

Ephraim Update



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Letter From the Village President— John Cox

Recently, I have heard comments that some of our standing village committees may not know what they are doing, have little practical experience or background, or their membership is self-interest based. This could not be further from reality. Everyone has a right to an opinion, but contrary to what this very small vocal group of individuals would like the rest of us to believe, our committee structure has never been more active and engaged in village governance. The committee structure, activity, and decision making process is by design. It was not solely designed by me or the current board; however, it has evolved over the years under the direction of several Ephraim village presidents and board trustees. I would like to assure you that today, the current village board, as your elected body, is a firm believer in the committee structure and process in Ephraim. A person need only look at the list of standing committee volunteers to realize that they are all solid members of our community that strongly represent the interests of the taxpayers and residents of Ephraim. They are our neighbors and friends: folks we might sit in church with, chat with at the post office, answer a fire call, or just lend a hand when someone needs a little help, and so on.

When I think about all the countless hours and effort that standing committee members donate to our village, I hope you realize as I do how truly amazing their commitment to the betterment of Ephraim really is. Our diverse committee membership continues to pursue a well thought out approach to budgeting, zoning, and policy advice to the Board of Trustees. When the board considers an appointment of an individual to a committee, it takes into account the individual's interests, talents, and of course their willingness to participate. The individual's personal strengths may likely have derived from their education background, business experience, or a lifelong interest in a function of the particular committee that the person is a member of.

I am confident that our standing village committees will continue to stay engaged, living up to the trust and expectations that the Ephraim taxpayers deserve, taking on the tasks delegated to them, and then forwarding well thought out advice to the Board of Trustees. I cannot say that we will all agree all the time on all the issues, but what I can suggest is that the thirty-two committee members in addition to the five village trustees will continue to be diligent in their commitment to steer our community appropriately. The members of your village committees are listed on another page in this newsletter. If you see them around town, please thank them for giving their time and expertise to the village.

Finally, I would like to mention that this will be the third year in a row that the Village of Ephraim portion of your property tax bill will not show any increase. This again is a sign of continued solid, sound fiscal management with collaboration among the Village Board of Trustees, the Village Administrator, the board's standing committees, and department heads. Kudos to all!

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, have a safe and wonderful holiday season.

Treasurer's Notes With temperatures falling and Christmas decorations proliferating, you are probably eagerly anticipating the arrival of your annual tax bills.....yes indeed. As much as we would just love to scoop them up with the ravaged Christmas wrappings and throw them into the wood stove, we need to pay attention to amounts, dates and addresses. The first half of your taxes are due no later than January 31, 2012 and your check, along with your tax stub should be mailed to:

Jay Zahn,
 Door County Treasurer
 421 Nebraska Street
 Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

ELECTION CHANGES FOR 2012



Signing the Poll Book

Voters must sign or make their mark on the poll book in order to obtain a ballot. The poll book now contains a signature block for each voter.

Voter Photo ID is now the law in Wisconsin.

Starting in 2012, voters will be required to show a photo ID in order to receive a ballot and vote. Your photo ID does not need to show a current address. You **DO NOT** need to show a photo ID to register to vote.

The following photo IDs are acceptable for voting purposes, and can be unexpired or expired after the date of the most recent general election (currently, the November 2, 2010 election):

- A Wisconsin DOT-issued driver license, even if driving privileges are revoked or suspended
- A Wisconsin DOT-issued identification card
- Military ID card issued by a U.S. uniformed service
- A U.S. passport

The following photo IDs are also acceptable for voting purposes, but must be unexpired:

- A certificate of naturalization that was issued not earlier than two years before the date of an election at which it is presented
- A driving receipt issued by Wisconsin DOT (valid for 60 days)
- An identification card receipt issued by Wisconsin DOT (valid for 60 days)
- An identification card issued by a federally recognized Indian tribe in Wisconsin
- A photo identification card issued by a Wisconsin accredited university or college that contains the following:
 - Date of Issuance
 - Signature of Student
 - Expiration date no later than two years after date of issuance
 - The university or college ID must be accompanied by a separate document that proves enrollment.

