

June 2026 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

June 3rd - Town Board Meeting, 6pm
June 17th - Town Board Meeting 6pm

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

From our Town Chairman:

Port des Morts Park: This park offers a great view of Death's Door, take the staircase down to the shore or enjoy a break from reality. 12832 Kenosha Drive, 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>

"We all live under the same sky, but we don't all have the same horizon"



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: "The Postcard" by Anne Berest

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 All Library Locations

Tuesday, June 9

5:00 pm Sister Bay/Liberty Grove Library: Plant Propagation Workshop with Maury Brancamp : Participants will learn hands-on by propagating leaf cuttings from library plants and will be able to take their new plants home. Several kinds of propagation techniques will be shared. Contact the library with any questions: 920-854-2721. **Space is limited to the first 20 people.**

Tuesday, June 16

5:30 pm Sister Bay/Liberty Grove Library : Astronomy & Library Telescopes Workshop Astronomy enthusiast Maury Brancamp will be sharing tips and tricks for local night sky viewing and about the importance of dark skies. He will also be showing attendees how to use the telescopes available for check-out through Door County Library, featuring the Sister Bay/Liberty Grove Library StarBlast, Zhumell, and Celestron telescopes. Keep looking up! Contact the library with any questions: 920-854-2721

Tuesday, June 23

3:00 pm -5:00 pm Sister Bay/Liberty Grove Library : Woodsy Dude: Beeswax Luminaries, Let there 'bee' light! Participants will craft beautiful bowls made from pure beeswax and decorate them with real pressed flowers and leaves. One tea light can transform this delicate beeswax candle bowl votive into a warm, luminous lamp. Attendees will take home the luminary they make from this 2-hour workshop. Open to ages 10 through adult. Space is limited, pre-register with the Sister Bay/ Liberty Grove Library by calling: 920-854-2721. Funded by the Door County Library Foundation

Tuesday, June 30

5:30 pm Sister Bay/Liberty Grove Library: Ladies of Country Music on 78s, Gather together for a curated summer evening highlighting country songs on 78s from the 1920s - 1950s featuring: The Carter Family, Patsy Montana, The Girls of the Golden West, Maddox Brothers and Rose, Kitty Wells, The Davis Sisters, Jean Shepard, and more. This country records listening party includes history, music, and light refreshments.

ELLISON BAY Day

Parade • Food • Music • Family Fun

SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2026

Ellison Bay Community Park

7:30am | Beach Yoga

9am - 4pm | Festival

10am | Parade

(Starts at Fitzgerald Park on School Road)

10 - 11am | Road Closure

11am | Best Minster Dog Show

(Register Your Dog at the Event)

12:30-3:30pm | Music - The Cherry Tones

Raffle, Classic Car Show, Art & Craft Vendors,
Food, Sweets, Beer Tent, Ellison Bay Merchandise

Kids Activities:

Free Bounce House • Treasure Hunt Sand Pile • Tattoos & Crafts

Sponsored by Ellison Bay Service Club and Door County North

Ellison Bay Day 2026 Saturday, June 27, 2026

Featuring a full day of festivities in the park from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, including a parade, live music, food, and car show. The event highlights the community of Ellison Bay with local vendors and activities.



The 25th Annual Liberty Grove Historical Society - Lake to Table Fish Boil Fundraiser

Thursday June 18, 2026, 4 - 8pm, join the Liberty Grove Historical Society as we celebrate the 25th Annual Lake-to-Table Fish Boil at the Museum Barn, on the grounds of the beautiful Liberty Grove Historical Society.

Lake Michigan Lake Levels

Forecasted water levels for May 22nd are above levels from last month on all lakes by a range of 4 to 7 inches, as the seasonal rise continues. Compared to last year, projected May 22nd water levels on Lakes Superior, Michigan-Huron, St. Clair, and Ontario are above last year's level by 5, 7, 2, and 13 inches, respectively. Lake Erie is 2 inches below last year's levels on May 22nd. Compared to long-term average levels, Lakes Superior, Michigan-Huron, St. Clair, Erie, and Ontario are above their respective monthly May average by 2, 2, 6, 3, and 13 inches. All lakes are below record high May water levels by a range of 14 to 32 inches and above record low May water levels by a range of 26 to 50 inches, depending on the lake. By June 22nd, water levels are forecast to rise between 1 and 3 inches, depending on the lake, except Lakes St. Clair and Ontario, which are forecast to remain near their May 22nd level.

Door County Farm Markets 2026

Baileys Harbor (Baileys Harbor Town Hall)

Sundays, 9am–1pm May 17th - October 4th

Sister Bay (Corner of the Past Museum)

Saturdays, 8am-12pm June 13th - October 3rd

Jacksonport Farmers Market (Lakeside Park)

Tuesday mornings, 9am- 1pm May 19th through October 13th



Boating Season

The start of boating season is upon us. The Town has several launch areas, all requiring a launch permit or fee. It is \$10.00 if you are just paying for a single launch. You can also stop at the Town office Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm to buy a seasonal pass which will allow unlimited launching for \$75.00. The launch fee applies to kayaks and canoes as well as jet skis. The launch on Garrett Bay Road is for non-motorized launch only. Kayaks may NOT be stored at this location as many launches take place daily. All watercraft requires a launch fee or seasonal pass.



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

Practices 4pm -6pm: 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: 6/16, 6/27.

