



LIBERTY GROVE ROCKS

Featured Business

Henriksen's Fish House
11640 Old Stage Rd
Ellison Bay, WI 54210
920-421-2911
Henrikensenfisheries.com

Important Dates

Feb. 4th - Town Board Meeting, 6pm
Feb. 18th - Town Board Meeting, 6pm

March 4th - Town Board Meeting 6pm
March 18th - Town Board Meeting 6pm

***** For the Month of Feb and March the Town Office will open at 9 am*****

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS STARTS SUNDAY MARCH 08TH - DON'T FORGET TO SPRING AHEAD!

From the Town Chairman:

Warm Midwinter Greetings, Grovians!

I'm using this "From the Chair" platform to give a shout-out to some unsung heroes. I'm talking about our fabulous roads crew — those folks who show up for us in every season and at all hours when needed, often working in unimaginable and sometimes dangerous conditions. Have you ever found yourself returning home to Liberty Grove after a major snowstorm? Did you notice that subtle but very real difference in the roads as soon as you cross into our township? The roads are typically cleared long before many other municipalities, which must wait for contracted snow removal services — whether private or County. You may also have noticed how much smoother many of our roads are compared to others throughout the County. These benefits don't happen by accident! Our roads are designed to be smoother and last longer, with many of them 33% thicker asphalt. Despite being responsible for maintaining over 100 miles of roadway, our experienced crew manages to handle planning, clearing, paving decisions, brushing, mowing shoulders, plowing, sanding/salting, removing downed trees, maintaining safety, cautionary, and informational signage — and countless other tasks I've probably forgotten to mention.

WELL DONE, GUYS! We are truly blessed to have you.

Best, and be well,
Nancy Goss



REMEMBER

A delicious and nutritious lunch is provided by.

**The Senior Resource Center
At the
Liberty Grove Town Hall**

Tuesday, and Thursday
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 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>

For one minute walk outside, stand there, in silence. Look up at the sky and contemplate how amazing life is...



Door County Library- Sister Bay / Liberty Grove

Readers Rampant Book Group

Second Tuesday each month- 2:30pm: February 10th "The Briar Club"- by Kate Quinn.

March 10th "This Tender Land" by William Kent Krueger

Northern Door Genealogy Society

4th Wednesday of each month 1:30- 3:00pm

Wooly Stitches

3rd Monday of each month- 10:00-12:00pm

Wednesday, February 4, 7:00 p.m. The Cleat Restaurant (10961 WI-42, Sister Bay)

DCR Pub Night, Trivia, and Book Discussion

Join us at The Cleat Restaurant in Sister Bay at 7:00 p.m. for a fun, trivia-based book club gathering. Enjoy a light discussion of the book through five rounds of trivia (ten questions each), with prizes awarded throughout the evening. Appetizers and fountain drinks will be provided (no alcohol or full meals included). Teams or individual attendees must register in advance by calling the Baileys Harbor Library.

Part of Door County Reads and funded by the Door County Library Foundation.

Tuesday February 10th 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Door County Reads Briar Club Bingo Night. Funded by donations and the Door County Library Foundation

For the month of March the library is hosting the annual exhibit of student work from The Clearing winter class sessions in the lighted glass display case by the front lobby.

Screen free craft kit available each month, free.

Wednesday Feb 4, 11, 18 and March 4, 11, & 18 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Sister Bay/Liberty Grove Library

Baby & Me Storytime

Basic level Storytime and activities geared for babies/toddlers 0-30 months & their caregivers. Build social-emotional skills together with your little one. Contact the library, 920-854-2721.

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

2026 Dog licenses & Tags

The **2026 Dog Licenses & tags** for new dogs and renewals are now available. You must apply for the license before April 1, 2026, 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, the manufacturer and serial number for that vaccine.

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

Our building inspector is in the office on Thursday mornings from 8:30am to 10:00am. Appointments for other times are also possible. Call Dave Enigl 920-493-2294.