Changes to Absentee Voting

Absentee voting in the Municipal Clerk's Office begins two weeks before an election.

Absentee voting ends at the close of business the Friday before the election.

Absentee voters in the Clerk's Office must present the same type of photo ID required at the polls.

Absentee Ballot Requests

Regular absentee voters requesting their ballot by mail must provide a copy of their photo ID with their absentee ballot request. Once photo ID is provided, the voter no longer has to provide proof of ID with any absentee ballots, until they re-register (their name or address changes).

If submitting an absentee request via fax or e-mail, voters may provide a copy of their photo ID with their absentee ballot request, but are not required to. If a copy of their photo ID is not provided with the request, these voters must provide a copy of their photo ID with their returned absentee ballot. Once photo ID is provided, the voter no longer has to provide proof of ID with any absentee ballots, until they re-register (their name or address changes).

Need Photo ID?

If you are eligible to vote but do not have a Wisconsin ID card, you may obtain a FREE ID for purposes of voting. You will need to complete a DMV application. Check the box on the application to indicate that you are applying for an ID and check the box indicating you need the ID for voting purposes.

To learn about getting a free Wisconsin ID card, please visit the Wisconsin Department of Transportation website: <http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/drivers/drivers/apply/idcard.htm>

From the clerk's desk....
Charity Buhr—Administrator/Clerk

I would like to take this opportunity to explain a little bit about the duties of a Municipal Clerk:

- ⌚ Perform duties relating to elections: Organize and perform election duties as required by law, keep necessary records regarding elections, notify persons elector or appointed to Village offices. Transmit to the County Clerk certified statements of names and terms which elected or appointed. Administer Oaths of Office.
- ⌚ Attend all meetings of the Village Board, record and sign the proceedings thereof and all ordinances, rules, bylaws, resolutions and regulations adopted and countersign and keep record of all licenses, commissions, and permits granted or authorized by the village board.
- ⌚ Properly post meeting notices, maintain minutes books, and other responsibilities as related to meetings.
- ⌚ Countersign and cause to be published or post 61.25(3)61.25(4)ed every ordinance, bylaw or resolution as required by law, and to have proper proof thereof made and filed. Publish ordinances and resolutions as required and maintain Ordinances and Resolution books.
- ⌚ Financials – receipts and disbursements
- ⌚ To draw and countersign all orders on the village treasury ordered by the board and none other.
- ⌚ Publish notice for assessment roll review. Keep record of Board of Review proceedings, Swear in testimony at Board of Review.
- ⌚ Prepare statements of assessment for the Department of Revenue
- ⌚ To make and deliver to the village treasurer a tax roll and to make and transmit to the county treasurer, on forms provided by the department of revenue, a statement showing the total amount of all taxes levied in the village. Review and make any corrections necessary.
- ⌚ 61.25(9)To perform all other duties required by law or by any ordinance or other direction of the village board.

There are many other tasks that are performed in the role of municipal clerk and if anyone is interested in learning more or has questions, please feel free to give me a call.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!

Z o n i n g / B u i l d i n g

Brent Bristol— Zoning Administrator and Building Inspector

Fall is here again, this year marking 5 years that I have been with the Village of Ephraim. Now a married man who is looking to put down some roots, I can't tell you how fortunate I feel to have the opportunity to do it here.

In addition to attending required continuing education, my over the winter project this year will be working with the planning committee and village board on zoning ordinance clean up. We have already begun this project with a goal of consolidating information and creating a finished document that is much more user friendly. Draft language will continue to be created at the plan committee level and forwarded on to the board for final approval and public hearings.

