



# Ephraim Update

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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK...

### Spring 2010



Historic Anderson Dock Siding

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- AFT moves to Gibraltar
- Possible expansion of Norway Fire Station
- New playground equipment at the Administrative Offices
- Panels from the Anderson Barn still available.
- Clean-up of Moravia Point almost completed.

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### Greetings and Happy Spring,

Spring arrived early this year and after a mild, uneventful winter, the ice on the bay left us two to three weeks earlier than usual. We have had an unusually warm spring and the grass and trees have greened up quicker than expected. Folks around the village are out sprucing their yards up or simply enjoying the mild weather.

There are not any major projects to report to you this year, however the village is anticipating a major Water Street (42) repaving project by the Wisconsin DOT slated for spring of 2012. The village will likely be taking this opportunity to repair and upgrade existing infrastructure that is located alongside and under the roadbed. The village board and administration are mindful of this rare opportunity to make improvements that only come up every fifteen or so years.

I hope all of you noticed that Ephraim portion of your property tax bill did not go up this last tax period. The village board and administration worked hard to hold the budget line to a minimum. Sound financial planning and careful scrutiny of budget line items were the main reasons we were able to resist a levy increase. I cannot honestly say that we will be able to do this every year, but please be aware that your elected board and its administration will do all it can to hold the line on Ephraim village spending.

How valuable are our values? Often as I attend meetings on your behalf, I listen to folks suggest that something or some action may or may not fit "Ephraim values". The Webster Online Dictionary defines value in many ways. The obvious most noteworthy definition is monetary value. But as one reads down the many definitions of the word value, I come to the definition that I believe appropriately applies to Ephraim. That definition reads "something (as a principle or quality) intrinsically valuable or desirable". Values such as the village's natural beauty, its quiet peaceful atmosphere, historic roots, family traditions, and strong work ethic are all reasons why we choose to be part of this community. This list of values is certainly not complete. Traditionally from the board of trustee's perspective, we support those seemingly timeless values. However we also must look forward and decide how best to live in the times we do without losing track of how our community evolved. It can be a daunting task to decide how to use and protect our resources both physical and monetary. There are more opinions on the subject than the resources themselves. We listen, we act. Occasionally when we consider using those resources, we have to say no. Sometimes we say yes. Decisions are generally based on fact. But sometimes when the facts are not enough, we reach back to those "Ephraim values" that we all seem to cherish. The values each of us individually identify and prioritize are likely different. But when it is all said and done, our village as we know it will perpetuate. How valuable are our values? When it comes to decision making at the local government level, "Ephraim values" play a very important role.

As always, if you have a concern about the village, give one of the trustees or myself a call. I can be reached at 920-421-0100.

Enjoy the summer, John Cox



## SUMMER SAFETY WITH CHIEF WEBORG

We are all looking forward to the warm weather, barbeques and boating this time of year. I thought I would touch on a few safety precautions to help you start the season off without a bang so to speak.

Every home should have a Fire Extinguisher on hand. We would like everyone to make sure that if you do have one that it is up to date and the seal has not been broken. It is recommended that if it is over 6 years old that it be replaced.

We would also like to encourage everyone to make sure that they have a carbon monoxide detector and that it is working properly. Carbon monoxide is the leading cause of accidental poisoning deaths in the US and we want to make sure that this tragedy doesn't happen in Ephraim.

Just a reminder that all propane or charcoal grills are required to be at least 10 feet away from buildings. If you have an old propane

tank you may want to have it checked for leaks. Remember, there are no open fires allowed in Ephraim unless there is snow on the ground and you have a permit from the Fire Chief. These fires are not allowed even if they are for cooking, so please make sure you follow this ordinance for the safety and welfare of everyone in the Village.

We would also like to touch on a little boating safety. Please make sure that you have a life vest for every passenger on your watercraft, a radio or cell phone available in case of emergency, and observe all of the DNR boating regulations for safe summer passage on our waters. Please boat responsibly by always wearing your lifejacket and designating a sober operator.