Registering to Vote or Requesting a Mailed Ballot

The processes are easy and can be done online at www.myvote.wi.gov. You may also email your full name, registered address, date of the election, mailing address, and a copy of your photo ID to the Town Office at town@libertygrovewi.gov

Annual Ellison Bay Ground Hog Parade

February 2, 2026 @ 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm in beautiful downtown Ellison Bay! To join the "Inclement Weather Marching Band", meet at The Vault Door County parking lot to hone your cacophonous noise making skill with others before the parade. Build a float, decorate your car, walk your dog, or just cheer from the sidelines. Post-parade meal at the Mink River Basin. Begin at the Vault Parking Lot and end at the Hillside Inn parking lot.

Liberty Grove Senior Resources

Aging & Disability Resource Center of Door County

@ THE DOOR COUNTY SENIOR & COMMUNITY CENTER

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

920-746-ADRC (2372) Toll free: 855-828-2372

Email: ADRC@co.door.wi.us

Website: www.ADRCDoorCounty.org

Open Monday – Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Friday 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Memory care Connections

Door County Senior Resource Center, Sturgeon Bay. 920-493-0339

memorycare@doorcountyfamilycenters.com

CAREGIVER Stress-Busting Dementia Program

Do you provide care for a loved one with Alzheimer's disease or dementia? Program available at no cost.

Multi-component program meets 90 minutes/week for 9 weeks. Groups of up to 8 people.

Where: ADRC of Door County-Caregiver Library: 914 North 14th Avenue

When: January 8th-March 5th 10:00- 11:30AM

Please call for more information or to register: Sierra or Nicki 920-746-2372

- Community Resources



Door-Tran

Door-Tran is a creative community network dedicated to connecting people to transportation services that are affordable, available, and accessible. We have volunteer driver programs, vehicle purchase and repair loans, half-price travel vouchers and more. Our staff will help guide you to the transportation that best fits your needs. They are available to meet for an in person at NWTC Learning and Innovation Center or the Door-Tran office in Sturgeon Bay. Give them a call at 920-743-9999 or visit door-tran.org.

Door County Coastal Byway

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 Great Arc – the Niagara Escarpment stretches from New York, Canada, the UP and then into Wisconsin.

Lake Levels

Compared to last month's water levels, forecasted water levels for January 23rd are 1 inch lower on Lake Superior, near the same level on Lake St. Clair, and 1 to 7 inches higher on Lakes Michigan-Huron, Erie, and Ontario, depending on the lake. Lakes Superior and Ontario are projected to have a January 23rd level 2 and 4 inches above last year's level, respectively. Lakes Michigan-Huron, St. Clair, and Erie are all expected to be below last year's water level, ranging from 5 to 11 inches, depending on the lake. All lakes, besides Lake Ontario, are below their long-term average for January, ranging from 4 to 11 inches below this average. Lake Ontario is near its long-term average for January. All lakes remain well above their respective record low levels and well below their respective record high levels. Lake Superior is projected to decrease 2 inches over the next month, Lake Michigan-Huron and Ontario are projected to remain steady, while Lakes St. Clair and Erie are projected to rise 2 inches.

Snow Plowing



The Town has had inquiries as to placement of mailboxes. See ordinance 5-22, listed below. This winter we have had numerous snowstorms of wet heavy snow. When the roads are plowed this wet heavy snow can cause damage to a mailbox if placement is not according to the Town ordinance and placed too close to the road.

