

# GIBRALTAR NEWS

MAY 10, 2011

## Gibraltar Parks and Lands Protects the Local Biodiversity with DCIST

The Gibraltar Parks and Lands committee is committed to combating invasive species on public lands this season. With some help and direction from the Door County Invasive Species Team (DCIST) we have four workdays planned for 2011 including an invasive species identification training session scheduled for Wednesday May 11<sup>th</sup>, at 3:30pm. Anyone and everyone is invited to join us to develop better stewardship skills for being the eyes and ears of the community in addressing exotic species establishment. We will meet at the Gibraltar Fire Station on County Road F. Volunteers are needed to protect *your* environ-

ment! Please help out at one of these events if you can:

**Wednesday May 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm, Invasive Species identification Training, held at the Gibraltar Fire Station**

**Wednesday June 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm, to eradicate *Dames Rocket*, meet at the Fish Creek Park gazebo**

**Wednesday October 19<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm, to eradicate *Honeysuckle*, meet at the Fish Creek Park gazebo**

**Wednesday October 26<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm, to eradicate *Honeysuckle*, meet**

**at the Fish Creek Park gazebo**



The Gibraltar Community Center has a new *green* look. Although the recycle cans are blue, not green, customers and visitors may find them throughout the building. As the newly appointed "Recycling Diva" for the building I found it important to implement an earth-

friendly approach to the position. In October of 2010, The Town of Gibraltar Parks and Lands Committee furnished paper, as well as, comingled recycling containers at the building entrance by the Library and Post Office. Contact the Town of Gibraltar Clerk

if you have any *green* ideas for the "Recycling Diva".

## NOTES OF SPECIAL INTEREST:

**Dames Rocket** is one invasive species that is a growing problem on a large scale within Gibraltar. It is often confused with phlox and can be found on the edges woodlands.

Eurasian Bush Honeysuckle invade forest edges and alter habitats by depleting soil moisture and nutrients, and possibly releasing allelopathic chemicals that inhibit growth of other plants

The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is native to Asia. However, it is an invasive species here in North America. It is highly destructive to Ash trees. EAB threatens 7.5 billion ash trees in the United States. Since it's accidental introduction into the United States and Canada in the 1990s, and it's subsequent detection in 2002, it has spread to 14 states and adjacent parts of Canada. It has killed at least 50-100 million ash trees so far and threatens to kill most of the ash trees throughout North America.

## TRAVEL GREEN IN GIBRALTAR



Four of the top ten point earners of Door and Kewaunee Counties Travel Green Wisconsin program are from the Town of Gibraltar. The Travel Wisconsin website states: "In the spirit of Wisconsin's deep heritage of environmental stewardship, the Department of Tourism initiated Travel Green Wisconsin in 2006 to promote smart, environmentally friendly business practices. The program is the first state-

sponsored sustainable tourism certification program in the nation and has become a model for sustainable travel efforts across the nation." In order for an applicant to become Travel Green certified they must submit a Baseline Environmental Performance Assessment. This assessment collects information about the amount of energy, fuel, water, and solid waste that business consumed during the previous calendar year. After

the baseline assessment, the applicant must then commit to sustainable business practices within the Travel Green Wisconsin checklist. The business must accumulate at least 30 points to be considered. Of these 30 points at least five must be towards communication or educational practices. All other accumulative points can be obtained from various sustainable or green practices found on the TGW website.

## BRUSHING

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The Town of Gibraltar Maintenance crew has been hard at work brushing trees and vegetation along our local roads. Brushing is done annually to uphold a clear right of way for vehicles. As some may know, property owners have the option to retain the wood or vegetation that is brushed along their individual property. Not only can the property owners retain the wood

and vegetation, they can ask that wood chips be saved for landscaping. A bulk pile of wood chips is located at the town recycling center. Property owners can access the wood chip pile and use it for personal use. This is a great way for Town of Gibraltar residents to save money by using materials that are free and available to them! Even better; the wood, vegetation,

and wood chips are all local. No transportation of the Emerald Ash Borer here! For more information or questions about brushing contact the Town of Gibraltar office.