We are looking forward to seeing all of you this summer at our booth during FYR BAL, so be safe and have a delightful summer!

*... At the April 12th, 2010 Board Meeting the Trustees adopted Resolution 02-2010 acknowledging National Tourism Week May 9th-16th...*

## COMMUNITY PROTECTION

### Input Welcome!

The Ephraim Community Protection Committee (CPC) invites you to give us your input on a potential Fire Station addition.

With ever changing state and federal mandates, increasing requirements for fire fighting equipment, and increasing size of fire fighting vehicles, the twenty-year old fire station is beginning to burst-at-the-seams. Therefore a study committee has been formed to determine three things:

1. If an addition is really needed.
2. The potential size and placement of the addition.
3. What upgrades are needed to meet future requirements.

We want to continue to provide a safe environment for our fire fighters, while at the same time being fully aware that the taxpayers will need to provide the funds for the addition.

Currently the CPC has the following concerns with the present fire station:

1. It lacks a safe and appropriate area for the fire fighters to dress and to store their gear and a change of clothes.
2. It lacks appropriate storage for vital and expensive electronic equipment.
3. The truck bays are very cramped and provide limited space for maintenance of the vehicles.
4. Our new, slightly larger, pumper truck will arrive in 2012 and will cause a cramped space to be even more crowded.
5. The current meeting room is not an adequate size for the mid-door training and local training sessions.

Please forward any of your concerns to Jane Olson, the Chair of the CPC, or feel free to attend any of the Fire Station Addition Subcommittee Meetings. Jane can be reached at (920)854-7952, or P.O. Box 138 Ephraim, WI 54211, at [office@ephraim-wisconsin.com](mailto:office@ephraim-wisconsin.com).



## *Ephraim Welcomes New Trustee...*

The Ephraim Board of Trustees welcomes new member Steve Sauter, Steve will continue to serve on the Coastal Management Committee.

## NEWS FROM THE BUSINESS COUNCIL

The Ephraim Business Council is looking forward to a great summer season! The waterfront Visitor Information Center is now open every day through October. Most recently, the EBC was a major sponsor of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Door County Half Marathon, which attracted 1,700 participants, their families and friends to our area. The 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Fyr Bal Festival is June 18-20. Stop by the VIC to buy your Fyr Bal flags, caps, t-shirts, buttons and raffle tickets – or to vote for Chieftain! We are still looking

for Fyr Bal volunteers. Our Evenings in Ephraim summer concerts will feature some of Door County's most talented singer/songwriters, as well as late-night shopping, dining and activities – Monday nights, June 21-August 23. Christmas in the Village, December 4, will again feature a live reindeer display. 2010's increased marketing budget has allowed us to promote Ephraim like never before: In *Silent Sports Magazine* (regionally), *M Magazine* and *Time*

Warner Cable TV (Milwaukee Metro), as well as in the Madden Media insert, distributed to 350,000 newspapers throughout the Midwest. Additionally, the redesign of [www.Ephraim-DoorCounty.com](http://www.Ephraim-DoorCounty.com) launches soon. Our 2010 Ephraim brochure is complete, and now includes a Door County map. Please fan Ephraim on Facebook. Visit [www.Ephraim-DoorCounty.com](http://www.Ephraim-DoorCounty.com) or call 920-854-4989.

## FOUNDATION NEWS

Experience Ephraim history this season by participating in Ephraim Historical Foundation's new 2010 programs for adults, families and children. Explore Moravian heritage by attending our new weekly tour of Ephraim's Moravian Church and Historic Iverson House every Thursday, 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm, starting at the church. Visit Anderson Barn to meet our new cartoon children's mascot, Bjorn, the friendly draft horse whose hoof prints lead children to our expanded Hands-on Hayloft portion of the barn. Children between the ages 8-12 can also wear period clothing, do activities and chores and learn lessons of a past decade in our new *Encounter With History* programs, Wednesday, June 23 (1900-1910) and Wednesday August 4 (1930s), 11 am to 3 pm, starting at Historic Iverson House.

