

May 2026 Edition



LIBERTY GROVE ROCKS

Featured Business

Koepsel's Farm Market
9669 Highway 57
Baileys Harbor, WI 54202
920-854-2433
Koepsels.com

Important Dates

May 6th - Town Board Meeting, 6pm
May 20th - Town Board Meeting, 6pm

Mariner's Park at Gills Rock: This large grassy area is a great place to relax and watch the sunset and boats in the water. This was once the home of a large commercial fishing operation. 12695 Hwy 42, Ellison Bay, WI 54210





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>

Joy is looking & comprehending is nature's most beautiful gift.



Door County Library- Sister Bay / Liberty Grove

Readers Rampant Book Group

Second Tuesday each month- 2:30pm: "The Gray Lady Winked" by Ashley Rindsberg

Select Wednesdays Baby and Me Story time

May 6, 13, & 20

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Sister Bay/Liberty Grove Library Basic level story time and activities geared for babies/toddlers 0-30 months & their caregivers. Build social-emotional skills together with your little one.

Northern Door Genealogy Society

4th Wednesday of each month 1:30pm

Wooly Stitches

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

All month long – Screen Free Craft Bag Pickup May 2026 All Library Locations

Year-Round Book Sales Multiple Library Locations

Stop by the Baileys Harbor Library, Egg Harbor Library, Fish Creek Library, Forestville Library, Sister Bay/Liberty Grove Library, Sturgeon Bay Library, and Washington Island Library to see their year-round book sales.

Saturday, May 2 – 10:00 am – 12:00 pm Sister Bay/Liberty Grove Library

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 a peaceful, reflective experience. Enjoy the soothing sounds of a singing bowl, create a finger labyrinth to use at home, and walk our outdoor labyrinth as part of this global celebration of peace, unity, and community through moving meditation.

Meet inside first. Rain or shine. All ages are welcome.

****Monday, May 11 All locations will be closed for staff training****

Tuesday, May 19 - 5:30pm - 6:30pm Sister Bay/Library Grove Library

Losing the Dark: How Do We Protect Our Dark Skies? Before artificial illumination, our ancestors inhabited a world profoundly different from our well-lit modern nights. Dark Skies were part of life. When darkness descended, the natural world could be a realm of wonder, imagination, and a deeper understanding of the universe and the rhythms of our planet and ourselves. Join Beth Bartoli, Newport State Park Resources Educator, as she discusses how the world has changed, the effects of losing our dark skies and what can be done about it. Learn about what it took to have Newport State Park designated as Wisconsin's first and only International dark Sky Park. Contact the library- 920-854-2721.

Wednesday, May 20 – 3:00 pm - 3:30pm Sister Bay/Liberty Grove Library:

Library Garden Dance Performance

Come watch local dancer Willa Wilde perform a flamenco-inspired solo in the beautiful library garden. This performance will include staccato footwork, body percussion, and stylized movements.

Annual Ellison Bay Spring Egg Hunt May 16th, 11am- 2pm ** This is the rescheduled date**

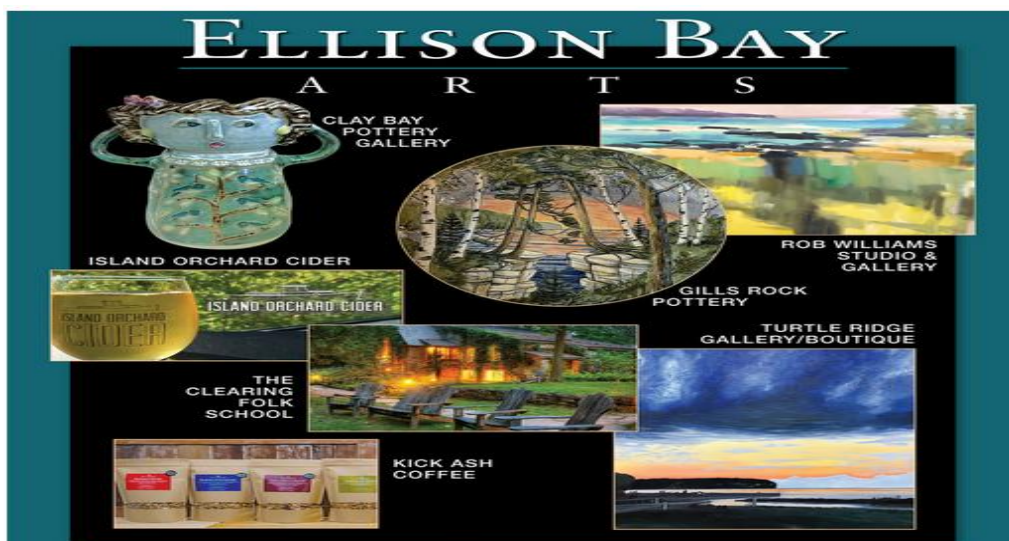
The Spring Bunny, sponsored by the Fitzgerald Family of Ellison Bay, will be hiding colorful eggs filled with goodies and toys in Fitzgerald Park, 1954 Old School Rd for the annual Spring Egg Hunt. Among the eggs are two special golden ones. Find the golden egg and receive a special Easter surprise.

