



Ephraim Update

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Letter from the Village President...

Greetings friends and neighbors,

Thank goodness for spring! The Village has just come out of one of the toughest winters in recent memory. We experienced an abundance of snow and cold temps. Shovels and snow throwers received quite a workout and private snowplow operators had a very busy winter. Cross-country skiers and snowmobilers had several weeks of great snow conditions. But now it is time for spring cleanup and your village staff is gearing up for the challenge.

I would like to mention two projects that are scheduled for completion before Memorial Day. The Firehouse Marina boat channel dredging project is mostly complete. Those of you that are Firehouse Marina patrons will be happy to hear that the Wisconsin DNR granted the Village permission to widen and deepen the channel to more safely accommodate boating traffic traveling from the marina out to the deeper waters of Eagle Harbor. The second project I would like to mention is the Historic Ephraim Firehouse restoration. The project is moving forward with an anticipated completion just a few weeks away. This is a project the entire Village can be proud of. The building was in dire need of structural upgrades as well as a complete facelift. The old firehouse is being restored to appear as it did when it was built in the early 1930's. To enhance the look even further, the Village Board has authorized the removal of the overhead electric and cable TV wires on Moravia Street behind the old firehouse. In addition, there is a focus committee working on recommendations to clean up the Village owned land that runs south of the old firehouse between Water and Moravia Streets. Watch for a "Historic Firehouse" open house soon. Many thanks to the donors, the firehouse restoration committee, and to Keith Lindstrand, our firehouse project coordinator.

In my last news article I mentioned that the Village Board had created a direct email address for village taxpayers to communicate directly with the trustees. I would like to report that we have now expanded our email system even further. The Village President, each Village Trustee, the Village Administrator, and the department heads will each now have a direct Village email address. As before, an email to trustees@ephrain-wisconsin.com will be delivered to the entire Village Board of Trustees. All emails will be forwarded to the appropriate committee chairperson or department head for a timely response. The new email addresses are available on the Village of Ephraim internet site www.ephrain-wisconsin.com and in this newsletter.

As I start my second year of my term as Village President, I would like to thank everyone for his or her comments and words of encouragement. The only way for Ephraim government to constantly evaluate itself and meet the needs of all residents, non-residents, businesses, and taxpayers is to listen to you. As always, please feel free to contact me or one of the other Trustees with your comments and concerns. The Board of Trustees looks forward to hearing from you.

- John Cox

From The Wastewater Treatment Plant

Dave Alberts, Brad Rasmussen, Russell Salfi

The Wastewater Department has been actively renovating the wastewater/water lab. A variety of upgrades include countertop resurfacing, new faucets, repainting metal cabinet doors and replacing the asphalt tile floor. These changes will keep the lab in great shape for years ahead. It looks like a new roof for the entire building will be completed this year too.

A reminder to all grinder pump owners - inspection notices will be sent out soon. If you do receive a notice, please schedule your inspection at your earliest convenience.

The well water testing is gearing up for another great year. The village encourages property owners to have an annual test of their well water (Ordinance Chapter 13.12). We offer a variety of state certified tests. You may pick up a testing kit at either the village office or the treatment plant.

Don't forget, we also offer septage hauling. We provide service for holding tanks within the village. For those of you on a three year inspection schedule with the Door County Sanitarian Department for your conventional septic or mound system, we provide a competitive service. Call to set up an appointment – 854-4991.

The two full time operators, Brad and Russ, have been busy working on various projects all winter long. They have done and continue to do a great job! No project would be possible without approval from our Wastewater Committee and Village Board. THANK YOU.

David L. Alberts
Ephraim Wastewater Plant – Mgr.; Ephraim Well Water Facility – Mgr.
Ephraim Septage Hauling – Operator in charge

From Brent at the Zoning Desk

Brent B. Bristol

As I am writing this piece for the spring 08' newsletter I have to say it looks beautiful outside, in fact *[window opens]* it is. It appears that spring is finally here. I made this same statement a few weeks back after a 60 degree weekend tease. I was wrong then, but I am committed to it this time. The cover is off the boat and the golf clubs are out of the closet.

So far 2008, from a building permit standpoint, has been slow. No permits have been issued for new home construction this year compared to five from a year ago. I have, however, issued an abundance of maintenance related building permits about town. These activities include but are not limited to repairs, replacements, remodels, renovations, and faceprint changes.

With the summer months approaching, I am sure that many of you have building/maintenance plans for this season or in the seasons to come. I encourage you to contact me as early in the process as you can. Almost any land disturbance or building related activity within the Village of Ephraim requires a permit, and it is my job to work with you throughout the permitting process. I am here to assist you to the best of my abilities regarding the Ephraim Zoning Ordinance or other land use questions you may have. The Village of Ephraim Zoning Ordinance (Chapter 17) along with other resources can be found on our website www.ephraim-wisconsin.com.

Brent Bristol, Zoning Administrator

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From the Ephraim Library...

