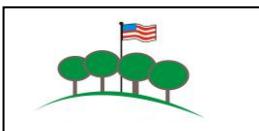


May 2025 Edition



LIBERTY GROVE ROCKS

Featured Business

Seaquist Orchard Farm Market
11482 State Hwy 42
Sister Bay, WI 54234
920-854-4199
Seaquistorchards.com

Important Dates

May 7th - Town Board Meeting 6pm
May 21st- Town Board Meeting 6pm

Liberty Grove's website can be found at: libertygrovewi.gov

From our Town Chairman:

Greetings fellow Libertygrovians,

A heartfelt “thank you” to all who have entrusted me with the job of Chairperson. I am humbled and honored...and will do my best to be worthy of your trust.

These are certainly challenging times, but our Town is navigating them well. Despite being the largest municipality in the county, we have some of the lowest taxes, primarily due to the fiscally responsible oversight of our Finance committee and Board. At our Annual Town Meeting last month, according to our professional auditors, we are on solid financial ground.

Two of the larger and ongoing issues we face in the coming months are listed below.

- We continue to work with Verizon for municipal-wide broadband internet availability to every Liberty Grove resident who wishes to connect.
- Interviewing/hiring/training of a qualified person to assume the role of Administrator. Our beloved “Bud” will be retiring (after 43 years!) at the end of 2025. BIG shoes to fill!

Lastly...**and this is so important.** I appeal to our younger residents to please consider getting involved with Town governance. Join a committee or commission, keep abreast of the minutes. We need your help and input. I know you are busy raising families, working, surviving in this crazy economy...there just doesn't seem to be enough hours in the day. Each and every one of us “old timers” are ready, eager and willing to share our experience and mentor new younger residents. Again...**we need you.**

Blessings moving forward! We love this place!

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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/presserve/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

The 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 & 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

<https://www.facebook.com/geo.doorcounty>

Liberty Grove Historical Society

Preserving the artifacts, sharing the stories, and promoting the community of Liberty Grove.

www.libertygrovehistorical.org or

<https://www.facebook.com/libertygrovehistory>

Happiness is not a destination; it's a way of life.

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 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

Every Wednesday 10:30-11:30am

Sister Bay/Liberty Grove Storytime and crafts with Miss Jenny. Stories, interactive fun for you, your babies, toddlers and preschoolers. Contact the library: 920-854-2721.

Readers Rampant Book Group

Second Tuesday each month- 2:30pm

Lady Tan's Circle of Women - by Lisa See

Northern Door Genealogy Society

4th Wednesday of each month 1:30pm

Wooly Stitches

Monday May 19th- 10:00-12:00, Hand stitching crafters group

Sat- May 3rd, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Sister Bay/Liberty Grove Library

Open Craft Lab: Pool Noodle Lightsaber Making: Create your own lightsaber. Pool noodles and fancy duct tape will be provided. Coloring pages are also available. All ages welcome, from little kids to teens to great-grandparents. A fun family activity together. Contact the library: 920-854-2721

Sat- May 3rd- 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. World labyrinth Day: Library Garden/ Labyrinth Walk

What is a labyrinth? How do you walk one? Discover the answers and more in our library Garden during World Labyrinth Day. Local labyrinth meditation guides will lead to peaceful, reflective experience. Enjoy soothing sounds of a singing bowl, express your creativity with chalk, and walk our outdoor labyrinth as part of this global celebration of peace, unity, and community through moving meditation. All ages are welcome. Contact the library: 920-854-2721.

Door County Library- Sister Bay/Liberty Grove

Thursday, May 8

11:00 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.

Sister Bay/Liberty Grove Library

Baby & Me Storytime: Join Miss Willa at the Sister Bay/Liberty Grove Library. This session builds social-emotional skills emphasizing adult-child interaction as we share animal and nature stretches, rhythm and easy movement activities, and books. Geared for babies/toddlers 0 to 30 months & their caregivers. Contact the library: 920-854-2721

Door County Master Gardener's Little Free Plant Library - Sister Bay/Liberty Grove Library

Starting Tuesday, May 27

During Open Hours

Sister Bay/Liberty Grove Library

Door County Master Gardener's Little Free Plant Library: Join us at the first annual Sister Bay Little Free Plant Library! Have you heard of or even used one of the Little Free libraries that dot the landscape? Then you know how the Little Free Plant Library works.