## NEW MULTI-PERPOSE VEHICLE FOR GFD

The new multi-purpose vehicle for the Gibraltar Fire Department is soon to be getting its' finishing touches. A delivery date in mid-June has been scheduled. The vehicle will be painted red and yellow and be equipped with the newest and latest in fire fighting technology! One of the most impressive features is a remote controlled water discharge

outlet installed in the front bumper/brush guard assembly. The system is controlled via a joystick in the cab console. In addition to the remote controlled water discharge there are also three ground sweep nozzles mounted to the CAFS (compressed air foam system) system. These accessories will allow our fire department to

have the capability to respond and extinguish fire and emergency calls at our airport and other emergency situations where foam is needed. The new vehicle is a great addition to our fleet. The 1970 brush truck will be retired. Its' future has yet to be determined by the Town Board.

## HISTORICAL SOCIETY HERITAGE DAYS

The Gibraltar Historical Society's annual Heritage Days are from June 4th through June 11th. The event includes a free fishing weekend at Peninsula State Park, as well as, guided hikes through Fish Creek Park and Blossomburg Cemetery.

On June 4th and 5th Peninsula State Park Nature Center will host a free fishing event. The weekend will include free use of fishing poles and a fish exhibit. Also, on

Sunday June 5th there is free admission to Peninsula State Park. Nan & Jerry's Bait & Tackle will have fishing tips and all the equipment needs for a great angler weekend in the park!

A guided hike to Fish Creek park is set for Thursday, June 9th at The Settlement Shops. The day will start with coffee and a lecture followed by a hike to Fish Creek Park. View native flora along the trails and possibly a

fish or two in the creek.

June 11th is the closing day for the Gibraltar Historical Association's Fish Creek Heritage Days 2011. Begin the day with a walk in historical Blossomburg Cemetery. Learn about the founding families of the Town of Gibraltar entombed there. Finish the day at the Old Town Hall with a perusal and purchase of a resident artist's painting!

## TOWN OF GIBRALTAR RECYCLING CENTER

### Paper & Cardboard

This includes newspaper, magazines, junk mail, office paper, container board, corrugated cardboard, catalogs, phone books, etc. All paper and cardboard products must be flattened, dry and free of food debris and restroom waste of any type. Styrofoam, plastic and non-paper shipping materials are prohibited. Tape and staples are permitted.

### Plastic, Glass, Aluminum & Tin Containers

This includes unflattened, unbroken food and beverage containers made of glass, aluminum, tin and plastics #1 and #2 (the number that shows up

on the bottom of a plastic container). These containers must have a neck smaller in diameter than the base. All items must be rinsed of food or liquids. Plastic soda, water and milk bottle caps are considered trash. Metal and tin lids are recyclable.

Plastic bags used to transport recyclables (i.e. grocery store bags), caps and lids are considered regular garbage and not recyclables. No plastic sheeting or shipping material. **Reduce, Reuse, Recycle** By law, items that are considered recyclable and not contaminated with food debris and restroom waste may not be disposed of as trash.

### Items Requiring Special Handling

Certain items require special handling and are not allowed to go in carts, such as the following items: hazardous waste, medical waste, tires, batteries, liquor waste, microwaves, Freon units, fluorescent bulbs, e-waste (computers, printers), heavy rigid metal. If you are unsure about an item, please call the Going Office at 854-2114.

The Town of Gibraltar Recycling Center Hours are: May-October 1st & 3rd Saturday 8:00 AM-Noon. November-April 1st Saturday 9:00 AM-Noon.



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## BIKE PATROL

On Sundays during the summer months; Andy Crowell, The Town of Gibraltar Police Officer, can be scene patrolling on bicycle. Not only is this a great way for Officer Crowell to interact with the community, but it is also sustainable (as long as Officer Crowell can stay hydrated!). There are many benefits to having an officer patrolling on bicycle. The most often mentioned are visibility and mobility. The visibility of an officer on a bicycle cannot be matched. With this visibility also comes an increase in human contact with the community. In fact, it is much like the old

"Beat Officers" who used to walk the streets. They knew people by name and had a good feel for the neighborhoods at a personal level. On a bicycle, an officer is much more approachable than in a car and can help in building new contacts and trust from the citizens. This allows officers to be proactive in fighting crime rather than reactive. Bike Patrol Officers can be much more aware of concerns before they turn into problems. A bicycle patrol is also fantastic for public events such as concerts, sporting events, festivals, road races and other large gatherings. An officer can

move quickly through a crowd while on a bike, and can find short cuts, etc., where a patrol car would have very diminished mobility in the same situation.