I end every article by stating that it is my job to work with you throughout the permitting process here in Ephraim. The fact that most building related activities here require a permit means that I will need to be involved in most of the projects occurring on your property. My wife Erin and I are building a house in the spring and I can tell you that going through the planning and permitting process first hand has given me a new appreciation for the job I am paid to do. With so many rules, codes, and permits required for construction these days it can be a challenge. My pledge to you is to make it as easy and painless as I can.

W E B S I T E N E W S

The Village Office has worked very diligently the past year at launching a new and improved website to get up to date Village news to residents. If you haven't already taken a look please visit our website: www.ephraim-wisconsin.com and let us know your thoughts. As always the website is ever changing and we are continually looking for ways to improve.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!



WASTEWATER/WATER

Dave Alberts– Treatment Plant Manager

Fall is here and winter is not far behind. The hot topic of conversation this fall was the “windstorm”. The wind caused electrical outages for days and the downed trees caused extensive damage to the Door County peninsula including Ephraim. The Wastewater Department fared quite well keeping electrical power to the treatment plant and all the lift stations via backup generators during the storm. The months ahead will be very important for the Wastewater Department. Meetings and public hearings will be the focus as the wastewater treatment facility is considering a change to the disposal of its wastewater sludge. Our experienced staff is proud to offer various services like septage pumping for onsite septic and holding tanks to our “State Certified” wellwater testing facility. We also offer sewer camera work for any sewer line problem you may have in Ephraim. Thanks for a great year and continued support! HAPPY HOLIDAYS

AT THE AIRPORT...

Mike McCutcheon



The Ephraim/Gibraltar airport has completed another successful season of flying. Backed by Airport Commission and the Friends of Ephraim/Gibraltar Airport the airport and the services it provides have flourished over the last 3 years.

The “Friends” have provided a van and with the generous sponsorship of local businesses have provided 8 bicycles for pilots and their crew to tour the area. In addition the “Friends” have awarded scholarships to local students to expose them to the aviation field. We now have a 24/7 self serve fueling station which has helped the airport operate in the black for the last 3 years. Your airport commission is in the midst of completing a 20 year “Master Plan”. We wish all a happy holiday season.

HARDY GALLERY NEWS

Elizabeth Meissner-Gigstead, Executive Director

Greetings, Ephraim Residents!

2012 will mark the Hardy’s 50th Anniversary! A lot has changed in the world since our founding in 1962. Our mission of supporting the Door County visual art community has remained a constant, but our ability to adapt and respond in a dynamic environment has ensured continued success in recent years particularly in light of the economic crisis that we, along with the rest of the world, are facing.

Whether or not you've ever experienced an exhibit at the Hardy Gallery, you're sure to understand how the operation of this gallery in our community enriches the lives of so many people (both locals and visitors alike). This year alone we welcomed a record 13,390 individuals to our historic facility (representing a 0.6% increase over 2010), afforded opportunities in the arts to 200-plus Northern Door County students through our Exposure to Creativity and Art Camp Programs, and provided financial support, exhibition opportunities and visibility through the gallery, the Door County Arts Map (40,000 maps distributed locally and statewide), Community Mosaic Project, and Exposure to Creativity Program to more than 400 local and regional artists. These statistics are all evidence that we are a vital piece of the cultural fabric of Ephraim and the greater Door County community.

With Thanksgiving right around the corner I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you – our community – for all you have given to our organization. Whether you’ve visited the gallery, volunteered your time, donated to one of our fundraisers, prepared food for one of our many events throughout the season or have served on our board of directors, *thank you!* Please know that your generosity and ongoing support is greatly appreciated.

In the months ahead as we prepare to reflect on the Hardy’s first 50 years of operation, we can all take pride in how far we’ve come and together, we look forward to your involvement as the next chapter of the Hardy’s history begins to unfold.

On behalf of everyone at the Hardy, we extend our best wishes for a happy Thanksgiving to all of you, and all of your loved ones. Enjoy the turkey and that piece of pumpkin pie and all that goes with it!

