

February 2023



LIBERTY GROVE ROCKS

Featured Business

Ecology Sports
10740 S Bay Shore Drive
Sister Bay, WI 54234
920-854-5724
Ecologysports.com

Important Dates

Feb 14th- Economic Development 6:15pm
Feb 15th- Town Board Meeting 7pm
Feb. 21st- Spring Primary 7am-8pm
Mar. 1st- Town Board Meeting 7pm
All Meetings at the Town Hall

FROM YOUR TOWN CHAIRMAN

The Economic Development Committee has been involved with discussions on how to provide affordable/attainable housing in Liberty Grove. The focus has been on how to retain and attract employees who are searching for housing that is affordable for their needs. Possible options have been made by building contractors/companies, the Door County Housing Partnership, and Door County Economic Development Corporation. Also, various zoning options that might be available have been discussed with Mariah Goode from the Door County Land Use Department. The committee has requested our Planning Commission to discuss the various options and make their recommendation to our Economic Development Committee. Eight units have been focused on as a starting point. Single-family or multiple family units appear to be the best option. A housing co-operative has also been discussed as a possible ownership option. We have been focusing on the five-acre parcel to the south of the Town Hall in addition to the 20 plus acreage behind the hall. Also, the former Val A property has been under consideration as it was the first option looked into. It is zoned commercial so a combination of a business and housing would be possible. That initial discussion began with the understanding that a limited number of units/bedrooms are allowed based upon the parcel size and zoning. While an existing well and septic system are on that property indications are they will need to be updated to meet current regulations. The parcels adjacent to the Town Hall have no septic systems or wells and will need to be factored into construction plans as well. The committee and Town Board have discussed the possibility of the Town providing the parcels as our contribution to a project. Due to budget constraints, we are asking any interested party(s) or organizations to please step forward and help fund a possible project once we have the plan in place. Minutes of our meetings are available on the Town Website for interested parties. We also are planning to have a presentation at the Annual Town Meeting this spring. Prior to that please address your concerns/ideas to the Town Office which will share them with our committee.

FROM YOUR TOWN BOARD

Spring Primary

There will be a Spring Primary on Feb. 21, 2023. Polls open at 7:00 am and close at 8:00 pm. Please have your photo ID when you come to vote.



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.**

Door County Coastal Byways

The mission of all designated Scenic Byways is to educate/preserve/protect/enhance & promote the outlined intrinsic values required by the Federal Highway Administration National Scenic Byway & Wisconsin Scenic Byway programs. In addition we collaborate with other local/regional & state agencies to further these goals.

www.doorcountycoastalbyway.org

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

www.doorcountynorth.org

Ellison Bay Service Club

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

www.facebook.com/ellisonbayserviceclubdc

GEO-DC

Cultivating knowledge and stewardship of the Niagara Escarpment corridor and its geological, ecological, and cultural wonders in people of all ages and from all walks of life.

<https://Geo-dc.org> or visit their Facebook page.

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

www.libertygrovehistorical.org

Without ambition one starts nothing. Without work one finishes nothing. The prize will not be sent to you. You have to win it.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME STARTS SUNDAY MARCH 12TH-DON'T FORGET TO SPRING AHEAD!

NWTC Community Education Classes

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.

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 sisterbay@nwtc.edu

Door County Library- Sister Bay / Liberty Grove

Friday, February 10

10:30 am – Sister Bay/Liberty Grove Library

Movie: Leave No Trace- Join the Sister Bay / Liberty Grove Library for a film adapted from the book "My Abandonment" by Peter Rock. A father and his thirteen-year-old daughter are living an ideal existence in a vast urban park in Portland, Oregon when a small mistake derails their lives forever. (PG)

Tuesday, February 14th

2:30 p.m. Sister Bay/Liberty Grove Library 2nd Tuesday February 14th

Readers Rampant Book Club

Join us in-person or via Zoom to discuss Door County Reads: "Raft of the Stars" by Andrew J Graff.

Copies of the book are available via the online catalog: InfoSoup.org. Also, on Libby (eBook and audiobook). Participants and listeners are welcome. Visit our DoorCountyLibrary.org calendar for Zoom details. Contact: Christina, 920-854-2721.

All Month Long- Screen free Craft Bag pick up all library locations, for ages 4k- 2nd grade.

New Hours Sister Bay/Liberty Grove Library

Monday: 10-4pm

Tuesday: 1-7pm

Wednesday: 10-4pm

Thursday: 10-3pm

Friday: 10-3pm

Saturday: 10-2pm

Community Groups at the Sister Bay/Liberty Grove Library

Northern Door Genealogical Society

Meet virtually on the first Thursday of each month. Visit the calendar for Zoom codes!

Caregiver Support Group

2nd Wednesday of each month

Hand Stitching Crafters Group

3rd Monday of each month 10am-12pm

Northern Door Crafters Group

Every Thursday 10am-12pm

Work Force Development drop-in assistance

2nd & 4th Monday of each month 1-3pm

Baileys Harbor Community Winter Farm Market

At the Town Hall, 10-2pm. Feb. 11, Mar. 11, and April 08. Many great vendors to browse. Visit Baileysharbor.com or call 920-839-2366 for details.