The Foundation's *History Speaks* series will again entertain and educate with a wonderful lineup of speakers: Author John Fraser Hart will discuss his book, "My Kind of County, Door County, WI"; Door County Maritime Museum and diver and private collector, Jim Baye, will share a brief film and many exhibit cases of Goodrich line memorabilia and artifacts; a panel of Ephraim residents will talk about having fun in Ephraim before the age of electronics; and lastly, Door County Land Trust will show slides and share stories of the Three Springs Nature Reserve and the families who have cared for this wondrous jewel just outside of Sister Bay since 1876. Come join us!

Visit our website for further details ([www.ephraim.org](http://www.ephraim.org)),

## NEWS FROM THE HARDY GALLERY

The ice is out on Eagle Harbor and the sun is shining bright -- which means that we're only a few weeks away from the beginning of the Hardy Gallery's 2010 Season! Here are just some of the things we've been working on in preparation for the busy season ahead:

- **Door County Arts Map:** The Arts Map is a full-color foldout map that consists of 80 galleries around the Door County peninsula - with 16 in Ephraim alone! The Maps will be in the county in mid-May, and will be distributed around the peninsula by the Paper Boy Distribution Service. Be sure to pick one up when you see it!
- **Community Mosaic Project Book:** Part community outreach project and part fundraiser, the CMP is now in its third year! To celebrate, the Hardy has put together a full-color book that features all the canvases from the 2008 & 2009 projects as well as a sampling of artist statements, testimonials from participants, a foreword by Ephraim artist Chick Peterson, and more. Books are \$31.60 (\$29.95 + tax) and will be available in mid-July. Call the Hardy at 920.854.2210 for a pre-order form!
- **Community Mosaic Project Canvases Available:** Blank canvases for the 2010 Community Mosaic Project are also available for pick-up at the Hardy Gallery Office, at Mill Road Gallery in Sister Bay, and the Artists Guild LLC in Sturgeon Bay.

\* **2010 Exhibition Schedule:** The Hardy will open for the season on Saturday, May 29 for the annual Wall-to-Wall Salon Exhibition from 5:30 - 7 pm, and will again present the Annual Juried Exhibit as well as the Collection Invitational & Collector's Choice Exhibit (also where the 2010 Community Mosaic Project is unveiled) this season. The fall exhibit will be Dimension in Door: Form Transcending Function, which focuses on Door County's 3-D artists.

Happy Spring to all of you, and we hope to see many of our Ephraim residents down at the Dock this summer!

### “Set Sail for the Library”

Summer Reading Program registration begins June 1 for toddlers through adults. Read to earn Library Loot that can be redeemed for prizes or entered in a weekly raffle. Special family programs will be held on Thursdays at 3:00 p.m. July 8 DNR Angling for Fun; July 15 Coast Guard “Who You Gonna Call?”; July 22 Watercolor Craft with Sherry Mutchler; July 29 Maritime Museum’s “Door County Water Tales.” Make a Splash – Read! story time and fun for ages 3-7 with Windsor McCutcheon are scheduled for August 5, 12 and 19 at 3:00 p.m.

Our Summer Book Discussion Group will focus on books pertaining to southern Africa. The group will meet at 10:00a.m. on Tuesday, June 22 to discuss *Playing the Enemy: Nelson Mandela and the Game that Made a Nation* by John Carlin. *The No. 1 Ladies’ Detective Agency* by Alexander McCall Smith will be discussed on July 20.

In collaboration with the YMCA, an investment discussion group now meets at the Ephraim Library on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at 5:00p.m. Anyone interested in learning more about investing is welcome to attend.

Don’t miss the annual used book sale on Saturday, June 19 from 9:00a.m.-2:00p.m. Call Windsor McCutcheon (854-3218) or the library (854-2014) if you would like to volunteer to help.