HONORED COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Planning Committee

John Cox – Chair
 Tim Nelson
 Jim Stollenwerk
 Paul Flottman
 Walt Fisher
 Roy Elquist
 Fred Bridenhagen

Community Protection

Jane Olson– Chair
 Tad Dukehart
 Keith Krist
 Mike Smith
 Mike McCutcheon
 Niles Weborg

Airport Commission

Martin Franke
 Mike McCutcheon
 Arvid Munson

Historic Preservation Committee

Norma Hager – Chair
 Jim Stollenwerk
 Tad Dukehart
 Paul Burton
 Lisa Carlson

Coastal Management Committee

John Cox – Chair
 Tim Nelson
 Steve Chomeau
 Paul Flottman
 Brad Massey

Board of Appeals

Karen McMurtry – Chair
 Doug Schwartz
 Debbie Eckert
 Kate Houston
 Eric Kordon
 Sue Sherman – Alternate
 Doug Schultz – Alternate

Physical Facilities/Utilities Committee

Sue Sherman – Chair
 Steve Sauter
 Diane Kirkland
 Paul Flottman

Library Committee

Jane Olson – Chair
 Windsor McCutcheon
 Anne Van de Ven
 Diane Kirkland
 Barb Williams

Wastewater Committee

Karen McMurtry – Chair
 Tim Nelson
 Joan Fitzpatrick
 Gary Kiracofe
 Marc Paulson

Tourism Zone Commission

Diane Jacobson
 Brad Massey



Physical Facilities/ Utilities
 Mike Mittermann-Maintenance Supervisor

There are a few items that we want to make sure are remembered this winter season. Throughout the fall and spring months the maintenance staff will continue to work on pruning and maintaining of road shoulders throughout the Village, if you have any questions or concerns regarding this, please contact the Village office. Also a reminder that the hours for recycling changed effective November 1; they are now the first and third Saturdays of the month from 9am—noon. Have a safe Holiday season!!!

Ephraim Fire Dept
 Niles Weborg– Ephraim Fire Chief

The Fire Department welcomes new members Tim Penchoff and Robert Volpe.

If you have an alarm system on your home, and especially if you are a seasonal resident and away from your Ephraim home on a regular basis, consider getting a Knox Box for the outside of your home. A Knox Box is a locked box that can only be opened by the Fire Department after starting up a fire truck and getting the code from the Com Emergency system. If you have a keyed alarm system, your key for the alarm would be inside this Box, retrievable only when there is an emergency call to your home. If you have a punch-key entry, the code would be inside this Box. Please contact our Fire Chief Weborg, at 854-4047 to ask more about this safety feature!

As we head into the winter season, we offer a few safety reminders:

- ⌘ Turn Off all Holiday Lights when not attended.
- ⌘ Clean-out your chimney prior to first use.
- ⌘ Check the water level on your holiday tree twice per day.
- ⌘ Check the batteries in your smoke detector and install a carbon monoxide detector.
- ⌘ Always Extinguish Candles when you leave a room



The Ephraim Fire Department recommends that all households have a CO and smoke detector on every level of there home. CO detectors should be place near each sleeping area. We also recommend that if you have a smoke detector or CO Detector that is more than 10 years old it should be replaced by a new one.

From the Members of the Ephraim Fire Department have a Safe Holiday Season.

HALL HAPPENINGS

Sue Shallow

This is the quiet season at the Ephraim Village Hall. Currently on our schedule is the Foundation annual pot luck on Thursday evening December 1st and the Christmas in the Village celebration on Saturday December 3rd, A Certified Tourism Ambassador (CTA) class is scheduled for December 8.



Holiday Cheer...

