings and consider the following guidelines for planning or attending events and gatherings.

COVID-19 is still spreading across our Wisconsin communities.

Staying home is the best way to protect yourself and others from getting sick. Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) recommends Wisconsinites cancel or postpone all travel, including travel within the state.

<u>Scientific evidence</u> shows that masks, partnered with social distancing, play an important role in reducing the spread of COVID-19

If you have immediate questions, you may contact Public Health during regular business hours (Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:30pm) at 920-746-2234

Failing to wear a mask in public, not practicing social distancing and offering to hold or attend large gatherings puts the physical health, mental health, and financial well-being of our entire community at risk. Please wear your mask!



Guidelines from Door County Public Health Department in regard to large group gatherings remain as follows:					
Low Risk Staying at Home		Moderate Risk Gatherings Under 10 People	High Risk Gatherings of 10-50 People	Nor Advisa Gatherings mor	able of 50 or
Risk of COVID-19 spreading at events and gatherings increases as follows: Lowest Risk More Risk Higher Risk Highest Risk					
Virtual-only activities, events, and gatherings.	Smaller out gatherings i from differe remain spac apart, wear do not shar from the sa	door and in-person n which individuals ent households ced at least 6 feet cloth face coverings, e objects, and come me local area (e.g., town, city, or	Medium-sized in-person gatherings that are adapted to allow individuals to remain spaced at least 6 feet apart and with attendees coming from outside the local area.		Large in-person gatherings where it is difficult for individuals to remain spaced at least 6 feet apart and attendees travel from outside the local area.
state, due to widespread community transmission of COVID-19 COVID-19 Travel Recommendations by Country If you must travel, take these steps to protect yourself & others from COVID-19 during your trip. PREVENT COVID-19 DURING TRAVEL If you travel, take these steps					
Keep Distance & Waar Cloth Face Covertication Wash Hands					
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