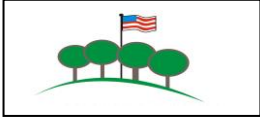


December 2021



LIBERTY GROVE ROCKS

Featured Business

Tannenbaum Holiday Shop
11054 State Hwy 42
Sister Bay, WI 54234
920-854-5004
Tannenbaumholidayshop.com

Important Dates

Dec 15th- Town Board Meeting 7pm
Dec 24th- Town Hall closed
Dec 29th- Tax payments accepted, Town Hall 9-12 pm
Jan 5th- Town Board Meeting 7pm

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

FROM YOUR TOWN CHAIRMAN

As property tax bills arrive, it is important to understand that bill is composed of several taxing units. Of course, the revenue from the taxes provides many of the services we expect and are happy to receive would not be available. The December issue of the Wisconsin Towns Association had this observation in one of the articles:

" If the state continues to limit other sources of new revenue for local governments in Wisconsin, they may increasingly turn to vehicle registrations fees to help cover the growth in their ongoing costs. Currently, state law provides local governments with few options in how you impose and administer those fees." That conclusion was reached after a study by the Wisconsin Policy Forum on Wheel Taxes in Wisconsin. According to the article wheel taxes are one of the few local revenues that local officials can raise at their discretion. Fortunately, towns have been very slow in adopting wheel taxes. To my knowledge Liberty Grove has not discussed or considered a wheel tax and I certainly am not suggesting we do.

The Technology Committee heard an interesting, informative, and encouraging presentation by Kurt Kiefer of Baileys Harbor. He is heading up the initiative in the Town of Baileys Harbor to provide broadband access town wide. Liberty Grove has also begun the effort to bring broadband service in a limited area near Northport. This is in conjunction with Nsight, the parent company of Cellcom, to utilize accessing the broadband cable going to Washington Island. The Island has started the project of providing broadband Island wide. As mentioned previously the project at Northport would serve about 60-70 properties but is viewed as a pilot that could be the first step to covering all of Liberty Grove. Mr. Kiefer has been invited to address the Town Board, along with members of the Tech Committee, to update us on the Baileys Harbor project and the possibility of Liberty Grove becoming a part of a joint effort in northern Door County.

On behalf of the board, administration, committees, and town crew we wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

FROM YOUR TOWN BOARD

If you are interested in running for office, there will be 2 Supervisor positions up for election in April. The forms are available on the Town website. The 1st day to circulate nomination papers is Dec. 1st. The last day to file nomination papers is Jan. 4th.



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.

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

Shop Local for the Holidays

As we approach the holidays, 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 web site, 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 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. Shop local this year.

Door County Christkindlmarkt

This holiday season, the Sister Bay Historical Society will host Door County's first-ever Christkindlmarkt, or Christmas market. Starting the last weekend in November, Christkindlmarkt will showcase many vendors, weavers, potters, photographers, painters, woodworkers, furniture makers, jewelers, candlemakers, glass artists, and more, with food and drink provided by local restaurants.

The market is scheduled to be open **November 26-28, December 3-5, and December 10-12. Fridays 11-9pm, Saturdays 11-10pm and Sundays 11-3pm.** The event will be held at the Corner of the Past Museum, a beautiful recreation of a pioneer homestead in the late 19th century.

Winter market at Heirloom Café & Provisions

Baileys Harbor Heirloom Café market, 4-8pm Nov. 18, Dec 2, Dec. 9, Dec. 16, and 23rd. Shopping the market will benefit local nonprofits.

Baileys Harbor Community Winter Farm market

At the Town Hall, 10-2pm. Nov. 13, Dec 4, Dec. 11, Dec. 18. Jan. 08, Feb. 12, Mar. 12. Many great vendors to browse.

The best thing about the future is that it comes one day at a time.... Abe Lincoln

NWTC Community Education Classes

We hope to get another great turnout for the annual Lunch & Learn. Aging Resource Fair on Thursday Jan. 13 11-2pm. About a dozen Door County agencies and many organizations will be on hand to share information and answer questions. There will be several 30 min. workshops on topics such as, exercise, home safety, fall prevention, and dementia care. Enjoy free soup by Galelectables. There is no charge for the event. Pre-registration is recommended. Call 920-746-4970 or email sisterbay@nwtc.edu

This winter the ADRC & Door County Medical Center are offering a series of classes called Powerful Tools for Caregivers from 9:30-11am on Tuesdays from January 25- March 1 at NWTC. This free program is designed to help caregivers improve their emotional wellbeing while they assist others. Call 920-746-3504 for more information or to register.