TOWN OF LIBERTY GROVE REQUIRED MAILBOX LOCATION

To avoid damage to your mailbox from snowplowing and other road work operations, the following mailbox location is established pursuant to Liberty Grove Ordinance 5-22:



Basic guidelines as established by Town Ordinance 5-22:
(See ordinance for complete requirements)

1. Steel pipes must be 1½ inch inside diameter or less
2. Square wood supports must be 4 inches or less; round wood supports shall not be larger than 4 inches in diameter
3. Imbed mailbox supports no more than 24 inches into the ground. If imbedded in concrete, the concrete must be below grade of shoulder
4. No material of any kind to be placed around post (ordinance 4-19)
5. Bottom of box must be a minimum of 41 inches and a maximum of 45 inches from surface of road

Also: Place boxes a short distance from driveways and intersections to avoid restriction of vision and damage to the box. Make the box and base strong enough to withstand flying snow and slush from traffic and plowing.

By order of the Town of Liberty Grove as established in Ordinance 5-22.



HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF TRAILS IN DOOR COUNTY

Door County Trails, Inc. is leading a county-wide initiative to develop a Strategic Master Trails Plan that brings together decades of planning, visioning, and advocacy into a single, cohesive roadmap for the future of a connected multi-use bicycling and pedestrian trails network in Door County.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: doorcountyrails.org

TAKE THE TRAILS SURVEY!

Community feedback is important to us. Scan the QR code for a 12 question survey that will help us plan for trails in Door County!

SURVEY TAKES 4-5 MINUTES!



<https://forms.office.com/r/DCMPLzqrWQ>

Mariners Park, inquiring minds want to know...

Town Supervisor Cathy Ward, who was involved with the Mariner Park Project from the beginning, stated *for the record* at the Town Board meeting on January 21, 2026 that for 18 months (nearly all of 2020 through June of 2021), the Mariner Park Ad Hoc Committee held public meetings, and the recommendation that came out of that committee to the Parks & Property Committee, and then to the Town Board was for the removal of, or disposal of those buildings. We then put it on the April 20, 2021, Annual Town meeting Agenda because the Town electors must approve not only the acquisition of real property, but the disposal of real property. At that meeting, the motion to allow the



Town to dispose of those buildings passed 29 to 0. So, we've been up front with all of this going on. After that meeting and unanimous elector vote to remove the buildings, there was a member of the community that put out a petition to save the buildings on "MoveOn.org." The petition was turned into the Town. After going through the 375 names on the petition, it was discovered that 7% of them were actual Liberty Grove property owners, and about 12% lived in Door County & owned property in Liberty Grove but were not residents. So, only 19% of the people who signed that petition actually had taxpayer money at stake. We also placed an Ad that offered if somebody wanted to buy it for "a dollar" and move it, all they

needed to do was put down a \$1,000.00 bid, (fully refundable on complete removal of the buildings), and no one was interested in that. There was also a suggestion at one of the meetings that the people who felt strongly about preserving the buildings could help the Town by raising some money or starting a foundation. No one did.

The Town did get in touch with "Board & Beam," the company in Green Bay that does restoration work and they did come up to look at those buildings. While they admitted that there were some things that were tempting, they decided it was not worth their time and effort to come and salvage/remove anything out of there. Finally we did offer to donate items from the buildings to whoever wants them. Numerous items were picked up by and donated to the Liberty Grove Historical Society, and to the Maritime Museum.

On January 21, 2026, the Town Board unanimously approved the demolition and removal of the buildings by a local contractor.

Weight Limits on Roads

The following roads will have a Class B temporary gross weight restriction starting March 13th. Any one axle is 6 ton, any two axles under 8ft apart is 10 ton NO EXCEPTIONS

Appleport Road
Badger Road
Beach Road
Blackberry Road
Europe Bay Road
Flint Ridge Road
Garrett Bay Road
German Road
Green Road
Highview Road
Hill Road
Humbug Road
Isle View Road
Kenosha Drive
Lakeview Road
N Port des Morts Drive
Plateau Road
Porcupine Bay Road
Scandia Road
Seaquist Road
Settlement Road
Timberline Road
Townline Drive (County Q to Old Lime Kiln Road)
Waters End Road
Wildwood Road (Beach Rd to County ZZ)
Wisconsin Bay Road
Woodcrest Road (County ZZ to County Q)