Starting Tuesday, May 27th, 2025, and until the plants are all gone, the Door County Master Gardeners along with the Sister Bay/Liberty Grove Library will host this event by providing vegetable and flower plants started from seeds by the community. There will be a wide variety of plants for anyone to take.

If you plan on bringing plants to share, the library will gladly take plants started from seed or, if you purchased too many for your gardens, the library will be more than happy to take those as well. Because of the Jumping Worm problem in Door County, we ask that you not bring plants dug up from your yard or elsewhere to share so as not to spread the destructive worms. Contact the library: 920-854-2721

All Month-long Screen Free Craft Kits: This month we are partnering with Door County Seed Library to bring you a special project that will last all summer! In your craft packet, you will find a packet of Marigold Seeds, a booklet with instructions, a plant diary, information about being part of the Seed Library, and a sheet with three colorable bookmarks. For ages 4K-2nd grade.



Ellison Bay Little League Schedule: Fitzgerald Park, 1954 Old School Rd, Ellison Bay

Practices 4pm -6pm: 4/28, 4/30, 5/02, 5/05, 5/07, 5/12, 5/14, 5/19, 5/21, 5/23, 5/28, 6/02, 6/04, 6/06, 6/11, 6/18, 6/25.

Home Games will start at 5:45pm with warm-ups at 5:15pm: 5/09, 5/16, 5/30, 6/16, 6/27.

Door County North Spring Membership Drive



Tuesday, May 6. 2025

5 pm: Appetizers

6 pm: Meeting followed by dinner

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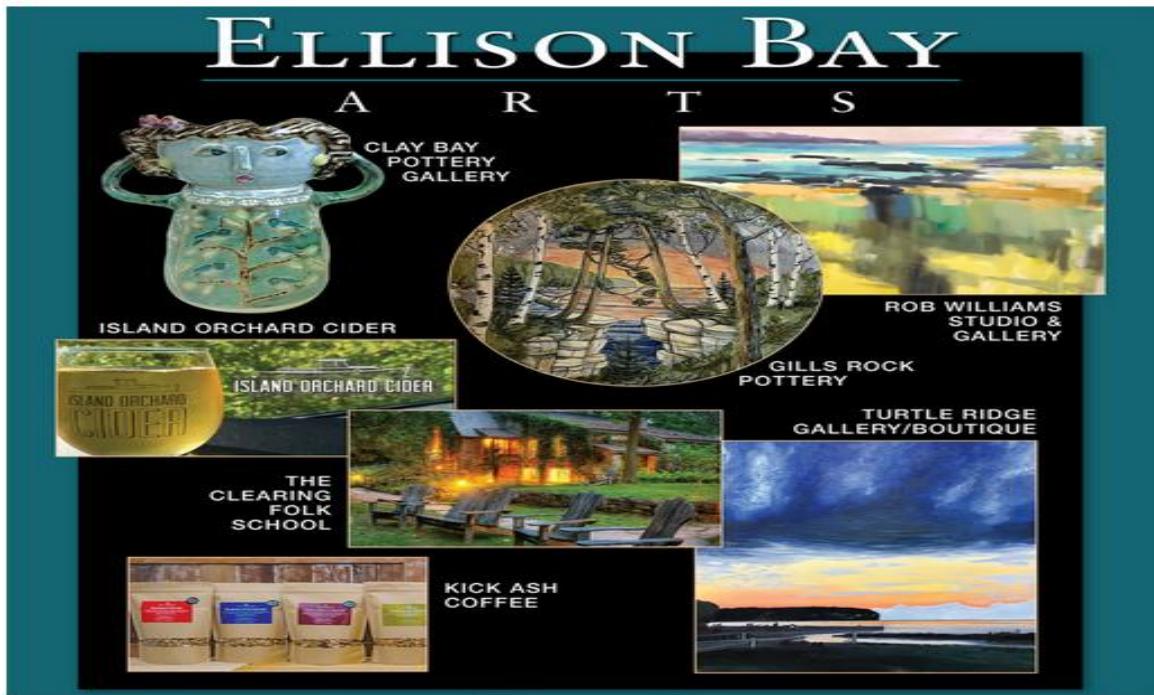
11976 Mink River Road, Ellison Bay