The Village Hall has been decked out for the Holidays and is ready and available for your winter function. The Hall is available year-round for functions, too – if you're having a wedding, an anniversary party, a reunion, graduation ...contact Sue Shallow to secure a date and time for your

Ephraim Business Council

Rachel Willems

The Ephraim Business Council has had an eventful 2011 as we work to sustain a

healthy business climate and strengthen, support and market Ephraim as a year-round visitor destination. This year the EBC is 106 business members strong. Ephraim's waterfront Visitor Information Center welcomed nearly 12,000 visitors May-October, and Website hits have consistently grown. The EBC continues to serve visitors, business members and the community with a Winter Visitor Information Center at 10329 Water Street (next to fm 106.9 the Lodge), open November-April, Fridays and Saturdays 10:00am-4:00pm. Increased advertising funds allowed the EBC to distribute Ephraim brochures statewide at Wisconsin's 10 Gateway Visitor Information Centers, in the gateway locations of Beloit, Hudson, Hurley, Kenosha, La Crosse, Marinette, Onalaska, Platteville, Prairie du Chien and Superior. This summer's Evenings in Ephraim Harborside Park concerts drew crowds of 200+, while 24 businesses stayed open for late-night shopping, dining and activities. Our new Ephraim logo is complete and we're excited to offer logo mugs and tote bags in the coming year. The EBC is proud to again sponsor the Door County Half Marathon, an event that expects to bring 2,300 participants, their families and friends to our area on May 5, 2012. The EBC looks forward to Christmas in the Village on December 3. We're working to make it a fun, family-friendly wintertime event. (See the Christmas in the Village description in this newsletter for more details). Mark your calendars for the 48th Annual Fyr Bal Festival, June 16, 2012. The EBC encourages community input and feedback regarding our events. If you'd like to volunteer for Fyr Bal or Christmas in the Village, please contact us. It takes a village to make these events reality! Many thanks to the Village of Ephraim and their Board of Trustees for their continued support of the EBC. Please visit the EBC online at www.Ephraim-DoorCounty.com or call 920-854-4989.

Christmas in the Village

Ephraim's Christmas in the Village is Saturday, December 3. Dasher, Dancer and Comet are back! Santa and his furry friends will be on-hand at the live reindeer display in front of Chef's Hat Café from 1:00pm-4:00pm. Activities in the Village Hall include: 12:30pm-3:30pm – Holiday Craft, Cookie Decorating & Heritage Games, 1:00pm-3:00pm – Children's Christmas Store (children, ages 4-12, may purchase holiday gifts at lower than retail prices), 2:00pm-3:30pm – Cookie Sampler Plates available for purchase, 4:00pm-4:30pm – Christmas Family Sing-Along. Have an ADVENTure at the Ephraim Moravian Church, 11:00am-2:00pm. Enjoy their Sweets for the Holidays Sale, trim candles, make stars and view nativity scenes. The Ephraim library hosts holiday stories from 11:30am-noon. Hot soup and chili made fresh by Chef's Hat Café will be available for purchase inside the Village Hall beginning at noon. From 1:30pm-3:30pm enjoy free wagon rides outside the Village Hall. There is no cost of admission. You're encouraged to bring a paper good or non-perishable food item donation to benefit Koinonia Kupboard food shelf at First Baptist Church in Sister Bay. Holiday open houses throughout the village include: Anderson House Shop & Gallery, 11am-5pm; Eagle Harbor Inn, 1pm-4pm; Ephraim Guest House, 1pm-4pm and Village Green Lodge, 1pm-4pm. Ephraim's 12th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony in Harborside Park completes the day at 4:30pm. Thank you to Ephraim businesses and community members for your donations to make the live reindeer display possible! We're looking for event volunteers. Please contact us if you can help! Visit the EBC online at www.Ephraim-DoorCounty.com or call 920-854-4989.

Ephraim Historical Foundation

Kelli C. Torpey—Program & Marketing Director

Ephraim Historical Foundation has weathered many changes lately, including a two-day power outage along with the rest of Door County. Our staff and board are loyal and stalwart, so instead of cancelling a recent board meeting, we met in our conference room - lit by daylight rather than electricity. The experience reminded us of the many trials faced by Ephraim pioneers.

