

EPHRAIM—GIBRALTAR AIRPORT

The Ephraim-Gibraltar Airport had another outstanding year providing a fabulous destination to pilots. Pilots flying into this truly unique airport were greeted by a friendly staff that functions as ambassadors, providing information regarding interesting and fun activities in the Northern Door County area. The airport provides a courtesy van and courtesy bikes for pilots/crew to use during their visit. This free service allows families to take advantage of the numerous activities in the area; hiking in the park, golf, concerts, fishing, and more. The airport staff does an excellent job of promoting local commerce: shopping, restaurants and accommodations. The courtesy van was used 122 times this past summer, to take advantage of these and other activities.

This past summer, we installed the Automated Weather Observation System (AWOS). AWOS provides pilots with up to the minute weather at the Ephraim-Gibraltar Airport. The information can be accessed by their computer, or in their airplane (on frequency 124.175), or by phone (920 854 5559). Pilots are required to know the weather conditions at their destination airport, AWOS provides this information, and provides a safe environment for pilots flying into the Ephraim-Gibraltar Airport.

The Friends of Ephraim-Gibraltar Airport continue to be a major contributor of the airport. Again this year, volunteers cut grass and maintained the airport environment. This service reduces the cost that the Town of Gibraltar and the Village of Ephraim would have to pay to maintain the airport.

In addition, the Friends of Ephraim-Gibraltar Airport sponsored the EAA Young Eagles event. Area youngsters, ages 8-17, had a chance to take to the skies for a 15-20 minute flight over the Door County peninsula. The rally is part of the EAA Young Eagles Program. The hope is to build one-to-one relationships between pilots and young people, giving a new generation a chance to learn more about the possibilities that exist in the world of aviation. Pilots at the event will also explain more about their airplanes, allowing young people to discover how airplanes work and how pilots ensure safety is the prime concern of every flight.

To become a member of the Friends of Ephraim-Gibraltar Airport, go to their web site at: www.friendsofephraingibraltarairport.com. The annual membership fee is \$12.00.



HOME & BUSINESS SAFETY

In recent months, we have had several burglaries here in the Town. Here are a few tips, from Officer Crowell, to help keep your homes and businesses safe:

- Safe guard cash and valuables
- Make sure your business is illuminated adequately inside and out.
- Keep your hedges trimmed as to not provide hiding areas
- Keep windows clear of advertising and decorations which can block a view from the outside.
- Make sure all outside entrances have deadbolts.
- Keep cash register in plain view and open at night.
- Be sure your safe is fire-proof and anchored properly.
- Install burglar alarms.
- While traveling or away, contact the town office to file a house check request.

Have a safe and happy holiday!!

GIBRALTAR FIRE & RESCUE



GIBRALTAR RECYCLING CENTER

The recycling center is open on the first Saturday of the month, November through April, 9 AM to 12 PM.

2015 DOG LICENSES

2015 Dog License applications are available in the Town office or online.

All dogs must be registered with the Town office, with a current rabies vaccination certificate.



Happy Holidays Everyone,

This is the time of year when everything starts to slow down and we can take a breath and enjoy this beautiful area we call home. Gibraltar Fire Rescue has had another very busy summer, both from the fire and the medical side of call response. Many of the calls we have had come from people out in the area enjoying the sights and nature. Every season brings new reasons to venture out, from beating the heat of summer by hitting the Bay to braving the cold to go snowmobiling. With all the activities available, come challenges for our emergency response group.

Thanks to Gibraltar Fire Rescue's not-for-profit association fundraising efforts we are able to purchase new and more compliant equipment to meet these seasonal challenges. In 2013, our 501.c.3 was able to replace both snow machines, provide our responders with new defibrillators, and buy new cold water rescue suits. This year, we are raising funds to replace our twenty year-old six-wheeled UTV and replace our noncompliant life safety ropes for our high angle rescue equipment. In the search to replace the existing UTV, we were unable to find a fully functional dual purpose machine that met all the requirements of both fire calls and rescue needs. So, we will be replacing the single unit with two specialized UTVs -- one equipped for primarily grass fire suppression and the second for medical transportation. The life safety rope we need is no ordinary rope. Instead, it needs to meet many standards and be rated for the weight of both the rescue team and the patient. The hundreds of feet of rope we are currently using is almost beyond its rated lifespan for being used as life safety rope. With all the beautiful views that the Niagara Escarpment provides comes the need for gear to be able to rescue a person from off or below the bluffs. This is where the high angle equipment comes into play as well as the medical transport UTV to get the rescue team into wooded areas and the patient out.

