

# Ephraim Update

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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy Spring!!

Wow, another rough winter season in Ephraim. I remember back in the late sixties and early seventies, Ephraim experienced several winters in a row where cold winters with higher than usual snow totals were common. This happened after a number of years of mild winters with very little precipitation. As a result, the Lake Michigan water levels during the mid 1960's bottomed out. Does this scenario sound familiar? During the last decade, mild winters with minimal snowfalls coupled with dry summers resulted in lake levels rapidly declining once again. We have now experienced two years in a row of cold winters with heavy snowfalls. Might this be a repeat? Lake Michigan lake levels appear to be on the rise. To date, the water level has already surpassed last summer's high water mark. With the higher lake levels, maybe we can start to look forward toward the shoreline around Eagle Harbor returning to a more desirable state. Most of us would welcome higher water levels if it meant less unsightly weeds. Stay tuned.

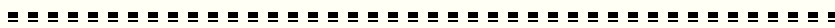
Since my last opportunity to write in the Ephraim Update back in November, we have hired a new village clerk/administrator. Charity Forsch has settled into the job and is busy learning the numerous aspects of managing our village on a daily basis. There have been a few procedural changes at the village administration office, but that is to be expected when a new administrator takes the helm. Please

keep in mind that the buck stops with your elected village trustees. It is the responsibility of the Ephraim Village Board to make policy decisions, and it is the charge of our village administrator to carry out those policies. If you have not met Charity yet, please take a minute and stop by the village office and introduce yourself.

I would like to mention a few noteworthy events to look forward to this summer. Watch for the grand opening of the firehouse museum. It will be the same weekend as the 45th annual Fyr Ball Festival June 19-21. Be sure to check out the Ephraim Business Council's Monday evening concerts at Harborside Park starting June 22. Stop by the Visitor's Center or visit the EBC website for the music lineup. This summer the Ephraim Yacht Club is hosting the North American Championship. There will be many participants bringing their Flying Scots to Ephraim to race the waters of Eagle Harbor. The event will be held the week of August 1-7. As always, make sure to stop in at the Hardy Gallery and the Ephraim Historical Foundation museums for a list of their events.

Whether you are a seasonal or year round resident, we are all so fortunate to be able to call Ephraim our home. No matter what your summer passion is, you will likely be able to experience it right here in Ephraim.

See you around town,  
John Cox



## Charity Forsch— Administrator/Clerk

I would like to start out by introducing myself; I am Charity Forsch and I am the new Administrator/Clerk. I have been a lifelong resident of Door County and my husband and I live in Sturgeon Bay and are very excited to meet the residents of Ephraim. I invite everyone to stop up at the Administrative Office; I would like to meet as many residents as possible.

It has been a busy winter and there will be some things that you will notice going on this spring. First, the maintenance staff has completed a remodel of the kitchen and public restrooms at the Village Hall. If you get the chance, take a peek, they have done a wonderful job. The Village Board has also decided to replace the existing tennis courts behind the Administrative Office; these will be complete by the middle of July. I hope everyone will come and enjoy the new courts.

Finally, I would like to let everyone know that after 12 years of dedicated service Nancy Goss, Treasurer and Administrative Assistant, has given notice of retirement. Nancy's last day will be around May 15, so you will be seeing a new face in the office soon. I would like to thank Nancy for all of her hard work and wish her the best of luck in retirement.

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## E P H R A I M L I B R A R Y S U R V E Y

As you may recall, in August, 2008, a library survey was distributed to all Ephraim box holders. The final survey item was open-ended, asking patrons to make suggestions for maintaining and improving library services in the face of limited funds. The highest number of suggestions and responses for that item are represented by the following categories:

- New books and new books on CD
- Longer hours/days open
- Additional computer station
- New DVDs
- Maintain the library as it is
- Enlarge physical accommodations

As you can see, some suggestions, like new books and DVDs, can be implemented better than others, such as addressing physical plant limitations. We will be following up these ideas as programs and services are planned and will continue to seek patron input. Again, thanks to all who responded! If you didn't get a chance to complete the survey last year, and would like to, please contact Linda Malmgren, Librarian, at 920-854-2014.

The Ephraim Library Committee



### From the Ephraim Library

*Upcoming events:* Registration for our **summer reading program**, "Be Creative @ Your Door County Library," begins on June 1 for preschoolers through 8<sup>th</sup> graders.