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, you would then complete a Town of Liberty Grove building permit. The form can also be found on the Town website. Libertygrovewi.gov

Our building inspector is here on Thursday mornings from 8:30am to 10:00am. Appointments for other times are also possible. Call Brett Temme at 920-495-1863.

2023 Dog Licenses & Tags for new dogs and renewals are available.

You must apply for the license before April 1, 2023, to avoid a late fee.

Fees are

Altered - \$5.00

Regular - \$10.00

You will need a certificate from your dog's veterinarian showing his/her current rabies shot, when that shot expires and the manufacturer and serial number of the vaccine.

Winter readiness on the road:

Put together an emergency vehicle kit containing:

- Flashlight
- First aid kit
- Booster cables,
- Emergency flares,
- Water and snack food
- Extra gloves, hats, scarves, and blankets.
- Shovel
- A bag of sand or kitty litter to help provide traction if you get stuck.
- Cell phone adapter



Lake Levels

The forecasted January 27th water levels for Lakes Superior and St. Clair are 2 and 3 inches, respectively, below their levels from a month ago, while Lakes Erie and Ontario are 7 and 8 inches, respectively, above what they were a month ago. Lake Michigan-Huron is near its level from last month. Forecasted water levels for January 27th for Lakes Superior and St. Clair are 12 and 2 inches, respectively, above their levels from a year ago, while Lakes Michigan-Huron, Erie, and Ontario are 5 to 7 inches below their levels from a year ago. All of the lakes continue to be above their January long-term average levels. Over the next 30 days, Lake Superior is projected to fall 3 inches, while Lakes St. Clair, Erie, and Ontario are expected to rise 1 inch. No change is forecast for Lake Michigan-Huron. See our [Daily Levels](#) web page for more water level information.

**Do you or someone you know want to learn
more ways to explore our peninsula's natural beauty? Visit:**

www.doorcountycoastalbyway.org

Among other things, you'll find:

- A wealth of information about our beautiful scenic roads and what there is to see here in Door County.
- You'll also find a list of contacts-people you can talk to about their work on this committee- and a link to donate to the cause.
- You will also find help in planning what places to visit on your next visit to "The Door".





The Climate Change Coalition's Door Community Compost Initiative is partnering with the City of Sturgeon Bay, Sturgeon Bay Utilities, the Village of Egg Harbor, and non-profit Recycling Connections to begin a Compost Bin Group Buy to support its composting mission throughout the county.

This reduced-price compost bin sale is offered to everyone in Door County, and there will be convenient pre-purchase and multiple pick-up options. The sale features a highly-rated compost bin, The Home Composter. Similar models are available online for \$100 - \$200. We are offering these at a reduced group rate of \$48 with the hopes of encouraging greater participation by county residents. Recommended by composters, the Home Composter is easy to assemble, long-lasting, made from 100% recycled materials, and is not available in stores. Each purchase comes with a Backyard Composting book.

Orders need to be placed online by early March at our Recycling Connections partner website. <https://www.recyclingconnections.org/door-county-shop>

Compost bins can be picked up at one of 3 locations:

- (1) Sturgeon Bay Public Works Office, 835 N 14th Ave, Sturgeon Bay, WI. 54235
Pick-up: Thursday, April 20th, 7AM- 3PM or Friday, April 21st, 8AM-Noon
- (2) Egg Harbor Village Office, 7860 S 42, Egg Harbor, WI 54209
Pick-up: Thursday, April 20th, 8AM-4PM or Friday, April 21st, 8AM-4PM
- (3) Sister Bay Corner of the Past Museum, 10310 Fieldcrest Rd., Sister Bay, WI. 54234
Pick-up: Thursday, April 20th, 10AM-3PM or Friday, April 21st, 10AM-3PM

The Door Community Compost Initiative aims to divert food scraps from individuals' trash and thus the landfill and use it to enrich Door County's soil. Uneaten, unused food makes up 30 to 40 per cent of general waste. Additionally, less than 5 per cent of collective food waste is currently being composted and returned to the earth (<https://www.usda.gov/foodwaste/faqs>). Door County residents and municipalities have found it difficult to start larger-scale, higher-cost, industrial-style composting possible in larger cities, due to our low population density.

By implementing small and simple steps, individuals and small businesses can start composting easily and immediately. And by starting small-scale composting – both at home and at community sites – individuals can divert their food scraps from the trash and landfill and return their biological food scrap waste back to Door County's soil. The Compost Bin group buy aims to enable any individual or family with a yard to compost as close, easily, and efficiently as possible: at home. It will supplement the Door Community Compost Initiative's community composting network, launched in 2021, designed for people who can't easily compost at home (those in apartments or condominiums, for instance).

More information about that network is available here:

<https://www.climatechangedoorcounty.com/door-community-compost-initiative>

The Climate Change Coalition of Door County is a non-partisan organization that through education, outreach and civil dialogue increases public understanding of climate change and its many detrimental impacts at home and around the world. Your donation to the Climate Change Coalition is tax-deductible as allowed by law. Lakeshore Natural Resource Partnership, our fiscal agent, is a 501(c)(3) organization.