



Gibraltar News

November 2013

Gibraltar Parks and Lands

Town of Gibraltar

Spring Elections

There will be a Spring Election on Tuesday, April 1, 2014. The following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents: Supervisor Brian Hackbarth and Supervisor Karl Stubenvoll. The term for all offices is for two years beginning Tuesday, April 15, 2014.

The first day to circulate nomination papers is Sunday, December 1, 2013 and the final day for filing nomination papers is 5:00 p.m., on Tuesday, January 7, 2014, in the office of the Town Clerk.

If a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2014.

As the brisk winds finish whisking the gold leaves to the ground, our town is putting finishing winter touches on our Parks. Leaves are being chopped and stakes are being placed. Soon the Christmas trees will be in place. What a great year it has been working on new projects and completing old ones.

As you stroll down to Sunset Beach, notice our beautiful stonewall is near completion as the mason has repaired our faulty areas and new asphalt has been placed to provide for a safe walking surface and to better manage the water runoff. We look forward to finishing touches in spring. Our pocket gardens at Sunset, Spruce and across from Founders Square continue to be enhanced with new plants. Our committee was fortunate to have several residents donate grasses, irises, lilies and bulbs. Once you come to the corner of Main, you might have noticed, Noble Square has been busy eliminating Bishop Weed

and beautifying curb appeal. Much work takes many helpers. As we have added a few wonderful volunteers to the crew consider lending a helping hand. Look forward to two new tree additions from donors and a giant anchor. Then a stroll down to Clark Park, we have a new Crab Apple tree and in Spruce Park there is a second, as well as a new Cedar, Nine Bark and Spirea. Walking to Fish Creek Park our third new tree and the new Scenic Byways kiosk is installed.

A few other points of interest from our committee, be aware of invasive species this is everyone's duty. We will continue to educate and bring awareness to invasive plants. This year we brought attention to wild parsnip, distributed letters to residents

with large overgrowth of garlic mustard and continue to monitor phragmites. Reminder garlic mustard is the last to freeze in the winter and the first to emerge in spring so elimination is easy.

Our town is also fortunate to have two wonderful people keeping our Chambers Island Lighthouse in check. Thank you Joel and Mary Blahnik for all your hard work!

As we prepare our Parks for winter, we look forward to the spring and the many bulbs eager to emerge, and our committee's continued commitment to keeping our Town a wonderful place to visit.



Gibraltar Fire & Rescue

Good tidings to All,

As we enter the holiday season, please make sure you and yours are safe. Over the course of the year, we have responded to a variety of fire calls where smoke detectors and CO detectors have been absent, disabled or malfunctioning. Please, change your batteries and test your devices! We recommend that smoke detectors be replaced completely every ten years and CO detectors every five to seven (or per manufacturer's requirements.) In addition to at home safety, please carry basic supplies in your car – blanket, hat, gloves and boots. Finally, help us be as prepared as possible to help you by notifying us of any special medical needs, disabilities or neighbors at risk due to age or illness by emailing us at chief@gibraltarfirerescue.com or calling (920) 421-4331.

Our open house was a huge success with tons of support from community businesses and individuals. During our side-by-side burn demonstration it was truly amazing to

watch one room reach well over 1000 degrees in less than a minute! Smoke detectors save lives! Conversely, the sprinklered room was equally amazing in how fast the fire was extinguished.



Congratulations to Adrian Murre on his completion of the 60 hour Entry Level Firefighting class and his full membership in the department! Are you willing and able?!? Contact us to find out!

Thank you all who have already donated to the cause of buying compliant defibrillators for the department. Please consider the Gibraltar Fire Rescue Association when making your year-end tax deductible contri-

butions. We, unfortunately, have a wide variety of equipment needs that are outside of our municipal budget capacity!

Speaking of budgets... why the need for a new fire truck? Fire-fighter safety. Response capacity. Fiscal responsibility. The newer trucks are safer to drive, ride and operate. Combining a water hauling tanker with the firefighting pumper on one chassis means more water is available faster with a smaller crew being necessary. Buying a truck now saves more than \$50,000.00 in trade-in values and at least \$500,000.00 is saved by combining two trucks into one and downsizing our fleet! A very special thanks to the Sister Bay / Liberty Grove fire department for the loan of an engine as we build Engine 9's replacement.

Stay safe this winter,

Caleb Whitney
Fire Chief

2014 Budget

At the November 14, 2013 Meeting of the Electors, the Town passed a resolution by majority vote to exceed the allowable levy limit by 12.538%. The 2013 Town tax levy to be collected in 2014 is \$1,568,166.70.

The Town Board of the Town of Gibraltar works diligently to be fiscally responsible and create a balanced budget, that supports the Town's infrastructure.

Thank you for your continued support!