Be sure to reserve **Thursdays at 4:00 p.m.** for special family events on July 9, 16, 23 and 30 and for children's stories/activities with Windsor McCutcheon on August 6, 13 and 20.

Our **summer book discussion group** for adults, led by Katharine Ostrander, will be back again this year. Date and time are still to be determined, but you can get a head start on reading the June selection – *Death of the Heart* by Elizabeth Bowen.

And don't forget the annual **used book sale** on Saturday, June 20, 9:00a.m. – 2:00p.m.

New at [www.infosoup.org](http://www.infosoup.org) - Click on Mango Languages, enter your library card number and choose which of the 10 languages you would like to learn. Or click Learn a Test for many exciting learning opportunities for kids, adults, job-seekers and Spanish speakers.

#### Library hours beginning May 26 are:

- Monday** 3:00-7:00p.m.
- Tuesday/Wednesday** 10:00a.m.-3:00p.m.
- Thursday** 1:00-5:00 pm;



### N E W S F R O M T H E H A R D Y G A L L E R Y

- A reception on Fri., May 22 from 2:30 – 3:30pm at the Link Gallery in Fish Creek will honor those students' who participated in the 2008-09 arts mentoring component of the ETC (Exposure to Creativity) Program. The artwork will be on display through June 6. Participants are: Hope Lucille Bogenschutz, Katelaine Buske, Regan Cole, Susan Fochs, JoAnne Metzler, Jade Moore, Elli Opitz, Alex Reinhard, Ashley Schnick, Taylor Schultz, Claire Toerpe, and Marty Witteborg. Thank you, students, mentors and community sponsors!
- The Hardy Gallery opens Sat., May 23 with the opening of the Wall-to-Wall Salon from 5-7 pm. The public is invited to vote on their favorite works thru Thurs., May 28 - \$1 per vote! The 46th Annual Juried Exhibit opens on Fri., June 5 with a reception from 5-7pm. The public is invited to attend.
- The Hardy's Community Mosaic Project is back! Canvases are now available for the innovative project involving the creation of nearly 400 small works of art in nearly every medium imaginable. Created in 2008, the project was developed as a way to help raise awareness of the arts and make them accessible for every interested member of the community. The project will involve the creative skills of community members of all ages and abilities - children, adults, adolescents, seniors, professional artists, art-lovers or art-appreciators. Call the Hardy office at 854-2210 to obtain canvases or more information.
- Freshen up your home this spring and add a splash of color with gorgeous red geraniums! In addition to preparing for the launch of its 47<sup>th</sup> season, the Hardy is also gearing up for its first-ever geranium sale. All proceeds generated from the sale support the organization's mission of supporting local arts – artists, youth, emerging artists and the Peninsula's veteran artists – through exhibits, outreach events and educational programs. Anyone interested in purchasing geraniums must pre-order and may do so by calling 854-2210 or downloading the order form at [www.thehardy.org](http://www.thehardy.org). The large, lush 5-inch potted geraniums are sure to add stunning beauty to any landscape!



Zoning / Building

AT THE MARINA'S



Brent Bristol

Keith Lindstrand

As I mentioned in the fall I have now taken over residential building inspection in the Village of Ephraim. What this means is that with the exception of sanitary permits I am

the guy to talk to. I truly believe this "one stop shop" for zoning and building permits will speed up the permitting process and ultimately be more convenient for residents of Ephraim and contractors alike.

Construction in Ephraim as in most places these days is relatively slow though there certainly are a few remodel/renovation projects going on. The annual April surge of summer event applications however is still reliable. Fyr Bal this year is the weekend of June 20th and for those of you planning to fly Fyr Bal flags, they may be placed one week prior to the event.

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 strongly encourage anyone planning any building related activities to contact me as early in the process as you can.

Looks to be a good year with the water level up significantly from last year. The Fire Museum across from the Firehouse Marina will be open this year but just a reminder that parking for the Museum will be on the street and at Harborside Park, not in the Marina Patrons parking Lot.

The 2009 Flying Scot North American Championships are being hosted by the Ephraim Yacht Club August 1st-7th. Marina services will be assisting them to launch, retrieve, and store the boats for the regatta. The boat trailer parking at Firehouse Marina will be closed for this period. We have recently received a study on the impact of our Marina boaters on the economy and in brief this these are the results: Boats kept at the Marina:

Sales	\$326,700
Jobs:	5.3
Labor Income:	\$102,600
Value Added:	\$180,200

With this information, just think of the impact of the Regatta on the economy with 80 boats and all the people associated with them for a week. You never know but some of these people may come back.