We reviewed our successes – and trends – in tours and programming: Our tram tour attendance increased 40%, our walking tours decreased 35%, attendance for the Moravian/Iverson House Tour increased 30%, our children and adult programs were popular, and we hosted new motor coach tours for Westlund Bus Lines and Sunrise Tours in addition to our Road Scholar Tours. Most importantly, we reviewed our changes in management for 2011/2012. Our new Curator/Assistant Director, Thea Sophia Thompson, has been a valuable asset to the Foundation. She will become our new Executive Director/Curator effective January 1, 2012. Sally Jacobson will remain as Operations Manager, so we will all have time to thank her for her steadfast leadership and contribution to Ephraim and the Foundation. Join us for our **Fourth Annual Ephraim Holiday Potluck** on Thursday, December 1, from 5:30 p.m – 7:30 p.m. at Ephraim Village Hall. We expect a great turnout and delectable food and we hope to have a holiday performance by a local group. We will continue our partnership with Ephraim Business Council by providing old-fashioned games and a holiday Sing-Along for **Christmas in Ephraim** on Saturday, December 3 as well. We look forward to seeing you as we celebrate the rich heritage of Ephraim and our close-knit community.



EPHRAIM LIBRARY

Linda Malmgren— Librarian

What’s Happening at the Ephraim Library?

*As part of *Christmas in the Village*, we invite families to join Windsor McCutcheon for holiday stories on Saturday, December 3 at 11:30 a.m. in the library. Come for stories and a free gift for the children.

*You might be interested in joining our book discussion group that meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 11:30 a.m. in the library. On December 6 the group will discuss *The Last Days of Ptolemy Gray* by Walter Mosley.

* I hope you are looking forward to DOOR COUNTY READS 2012. The Ephraim discussion of the book *The Heart is a Lonely Hunter* by Carson McCullers will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 1 at High Point Inn. Watch our website (doorcountylibrary.org) for more details of programs throughout the county between January 23 and February 17.

***We’re on our Winter hours now -Labor Day through Memorial Day:**

- Monday 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
- Thursday 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
- Saturday 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

**As always we want to thank all of you who visit and support the Ephraim Library and we especially appreciate our 2011 volunteers: Marilyn & Karen Backer, Joan Balistreri, Charity Buhr, Joan Fitzpatrick, Walt Fisher, Laird Hart, Doneette Hatch, George Harmon, Grace Held, Phoebe Howard, Bob Johnson, Diane Kirkland, Windsor & Mike McCutcheon, Sue & Tom Murray, Andrea Nelson, Brenda, Ainsley & Sadie Nelson, Jane Olson, Katharine Ostrander, Barbara Reeve, Renee Soto, Jim Stollenwerk, Anne & Dick Van de Ven, Barbara & Doug Williams, Rita Wiltgen.*

Ephraim Recycling Fall – Winter Schedule

November-May

1st & 3rd Saturday of the month

9:00 am — 12:00 pm

Check the Post Office Bulletin Board for Brush Dump Hours



Village of Ephraim
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Below is a calendar of tentative meeting dates for the Village Board, Village Committees and other important dates. Please refer to the Village website for agendas and confirmation of meeting dates and times.
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December							January							February						
S	M	T	W	TH	F	S	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
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11	VB	13	14	15	16	17	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	12	VB	14	15	16	17	18
18	19	PF	21	22	23	24	22	PC	24	25	26	27	28	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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March							April						
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25	PC	PF	28	WW/CPC	30	31	29	30					

Key
 VB - Village Board Meeting
 PC - HPC/Plan Committee Meetings
 WW - Wastewater Committee Mtg
 PF - Physical Facilities Committee
 OC - Office Closed-Observance of Holiday