\$30.00 includes gratuity

Cash Bar - 20% discount off bar

**Please have cash or check payment to
Door County North at the event.**

To RSVP contact: membership@doorcountynorth.org by May 1st



Welcome to Ellison Bay Arts 2025 Spring Art Crawl – May 17 & 18, 10AM – 5PM

For over 20 years, Ellison Bay Arts has continued to provide beautiful creations to nourish bodies, hearts, and minds with fine art, fine craft, education, artisan food and drink. Go north to Ellison Bay to enjoy the best view in Door County. Rich in the tradition of arts and crafts, Ellison Bay is home to artist studios/galleries that feature pottery, original paintings, photography, wearable art and handmade leather items. There is also a cider house, coffee house and a folk school.



Spring Potluck Meeting

May 19 @ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm | FREE

**The Liberty Grove Historical Society is having their
Spring Potluck Meeting at the Town Hall**

All members and anyone considering joining are invited to the first meeting of the 2025 season for a potluck. The gathering takes place at the **Liberty Grove Town Hall at 11161 Old Stage Rd at 6 PM on Monday, May 19, 2025**. Please bring your tableware, along with an entree, salad, or dessert dish to share. Coffee and lemonade will be provided. Following the potluck, we will share what's in store for LGHS's 25th Anniversary and 2025 season.

The Village of Sister Bay is having a Recycle/Shredfest Event Saturday May 10th 9-noon at the Sports Complex, 2155 Autumn Court, Sister Bay. Liberty Grove residents are welcomed to partake in the Shredfest/Recycle Event.

Smoke Alarms

Everyone knows to change the batteries in their smoke alarms with daylight savings but do you know that the alarms have expiration dates? Smoke alarms should be replaced every seven to 10 years.

Medicare

Need to enroll in Medicare, are already on Medicare but still have questions, or you want to know more about those Medicare commercials you keep seeing..... then this session is for you! The ADRC will be hosting "Welcome to Medicare" sessions throughout the year to provide you with a **free, comprehensive & unbiased** introduction to Medicare. Together we will discuss:

- Enrolling in Medicare
- The parts of Medicare & costs
- Differences between Original Medicare and Medicare Advantage Plans
- Medicare Supplements
- Drug coverage options
- Options to help pay for Medicare

• **LOCATION: NWTC, 2438 S. Bay Shore Drive, Sister Bay**
DATES: June 9th, September 17th **TIME:** 10:00am

- (class lasts about 1 ½-2 hours)

Please help us be prepared with enough materials and register by calling 920-746-2372.

Outdoor Fires

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.

Lake Michigan Lake Levels

The predicted April 25th water levels are above levels from a month ago on all lakes as the lakes continue their seasonal rise. However, the projected April 25th levels are below water levels from a year ago across all the lakes by 4 to 10 inches depending on the lake. Also, the forecasted April 25th water levels on Lakes Superior, Michigan-Huron, and Ontario are 5, 4, and 2 inches below their long-term April averages, while Lakes St. Clair and Erie are 3 and 4 inches above their long-term April averages. Over the next month, water levels are forecast to continue their rise by 4, 3, 2, and 1 inches on Lakes Superior, Michigan-Huron, St. Clair, and Erie. Lake Ontario is forecast to rise 6 inches in the next month.



It's time for some..

FUN & GAMES

TOWN OF LIBERTY GROVE
11161 Old Stage Rd, Sister Bay

SATURDAY, MAY 3
1 PM - 4 PM

Join everyone at the Town of Liberty Grove for an afternoon of game playing! Board games, card games, dice games. Something for everyone - no matter your age. We've got plenty of games to choose from, or bring your favorites. No electronic games - let's keep it old school.