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

Lake Michigan Lake Levels

Forecasted April 24th water levels are higher than their water levels recorded one month ago. Lake Superior is 4 inches above last month's level, Lakes Michigan-Huron and St. Clair levels are both 12 inches higher, Lake Erie's water level is 11 inches higher, and Lake Ontario's level rose by 17 inches. Lakes Superior and St. Clair are 3 inches above last year's levels, Lake Michigan- Huron is 6 inches above last year's level, and Lake Ontario is 15 inches higher than last year. Lake Erie alone is 2 inches below its April 2025 water level. Lake Superior is 1 inch below its long-term monthly average for April, while Lakes Michigan-Huron, St. Clair, Erie, and Ontario are 2, 5, 2, and 13 inches above their long-term averages, respectively. All lakes are 21 to 46 inches above their record-low April levels and 17 to 33 inches below their record-high April water levels. For the one-month forecast, Lake Superior is expected to rise by 4 inches, Lakes Michigan-Huron, Erie, and Ontario are forecast to rise 3 inches, and Lake St. Clair is expected to rise 1 inch by May 24th.



Welcome to Ellison Bay Arts 2026 Spring Art Crawl – May 16 – 17, 10 AM TO 5 PM

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.



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

Practices will be from 4 PM to 6 PM, and Games will start at 5:45 PM with warm-ups at 5:15 PM.

Practices: 4/27, 4/29, 5/1, 5/4, 5/6, 5/8, 5/11, 5/13, 5/18, 5/20, 5/27, 6/1, 6/3, 6/5, 6/8, 6/10, 6/17, 6/19, 6/24, 6/29

Home Games: 5/22, 5/25, 6/22, 6/26

Wisconsin DNR Fire/Burn Conditions: Go to <https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/wisburn/#/>
For Fire/Burn conditions across the State

Dark Skies of Door County



Aurora over Newport (November 2025); © Tim Erskine

Protecting Night Skies from Light Pollution

As we mentioned last month, NWS has been working with the Liberty Grove Town Board to craft a resolution in support of dark sky protection initiatives in the township. The town board unanimously adopted the resolution at their March 4th meeting.

The March 27th edition of our local newspaper, the Peninsula Pulse, featured a comprehensive article about the issues surrounding preservation of the dark sky on the Door peninsula. If you have not seen it, [you can access the article here](#).

Although the article focuses on the possibility of Newport State Park losing its Dark Sky Park certification because of increasing light pollution on the peninsula, this is an issue that affects so much more than that.

When we work together to protect dark skies in Door County, we also protect:

- migrating birds, many of whom migrate at night
- reptiles, insects and other fauna who use the cover of dark nights for communication, reproduction, and/or feeding
- your energy expenses
- most likely your health (research is ongoing)
- your enjoyment of experiencing the Milky Way, or an aurora sighting, or locating constellations and planets



Shred-It & Recycling

ONLY the Electronic/Appliance Recycling
and Drug Drop-Off is OPEN TO THE PUBLIC *

***Document shredding for Town of
Liberty Grove and Village of Sister
Bay residents only.
Limit 5 banker boxes per residence.
Bring proof of residence, please***

**ANY unused prescription & non-
prescription medications are being
accepted by Door County Sheriff**

Saturday, August 1st, 2026

9:00 AM – Noon

Town Hall - Parking Lot

**11161 Old Stage Road
Sister Bay, WI 54234**

RAIN or SHINE



RECYCLE ANYTHING WITH A PLUG!

PLEASE NOTE:

**All information on Hard Drives, Sim Cards, Flash Drives, etc. will be erased/destroyed
Apple products should have iCloud account removed prior to drop off if possible**

Free To Recycle:

Anything Metal	Cordless	Flag Poles	Plugs	Table Saw
Appliances	phones	Garbage disposal	Pots and Pans	Tillers
Batteries	Credit Card	Hair Dryer	Power cords	Tools
Bed Frames	Machines	Hand Tools	Printers	Trailers
Bikes	Curling Irons	Ironing Board	Saw blades	Treadmills
Cables	Dish Washers	Irons	Scooters	Tricycle
Calculators	Drills	Keyboards	Screen Doors	Wash
Car Parts	Dryers	Lamps	Shelves	Machines
Cell Phones	Electric Motors	Laptops	Snow Blower	Water Heater
Chain Saw	Elliptical	Lawn Mowers	Speakers	Weight
Chairs	Machines	Light fixtures	Staplers	Benches
Coffee	Equipment	Metal Pipes	Stereos	Weight Sets
Machines	Exercise	Metal Roofing	Stoves	Wire
Computers	Equipment	Microwaves	Tools	

Fee to Recycle:

LCD Monitors	\$10
CRT Monitors	\$10
Any Flat Panel TV	\$10
TV Under 30"	\$10
TV Over 30"	\$15
Console TV	\$30
Projection TV	\$30
Bare Tubes	\$50
Refrigerators	\$20
Freezers	\$20
Dehumidifiers	\$5
A/C Units	\$5

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920.246.7143 ecyclenow.com