Thanks to the Martha & Philip Cherry Estate Fund, we have built up our collection of art books by adding 40 titles in art history, art appreciation, art instruction, contemporary art, etc. If you have any specific art titles or subject areas you’d like to recommend for purchase, please let me know. We will also soon add some new magazine subscriptions: Art in America, New Yorker, National Geographic Traveler, Seventeen, Creative Knitting, Mother Earth News and Sail.

Library hours after Memorial Day are: Monday 3-7; Tuesday/Wednesday 10-3; Thursday 1-5 and Saturday 10-2. Be sure to stop by the library soon to see our new carpeting! .... **Linda Malmgren, Librarian**

## ZONING WITH BRENT...

What a spring we are having. Despite the lake level looking a little low I have to say that we are off to a great start in 2010 and I have no complaints. Construction is up, the ice is out, and the fish are in.

Three new homes have been permitted so far this year with a few more property owners showing interest in building. Hopefully things continue to bounce back and we will see even further improvement on 2009’s numbers, in which I issued 80 Zoning Permits, 64 State Building Permits, and completed 90 Building Inspections.

Aside from my usual zoning and inspecting duties I began the task of cleaning up the zoning ordinance over the winter. My objective here is to create a clean concise document that will be easier to follow for village officials and property owners alike. The process will take some time, but in the end will be worth it.

For those of you with building on the mind, please don’t forget to give me a call. It is my job to work with you throughout the permitting process. I strongly encourage anyone planning any building related activities in the village to contact me as early in the process as you can.

**Brent B. Bristol- Zoning Administrator/Building Inspector**

## NOTES FROM THE HALL...

We learned this year that The American Folklore theatre would be moving their fall production to the Auditorium in Gibraltar. This is a great opportunity for them to be able to have more parking and seating available for their production of *Guys and Does*. We thank the American Folklore Theatre for their years of providing exceptional theatre at the Ephraim Village Hall.

If you or your organization are looking for a venue for a fall event, the Ephraim Village Hall is the place to go, to secure a date contact Sue at 854-5501.

# MAINTAINING THE VILLAGE BY MIKE MITTERMANN



The Maintenance crew has been working steadily toward preparing the Village for the new season. Grass has been cut, plantings at the Administrative building are in place, and all of the Memorial benches have been pressure washed and sealed and have been placed for the summer. If you would like information on the location of a particular bench contact Sue at the Administrative Office. If you are interested in donating a bench please write a letter to the Village Board, it takes a couple of months for it to be delivered and once we place it we will try to put it in the same spot every year.

The old siding from Anderson Barn is still available. Mike Mittermann has them all photographed. Resident Diane Kirkland will be at Recycling sometime in late spring with boards that are still available for a small donation. Please pack your recycling in a manageable size and cut down your cardboard to smaller pieces. Plastic grocery bags are not recyclable.

The Ephraim garden plots have been tilled and the fence is up so if you have been assigned a plot you are good to go, if you need a plot a few are still available, contact Sue at the Administrative Office 854-5501.

## ON THE WATERSIDE WITH KEITH LINDSTRAND

Looking forward to the May 15th official opening of the Marinas. Construction by Port A Pier for both of the two new floating dock at Anderson and the stabilization of the Fire House Docks has been completed. The water levels are expected to be close to last year but may be slightly down.

The launch ramp is open for business and the buoys are out. Stop by and meet our new Assistant Dock Master, AJ Demarinis.



### Happy Spring everyone!

### IT'S YOUR PLANT

Wastewater Department is attempting to go "GREEN". With all the news around the world about saving the environment by going "GREEN," the Wastewater Department is exploring a few different projects with the Wastewater Committee and Village Board. The first project is the installation of reed beds for onsite disposal of biosolids commonly known as sludge. The other project is the installation of a wind generator to reduce the electrical costs to run the treatment plant. If you have any comments or are curious to learn more, please attend future monthly meetings.