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" in the drop-down box. Learn from home via Zoom, a video meeting platform. You can also call 920-746-4970 for assistance or contact the Learning and Innovation Center at sisterbay@nwtc.edu

Door County Library- Sister Bay / Liberty Grove

READERS RAMPANT BOOK CLUB Sister Bay-Liberty Grove Library - second Tuesdays, 2:30 pm. Participants and listeners are welcome. Call 920-854-2721 for details. December 14 - All Roads Lead to Austen by Amy Smith... and /or any book by Jane Austen.

The Big Bundle

Just an FYI, The Big Bundle drop off point will be Kick Ash Coffee in Ellison Bay this year. The Campaign will run this year, Monday November 8 thru Friday January 7th.

We are looking for your help collecting warm winter clothing for those in need. Kick Ash Coffee is open Wednesday - Sunday. All warm winter clothing will be collected for Feed My People of Sturgeon Bay. No blankets will be accepted. Thank you.

Help the Salvation Army help your neighbors!

This year the Salvation Army Christmas kettle campaign in Northern Door County has a special need for volunteer bell ringers. Funds raised through donations at the red kettles are used to serve people with assistance that includes putting food on the table, paying bills, providing shelter, and helping place gifts under the tree. All money collected stays in Door County to fund local Salvation Army projects.

We need more volunteer bell ringers to step up. Help is needed for locations in Sister Bay (Piggly Wiggly, Al Johnson's Restaurant), Ellison Bay (Pioneer Store), and Baileys Harbor (Baileys 57 BP Station).

You can help by ringing a two-hour shift on a Friday or Saturday from November 26 – December 18. Times are 10am–12pm, 12-2pm, or 2pm–4 pm (At Al Johnson's we will ring from 9 to 3).

Please sign up at RegisterToRing.com or call Mary Rosecky at 854-5480 to volunteer for an open slot.

Tax Bills

Tax bills have been mailed out this week of December. If you do not receive 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.

Tax Payments

December 29, 2021, 9:00am - Noon

For those of you who wish to pay your **Property Taxes in person for 2021**, 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 **2022 Dog Licenses & Tags** for new dogs and renewals are available as of **December 1, 2021**.

You must apply for the license before April 1, 2022, 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



Snow Plowing

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





Covid Booster Information: For those who received Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine, are age 18 and older, a booster dose is recommended no sooner than 2 full months after receiving the first dose.

For those who received Moderna or Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine, it is recommended that the following populations receive a booster dose of Moderna or Pfizer no sooner than 6 months after receiving their second dose of Moderna or Pfizer in order to further strengthen their immunity:

- Everyone 18 years and older is eligible for the booster dose.

To further explain the 6-month timing, if you received your second dose of Pfizer or Moderna on May 14, for example, you are not eligible to receive your booster until on or after November 14.

Additionally, eligible individuals may choose which vaccine they receive as a booster dose. Some people may have a preference for the vaccine type that they originally received, and others may prefer to get a different booster. CDC's recommendations now allow for this type of mix and match dosing for booster shots. Door County Public Health has Pfizer and J&J brands of COVID-19 vaccine.

We do not have the Moderna vaccine; some of the other COVID vaccinators in the community are able to provide Moderna. Currently, the Pfizer booster authorization only applies to people whose primary series was Pfizer vaccine. Please bring your vaccine card with you when you come to your appointment.

To make a COVID-19 vaccine appointment call 920-746-7180 or visit bookdcph.timetap.com (Appointments are required.) Door County Public Health Vaccine Clinics & Sturgeon Bay Door County Public Health is providing Pfizer booster doses.

Other resources to receive a COVID-19 Vaccine:

- **Door County Medical Center-323 S 18th Ave Sturgeon Bay WI 54235**
 - 920-746-3700 for a vaccination appointment if you are over the age of 18
 - 920-746-3666 if you are under the age of 18.
- **Bellin Health-311 N 3rd Ave Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin 54235**
 - 920- 743-0255
- **CVS**
- **Walgreens**
- **Walmart**