2014 Dog Licenses are available in the Town Office.

We encourage everyone in the municipality to register their pet with the Town of Gibraltar. For everyone's safety, it is important to ensure that all dogs are vaccinated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian. Licensing also helps identify your dog, if it strays from home.

Applications are available in the office or on the Town website!

Holiday Greetings from Gibraltar Historical Association!

Another busy summer has come to a close at Noble Square. The wedding dresses have carefully been put away, and we are readying the house for the "Holiday Season". Look for the tree to be put up in the front yard any day as we plan for the Christmas Tree Lighting. It will take place **Sunday, December 8, 2013 @ 6:00 p.m.** We will sing and light the tree at 6:00 and then carol-our-way to the Old Town Hall for a community supper. Enjoy a light supper with friends and welcome Mrs. Claus. She will check Santa's list and give out gifts to the children. The captain of the Christmas Tree Ship will also be there to tell the story of his fateful night aboard his ship. Don't miss this community evening.

Supper: Adults \$5 Children \$2

You will see a new face at GHA.

Calsey Cross has joined the organization as the new Program Director. She has launched the Juddville Cemetery Project. You may see her carefully taking rubbings of headstones, or standing in the cemetery snapping pictures and writing notes in a binder. Don't be alarmed. She is doing the research and making family connections to verify who is buried where in this more than century old cemetery.

Another face that is familiar and belongs to the gal that is usually gardening will now also be found in the History Center. Laurie Buske will not only continue to volunteer in the gardens but will also work in the office organizing us, developing marketing plans, dealing with membership and scheduling. We know Laurie's "let's get it done" attitude, so we look forward to a great year

of organization, and making great strides in getting the "history center" moving on its way. Laurie's latest "garden project" was securing an anchor for one of the gardens at Noble Square. It is being prepared for a safe installation. Be sure to look for it in the near future!

Have a wonderful Holiday Season with those special

people in your life. . . and cherish this wonderful place on earth we call home. Peace!



Door County Coastal Byway

Ready for its debut the Town of Gibraltar "experience hub" kiosk is finished and ready for you at Fish Creek Park. Ours is the ninth completed kiosk along the Door County Coastal Byway. Each kiosk is unique to its community highlighting historic, environmental and cultural aspects of that area. Many of our local community members participated in the gathering of information, the telling of stories of old and photographs depicting our history that are included in the kiosk and the soon to be completed Master Plan. A special thank you is due

to those community members.

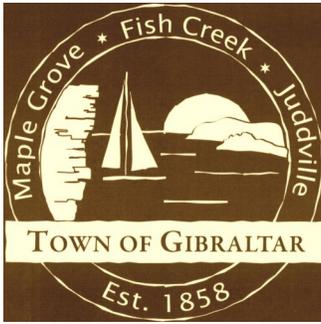
The Highway 42 Byway will eventually have 12 kiosks located at the Door County Visitors Bureau and the byway communities of Sevasto-



pol, Village of Egg Harbor, Jacksonport, Baileys Harbor, Gibraltar, Village of Sister Bay, Liberty Grove and the Grand View Scenic Overlook near Ellison Bay for the Door County Land Trust.

Schmeekle Reserve Interpreters were contracted to create the experience hubs and the Interpretive Master Plan for the Door County Coastal Byway. Our byway made the national news in Country Magazine being included in "Country's 2013 Best Scenic Roads." If you wish to read the article it is located at: www.country-magazine.com/

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Thank you, Fish Creek Post Office

2014 Winter Festival Fun

It is that time of year again for a harebrained idea dreamed up by a Fish Creek man tired of the peninsula's winter doldrums; it has evolved and has survived the test of 27 years time. Formally known as Winter Games, Fish Creek's now Winter Festival will be held January 31st - February 2nd.

Winter Festival is a family-friendly community event, for both locals and visitors. It's a weekend full of fun winter activities – for the entire family! Join us in the large heated tent, located in Clark Park, for games, music, food, good people and great times!

As always there will be fun family games inside the tent and out with some games out on the ice (weather permitting). All proceeds from Sat-

urday's games and concessions benefit our Door County non-profit organizations. For a full schedule of events and games visit www.VisitFishCreek.com.

The festival wraps up with Sunday's featured event the "Fruit Loop" fun run. Costume wearers will hit the streets of Fish Creek for this non-grueling 1/53rd of a marathon (1/2 mile). It is an event that takes on a life of its own, that you won't want to miss out on!

The weekend event is sponsored by the Fish Creek Civic Association, volunteers are needed to help with the Festival, contact Digger in the information center if you are willing to help.

We look forward to spending a fun filled weekend with you all in Fish

Creek!

For more information about Winter Festival, visit www.VisitFishCreek.com or call (800) 577.1880.