Fireworks

When shooting fireworks over the 4th of July holiday please be aware that a permit is required through the Town office. It does require the signature of the Town Chairman and the Fire Chief.

Please plan to get your permit early, issuance of a permit the day before is not possible. The deadline for requesting a permit is June 19th.

It will require proof of liability insurance. Permit applications are available on the Town's website.

When recycling at Going Garbage, please, take the time to flatten your boxes, cardboard, etc. Be respectful of your neighbors and make room for the next person that is recycling. Tossing boxes and such into the dumpsters takes up so much wasted space if not flattened. Recycle responsibly



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



PLEASE NOTE:

We do NOT accept Light Bulbs, Alkaline Batteries, Trash, PCB Material, or any Liquids

**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**

Free To Recycle:

Anything Metal	Cordless phones	Pots & Pans	Tools
Anything with a Plug	Dryers	Power Cords	Tillers
Appliances	Electric Motors	Printers	Trailers
Batteries	Exercise Equipment	Saw Blades	Treadmills
Bed Frames (metal)	Flag Poles	Scooters	Tricycles
Bikes	Garbage disposals	Screen Doors	Wash
Cables	Hair Dryers	Shelves	Machines
Calculators	Hand Tools	Snowblowers	Water
Car Parts	Ironing Boards	Speakers	Heaters
Cell Phones	Irons	Staplers	Weight
Chain Saws	Keyboards	Stereos	Benches
Chairs (metal)	Lamps	Stoves	Weight Sets
Coffee Machines	Laptops	Table Saws	AND MORE!
Computers	Plugs		

NOW

ACCEPTING:

CDs

DVDs

VHS

VIDEO GAMES

VINYL RECORDS

Fee to Recycle:

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

Proud Member of Wisconsin DNR E-Cycle WI



B3 Recycling

920.246.7143 ecyclenow.com



**News from NWS
and
Newport State Park
May 2026**

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The Friends Group of Newport State Park*



Adult Blacklegged ("Deer") tick in its "questing" stance

Ticks cannot jump or fly. Instead, they use their hind-most legs to hold onto a blade of grass or a twig, reaching out with their front legs to grab onto a host who might be passing by.

Deer Tick vs. Wood Tick



Ixodes scapularis:
Adult Blacklegged ("Deer") Tick



Dermacentor variabilis:
Adult "Wood" Tick (AKA "Dog" Tick)

Ticks! They are Out and Hungry!

Strategies for Prevention and Care

By Paula Kocken, MD

It is finally warm enough to get out and hike—and the ticks of Door County are out there too. They are hearty little arachnids and, at this time of year, the young nymphs are looking for an easy meal of blood.

In northern WI, ticks can be found year-round but April through October is the time when they are most active; 50% of all tick bites occur in June and July. The bite itself is not the main concern; it is the serious illnesses that ticks may carry and transmit that keep us up at night. It is why we should all practice prevention.

The most common tick-transmitted illness in northern WI is Lyme disease. Lyme disease is transmitted exclusively via the bite of infected Blacklegged (AKA "Deer") ticks.

First: Prevention

1) Prepare before you go out:

- Wear long-sleeve shirts, long pants, and closed-toe shoes
- Tuck your pant cuffs into your socks
- Spray with repellent [clothes (permethrin) or your body (20% DEET)]

2) Avoid "tick-y" areas

- Walk in the center of paths, if possible
- Avoid tall grass areas

3) Do a series of tick checks after every outdoor session

- Check for ticks immediately after hiking and before you get in the car
- Once home, remove clothing and re-check for ticks. Parents should check their children. Look everywhere: arm pits, behind the knees, hairlines and scalp, waist, belly buttons!
- Take a shower within 12 hours after any activity with possible exposure to ticks
- Tick-check your dogs

Second: Tick removal and monitoring

1) If possible, take a photo of the tick (see photos below)

- Black-legged ("deer") ticks are the ones that carry Lyme (and other diseases)
- Wood ticks can also transmit serious diseases to humans and pets

2) Remove the tick

- Use a tweezers, tick removal device, or a tissue and your fingers. Gently but firmly grasp the body of the tick, as close to the skin as possible, and pull straight out, no twisting!
- If mouth parts remain embedded in the skin, don't panic. Do not try and dig them out. They will be expelled naturally in the healing process.
- Clean the area around the bite with soap and water at a minimum; cleansing the area with rubbing alcohol is recommended.

3) Monitor the site for 4 weeks

- Removal of tick prior to 36 hours of the bite, the lower the risk of Lyme disease infection
- If removal is longer than 36 hours of the bite, you may qualify for preventative antibiotics

Finally: When to seek advice from a medical professional

- If a skin rash develops, especially in the shape of a "target" or "bull's eye"
 - If you develop a persistent fever or you feel sick with a lack of energy (malaise), ask your primary care provider to consider testing for tick-borne illnesses. Lyme disease is known as "the great pretender".
 - Lyme disease can be treated with antibiotics
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Paula Kocken, MD specialized in Pediatric Emergency Medicine and is a WI Master Naturalist. She (and husband Dave and their dog "Blu") spends a lot of time outdoors. Paula practices what she teaches!

**All programs and events
at Newport are free,**
but a state park admission sticker is
required on vehicles.

Some programs are weather related.
Check with the park if you have any
questions.

**Newport State Park
475 County Road NP
Ellison Bay, WI 54210
Ph. 920-854-2500**