We're planning a busy summer at the Ephraim Library. Our summer hours begin after Memorial Day (May 26th): Monday 3:00-7:00; Tuesday and Wednesday 10:00-3:00; Thursday 1:00-5:00 and Saturday 10:00-2:00.

Our Summer Reading Program sign-up begins June 2 for all children through 8th grade. Come and "Catch the reading bug" at many special events at the Ephraim Library throughout July and August. Story time for Preschoolers-Early Elementary Grades will be at 1:30 p.m. on Thursdays, July 17, 24, 31 and Aug 7. Stop by and pick up a brochure listing all our countywide programs.

We will be hosting the Door County Library Board meeting at the Ephraim Library in May. The exact date and time are still to be determined so stay tuned if you're interested in attending.

If you have Internet access at home, I hope you'll visit the library website at www.dcl.lib.wi.us. Click on the Infosoup catalog, set up your library account and request materials to be sent to Ephraim library held in your name for pick up. You may also renew items online if your account is in good standing and no one is waiting for that item.

Other things you might want to explore on the **Infosoup catalog web page** from home or in the library:

- In the search box type "**Playaway**" - children's audiobooks in a format that is a self-contained audio media player.
- Click on **OverDrive** for downloadable audiobooks, music and videos. You can listen to books on your computer or mp3 player.
- Click on **Tumblebooks** to view online animated, talking picture books from well-known authors for young children.
- Click on **TELL ME MORE** to try out our new online language learning program – suitable for both beginning and advanced language learners--Spanish, English, French, German, Italian and Dutch, everyday language and business language.

Have a great summer at the Ephraim Library!

--Your librarian, Linda Malmgren

From the Harbormaster, Keith Lindstrand

When you're at the Firehouse Marina, say hello to our newly hired Assistant Harbormaster, **David Tourmo**. He is replacing Steve Cox, who is "retiring" to pursue his internship at Horseshoe Bay Farms Golf Course.

Dredging is complete; we now have a 50' wide channel, which should add to the safety and convenience for boaters. If you are planning an early launch, please understand our lot is being used by the contractors restoring the old Firehouse. Be careful and give them room to work.

Though I don't believe the forecast for more than 10 minutes, the water level is forecast to be up from last year. That's good news! Business as usual from the Marina with a May 15 opening.

Physical Facilities and Utilities

Mike Mittermann, Mike Skippon, Jim Janda



Well it's great to finally see spring!

We have had a change in staff. To fill the vacancy left by Patrick Johnson's departure to the Sister Bay Sewer & Water, we welcome Jim Janda to our department. Jim will be assisting Mike and me by maintaining the Village parks and buildings.

With the beautiful spring weather, we are placing the benches and picnic tables for use by the end of the first week of May; you will find your favorite bench in almost the same location as last year, but if you have any questions, contact Sue at the office 854-5501. We will provide her a list of the locations for all of the memorial benches.

Our forever growing to-do list has shrunk just a bit with the completion of some major projects like the Administrative Office renovation, and the Visitor's Center. This will free up time to give that extra attention to our various parks and buildings.

Now that all of our plantings and grass at Harborside Park are fully established, we know you will enjoy the summer concerts and other activities at the park. Speaking of the park, we hope everyone got to see and enjoy the holiday decorations Mike Skippon put up in and around the gazebo.

Have a great summer !

--Mike Mittermann

From Sue Shallow...

2008 Highlights at the Village Hall

Finally a change of season..... I am pleased to provide you with the highlights of this year's events at the Village Hall. For tickets, please contact the group sponsoring the event.

May - On the evening of Friday, May 2, the Half Marathon Spaghetti Dinner will take place for the registrants of this event. On Saturday May 3, The American Folklore is sponsoring a concert in the Hall. On Monday May 12, Isadoora Theatre will begin their run of "The Cover of Life," directed by Ann Birnschein; their presentation will continue until Sunday May 25. The Moravian Women's group will again make those Attic Treasures available on Saturday May 31.

June- Don't forget **FYR BAL** on June 13-15! On that Sunday evening the popular Sing-Alongs sponsored by the Ephraim Historical Foundation will begin in the Hall and take place every Sunday evening thru July 27. The Library hosts their famous book sale on the Library lawn June 13.

July- Remember all fireworks displays will require a permit! Friday, July 11, the Door County Folk Festival will provide an evening of contra dancing and a Square Dance Party, and on Saturday evening an Ethnic Dance Party. Tuesday evenings from 6-8 pm the Ephraim Foundation hosts their History Speaks program. Door Shakespeare will begin their production on July 25 and will continue until August 3.

August/September/October - AFT begins their run at the Village Hall on Monday August 25 through Sunday, October 26. Look for Tad Dukehart and the Ford Model A parade sponsored by the Ephraim Foundation on Saturday August 30.

November - We wrap up the Hall season with the Moravian Women's Good as New Sale from 8 am - 4 pm Saturday November 1.