SNACKS AND DRINKS AVAILABLE,
OR BRING YOUR OWN (NO
ALCOHOL, PLEASE)

NWS Special Announcement

17 April 2025

Published by
Newport Wilderness Society
The Friends Group of Newport State Park



Photo: courtesy Denny Moutrey

DNR approves Master Plan variance for proposed improvements to the Dark Sky Viewing Area at Newport SP

DNR approves Master Plan variance for proposed improvements to the Dark Sky Viewing Area at Newport SP

After reviewing public input, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has approved a Master Plan variance which will allow improvements in the day-use area near Parking Lot 3 at Newport SP. These NWS-planned improvements will address concerns that NWS and park staff have with the current condition of the Dark Sky Viewing Area at Newport, especially when we host an educational or night sky viewing program. (*More information about those concerns and how we are proposing to address them is in the 'background' section below.*)

The **approved variance**, including additional details about the decision, can be read online. A **summary of public comments** is included with the variance, or can be accessed separately.

Thank you to everyone who provided input to the DNR, and to those of you who provided input directly to NWS at the Q&A we held in early December. We will keep you updated as the project plans proceed.

Background Information

(reprinted from Nov 30, 2024 NWS e-Newsletter)

NWS has long-recognized the need for improvements to Newport's dark sky viewing area, located in the day-use venue adjacent to Lot 3. Our concerns with the current condition of the viewing area, especially when we host an educational or night sky viewing program, include:

- **no seating** is available for program participants;
- there is **no footpath** to the viewing area;
- adjacent **sand dunes are often trampled** by visitors seeking the shortest route to/from the venue;
- **visitors with mobility issues** must traverse a lot of uneven ground to access the program venue;
- **spillover light from vehicles** in the parking lot interferes with night sky viewing;
- there is **no power supply** (other than battery/generator) to power AV equipment for a program or the telescopes we transport in for viewing.

Over the past year, the NWS Long-range Planning Committee has been working, in collaboration with the DNR, to design improvements to the viewing area that would specifically address these concerns. Our preliminary plan includes (see *illustration below*):

- a ground-level, two-tiered, natural stone **seating area** that could accommodate up to 100 people;
- the seating area will be nestled into a grassy berm that already exists; it is designed not to be visible from the parking lot;
- **paths to the viewing area** designed to protect adjacent sand dunes and provide safe access for all visitors;
- dark sky-compliant, **non-white-light pathway illumination** (in use for programs only);
- **improvements to Parking Lot 3** to better control spillover light from vehicles, but not to impede the view of Lake Michigan;
- improvements to the size and placement of **telescope pads**;
- a small, accessible **viewing platform** overlooking Newport Beach at the end of an already existing asphalt path;
- a **small shed** near the picnic shelter to store equipment and provide solar-powered charging for equipment, including a recently-acquired Trak-Chair for visitors with mobility challenges.

Terrestrial archeological surveys and a rare plant biological survey have been conducted. No potential negative impacts related to this planned project were found.

Newport received Dark Sky Park certification in 2017. We are Wisconsin's only Dark Sky Park. Park staff, visiting astronomers, and friends of NWS have provided night sky education programs and viewing opportunities for hundreds of participants since before 2014. On any given evening, visitors come to Newport to enjoy the breathtaking beauty of the Milky Way, to identify planets and constellations, or in hope of witnessing some dancing Northern Lights.

NWS understands that the public is passionate about protecting and preserving our ~2,400-acre wilderness park. We are too, and NWS and our dedicated volunteers have been doing that work for 40 years at Newport. NWS hopes the public will be reassured that our plan to improve the dark sky educational and viewing experience for park visitors is specifically designed to support that mission.

Newport State Park Proposed Dark Sky Viewing Improvements

CONCEPT MAP: APPROXIMATE SIZE AND LOCATION OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

Northern Lake Michigan Coastal Regional Master Plan

DRAFT



- Proposed Development
- Seating Area
- Gravel/Paved Path
- Boardwalk
- Observation Deck
- Screening Wall
- Storage Shed and Solar Array (location and size approximate)

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Graphic courtesy WIDNR; minor wording modification by Newport Wilderness Society 11/2024

Bureau of Facilities and Lands
Sep 19, 2024 jnk

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