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

The Ephraim Well Water Testing is gearing up for another great year. The Village encourages property owners to have an annual bacteriological test of their well water (Ordinance Chapter 13.12). We offer a variety of state certified tests for public and private well testing. Stop by to pick up a sampling kit or give us a call if you have any questions. Tell a friend and spread the word!

The pumper truck is greased, washed and shined for another year of septage hauling! We provide service for all holding tanks within the village. For conventional septic or mound systems on a three year inspection schedule with the Door County Sanitarian Department, we can provide a competitive service. Call to set up an appointment today by calling 854-4991.

Our 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.

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Ephraim Wastewater Plant – Mgr.

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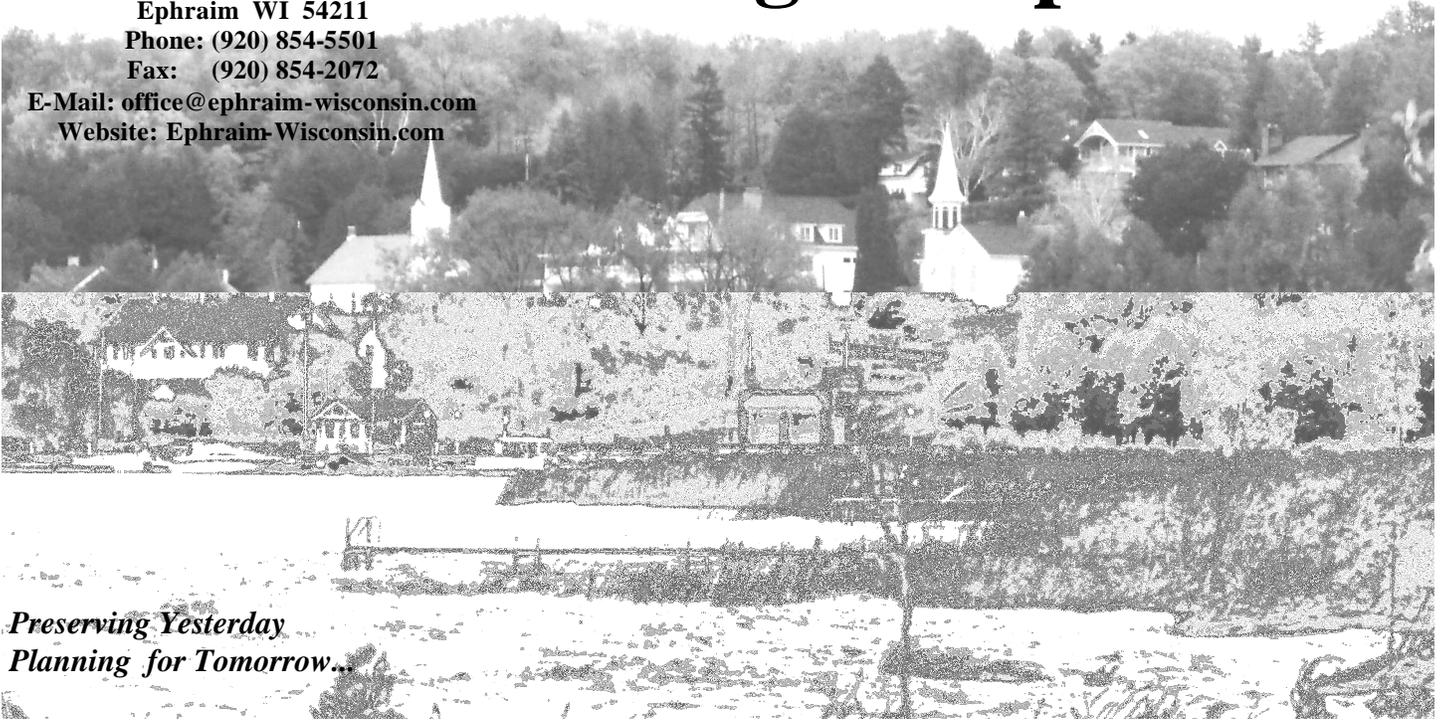
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