This concludes what I currently have reserved at the Village Hall; many dates are still

Invasive Species & Beach Contamination Project

Bob Bultman of the Door County Invasive Species Team will be instructing our Maintenance employees—and anyone else interested in removing Phragmites from the beach or inland properties--on their proper elimination. Let us know if you are interested in participating—they'll be held within the next few months. Soon you will see some progress on the Cladophora situation! We have received our permit from the DNR to remove it from the south-end beaches, and are working on the logistics of who,

q Ephraim-Gibraltar Airport News q

The Ephraim-Gibraltar Airport will boast a new self-fueling system for pilots by summer of 2009. This will lessen the need for personnel hours at the Airport as well as increase revenues, as the system will be available to pilots 24 hours a day.

The Friends of the Airport, formed by Tim Halbrook and several others interested in the present (and the future!) of the Ephraim-Gibraltar Airport, now boasts more than 55 members. They are actively pursuing events and fundraisers, such as the recent Young Eagles event, sponsored with the EAA Chapter 630—experienced pilots giving our Gibraltar students rides to acquaint them with flying and have a chance to see Door County from the air. Their website, www.friendsofephraingibraltarairport.com, has information on the airport including weather, runways, lighting, approaches, hours of operation, etc., as well as a calendar of fly-ins and air

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*Progress on the Old Fire
Station Renovation...*

February 19, 2008 ↓



Ephraim Historical Foundation News

Happy Spring! The Foundation is gearing up for a busy and exciting season. Our season begins with a special Anderson “Dock Party” celebration, which will take place on Thursday, June 12 from 5:00 – 8:30 pm. Join us for thirteen-piece brass band playing turn-of-the-century favorites, a picnic supper complete with a pie and ice cream, plus a talk by Charles Peterson, screenings of old-time movies, and a old-fashioned Family Sing-Along. The annual exhibit at Anderson Barn opens that evening and deals with the history of the Anderson family.

Melissa Ripp, Business & Marketing Director, has been hard at work on a self-guided tour, an hour-long recorded iPod tour through historic Ephraim. The Ephraim Visitor’s Center will be renting out the audio tours on our behalf, and they’ll include free admission to all of the five restored museum buildings.

The Foundation takes in a significant amount of archival materials and artifacts every year with the objective of preserving and making those articles useful and acceptable. Additional office and work areas, plus space for storage, cataloging and public research will appear with the construction of the new Archival Resource Center (ARC) beginning this fall. For more information on our addition, please contact Sally Jacobson at the Foundation office, (920) 854-9688.

As always, the Foundation has a full schedule of events planned for the summer and fall, including our popular Sunday Sing-Alongs at the Ephraim Village Hall, July History Speaks lectures, Children’s Day (Child’s Play: Tales and Crafts at the Anderson Barn), and of course, our museums. Beginning Friday, June 13 through August 31, the Ephraim Village Museums are open Tuesday through Saturday from 11:00 am – 4:00 pm. For more information about our 2008 Calendar of Events and our new book on Ephraim, or if you’d like to join the Foundation, please call the office or visit us on the web at www.ephraim.org.

Happenings at The Hardy Gallery...

- In April the FHCA kicked-off the arts mentorship component of its new art education program, Exposure to Creativity (ETC). Through a partnership with Gibraltar High School and FOG, the FHCA is able to reach out to young people ages 14-18 years old and expose them to different creative professions. The FHCA hopes to empower young people to develop creative practices they can sustain throughout their lives. An open house to view the students' artistic accomplishments will be held at the Link Gallery on May 29 from 3:30-7 pm.
- The Hardy Gallery opens Sat., May 24 with the opening of the Wall-to-Wall Salon from 5-7 pm. The public is invited to vote on their favorite works thru May 29. The 46th Annual Juried Exhibit opens on Fri., June 6.
- There is something truly exciting happening at the FHCA this summer called the Community Mosaic Project! The project is comprised of 350 individual canvases painted by individuals of all ages and abilities in the community that will be united together as one large mosaic. For a brochure and more information call 854-2210.
- The Uptown Gallery opens with along with Wall-to-Wall on May 24. Find unique artwork - sculpture, textiles, ceramics, glass, and jewelry - by Door County's finest artisans. The gallery will be open daily throughout the summer.

Room Tax Update....

The estimate of money to be received from 2008 room tax in Ephraim is \$110,000, with 50% of those funds going to the Ephraim Business Council for marketing of the Village. The Village Board decided to collect the room tax for a year and expend it the following year, to make sure we knew how much money we could allocate toward projects. From 2007 tax, we have approximately \$87,000 to work with this year.

Our portion of funds must be used for tourism-related infrastructure, and we have many projects and uses on our “wish list” for the future. This year the Board has voted to use a portion to redo the landscaping from the south point of Moravia to the newly renovated fire station, bury wiring on Moravia for a better viewscape, update signage and crosswalk signs, light the south-end entrance sign, and purchase new lit Christmas garland for the streetlight poles. These are items that would end up on the tax roll if not paid for by room tax, so thank an innkeeper when you see them!

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