All the gear and equipment Gibraltar Fire Rescue owns creates the need for lots of training. Every Tuesday night our members gather at the station to begin our training night that often takes us out

Into the Township. Many people come up and ask us "What's happening?" while we are out training. We love these opportunities to show and explain what's going on. It gives us a chance fulfill one of our State mandated responsibilities which is fire and safety education! Another opportunity comes in the form of Gibraltar's annual open house. This year the event was on the Saturday of Jack O'Lantern Days (October 25th). The open house gives us a chance to meet with the residents of the area and show where their tax dollars go! The event has fun for all ages including fire-themed kids' games and educational interactive demos for adults. Special thanks to Julie's Park Café, and Alexander's! Call (920) 421-4331 or email chief@gibraltarfirerescue to get more information about what the department is doing, what is needed and how to join our roster! Please attend any meeting! We can always use more help!

Holiday seasons are upon us and Gibraltar Fire Rescue would like to pass on some safety tips to ensure that your holidays are safe and happy. Cold weather means your heating system should be serviced and making sure your CO detectors are not beyond their service life and have fresh batteries in them. Another safety device to remember is your smoke alarm! Be sure to change the batteries when you change the clocks and if the unit is older than ten years it should be replaced completely. Chimneys should be cleaned and inspected by professionals every year before use. Clothes and any other combustibles should be kept away from baseboard heating registers and open flames. Candles should never be left unattended or let burn for more than three hours at a time. Deep frying a turkey can cause fires very easily. Make sure the bird is thawed and that the cooking kettle is not overfilled with oil as the bird will displace extra oil over the side and down onto the burner. Over filling the oil and having it spill onto an open flame is the cause of many house fires each year. Finally, real Christmas trees should be watered regularly to prevent drying out.

From the Gibraltar Fire Rescue family to yours, please have a safe and happy holiday season!

Fish Creek continues to run after being dry briefly in August. The Fish Creek Watershed Volunteers monitor the health of the creek once a month. The results of the tests are available at the Town Office. If you are interested in the health of the creek please contact Linda Merline, Volunteer Leader, Fish Creek Watershed Study 920-868-3453.



DOOR COUNTY ROOM TAX

Do you own property in one of the 19 municipalities of Door County? Did you know the municipalities of Door County enacted an ordinance in 2007 to collect room tax to fund the promotion of tourism in Door County?

You must be permitted for transient lodging and collect the room tax if your property conforms to the definition of transient lodging.

Room tax must be collected on any transient rental, which is defined as any rental term less than 30 days.

For more information or to permit your property please go to doorcountytourismzone.com or phone (920) 854-6200.

GIBRALTAR PARKS AND LANDS

What a short season for the Town of Gibraltar, know sooner was the last of the snow melting in mid May and now we have a dusting upon us again. The brisk cold air froze the pumpkins, mums and leaves to the ground and if you love waves the harbor was spectacular with 40mph wind gusts. It was a busy season starting and completing our list of projects.

Sunset Beach Park trail was mulched from one end to the other making the path a much easier hike, flowers were added to the entrance a few dead trees removed, a new bench by the waterfront and some bulbs for spring.

Spruce Park has been on the chopping list and mostly just because it needed some pruning to bring the rose bushes under control. Parks and Lands also added some small bushes and bulbs for spring interest.

Fish Creek Park new signs were placed on the trails and watch for a new elm tree donation in spring.

Noble Square was on the top of the list for work completed, a large area was seeded in the center of the park, the wall was showing signs of decay so it was all patched and secured, donation of a lilac tree and bulbs were planted.

3 new planters were purchased and located at town center and filled with flowers, many compliments from visitors to our visitor center.

After researching, budgeting and locating the right contractor for the job, Chambers Island Lighthouse now has a sturdy, safe and impressive railing for anyone wanting to climb the tower for the view.

Town of Gibraltar has taken action to prevent the spread of phragmites by signing up for a two-year treatment plan. Always working towards identifying and removing invasives from our town parks.

We have a new board member Dave Bultman who brings a great deal of expertise to the group, knowledge of plants and invasive's so happy to have him aboard.

Looking forward to planning for the 2015 season and keeping our parks a beautiful place to visit, relax or just enjoy the view.



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BOXHOLDER

SNOW REMOVAL

As a reminder, sidewalks must be cleared of snow and ice within 24 hours of a snow event.

The Postal Service also asks that mailbox approaches are kept clear of ice and snow, for easier accessibility.

Thank you, for your cooperation!

BUILDING COMMITTEE

Gibraltar is planning to build a new maintenance building at the Recycling Center. With drive-through bays for our trucks and inside storage for other equipment, this building will be a much needed addition. We will keep the current shop building for cold storage through it's useful life.

The interior of the new building will be similar in many ways to the new maintenance building in Baileys Harbor. Our Building Maintenance Committee has done two walk-throughs there and received many helpful suggestions from their staff. We are looking forward to developing the design details in the coming months, with construction to begin in the spring of 2015.

This year's major improvements include masonry repairs at the Fire Hall, caulking at the Town Center, cleaning and repairs to the roof of the Noble House as well as, tuck-pointing its foundation, and a new roof on the Town Hall. We are continuing to upgrade to LED lighting wherever the power savings will save us money. A big Thank You to our Town maintenance crew for taking care of the many smaller, but still necessary repairs.