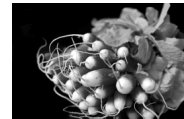


Physical Facilities/ Utilities

Your Maintenance staff has been hard at work this winter! The Crew of Mike, Mike and Jim completed the renovations to the Village Hall kitchen and bathrooms in early April. Street signs are being painted, picnic tables constructed, dirt filled in and grass sown, and the general clean-up of the Village after winter is under way. If you see one of our decorative streetlights burned out, a pothole that needs taking care of, etc., give the guys a call at 854-5501! **Mike Mittermann**

The crew has been diligently turning the soil at the public vegetable garden on Townline Drive. If you haven't signed up for a plot yet there are still a few available call Sue at the Office 854-5501 for information.

STAKE OUT A PLOT AT THE EPHRAIM VEGETABLE CO-OP!



W a s t e w a t e r

Oils & grease have been problems with all wastewater plants including Ephraim. The Wastewater Committee adopted a new ordinance addressing inspection and cleaning of grease traps. This ordinance is for businesses that serve food throughout the village. 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!

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 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. **David L. Alberts Treatment Plant Manager**

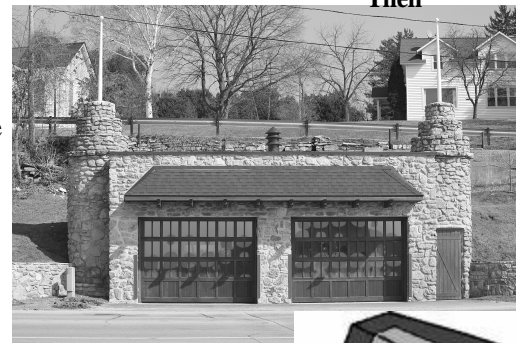
# Fire Department News...

The newly restored Historic Ephraim Fire House, is shelter to a handsome 1927 American LaFrance fire truck generously donated by Mike McCutcheon. During the Fyr Bal ceremonies in June the museum will open for the first time to welcome young and old alike. The LaFrance fire truck will be joined by Ephraim's 1934 Ford pumper which recently had its 74-year physical check-up. For a generation, volunteer fire fighters used both of these grand engines while making hundreds of calls pursuing their mission to protect property and save lives. Both engines will be central to the fire house museum. We are also very fortunate to have a half scale Arians Fox 32 model fire truck donated in memory of Jim Neal by his wife Mary Margaret to enhance our Museum.

Fireman Justin MacDonald has been appointed and has accepted the duty of second assistant fire chief. Chief Weborg reminds residents that there have been major changes in state regulations chapter 167, regarding Fireworks and permits will no longer be available in Ephraim for anything that leaves the ground. For more specifics contact chief Weborg.



Then



Now



## Outside Grills and the Wisconsin Fire Code

**What:** In March of 2008 the State of Wisconsin revised its Fire Code to adopt the 2006 edition of the Uniform Fire Code (NFPA). This code contained many changes to the fire code that was in place prior to March, included in the new code is a stricter requirement for the use of grills in and around buildings other than single or two family homes. Specifically the code states:

*“ NFPA 1(2006 ed.) 10.11.7 For other than one- and two-family dwellings, no hibachi, gas fired grill, charcoal grill, or other similar devices used for cooking, heating, or any other purpose, shall be used or kindled on any balcony or under any overhanging portion or within 10ft (3 m) of any structure. Listed electrical ranges, grills, or similar electrical apparatus shall be permitted. ”*

**What does this mean?:** Basically, unless you live in a single family home or a duplex (two units), you can no longer use any gas grills (including those adapted for smaller 2 ½ lb LPG tanks) or charcoal grills within 10ft of the building. That means 10ft from any deck or balcony attached to the structure as well. You also can not store gas or charcoal grills, or spare gas cylinders inside your home if you live in a multifamily dwelling.

**Are there any exemptions?:** Apart from your living in a single family home or duplex, there are **no** exemptions. There is no grandfathering either. e.g. if you had a grill already in use prior to the new fire code taking affect, you still would have to abide by the new rule and remove your grill from any balconies.

**What you can do:** Apartment and condominium managers can designate safe areas that are a minimum of 10ft from the building as a place to grill, and may provide grills for use by the building tenants in this location. Individual tenants may also replace their gas grills with electrical grills provided they are listed (underwriters laboratories UL approved or other similar testing agency).



**Why?:** There have been a significant number of fires occurring in apartment/condo complexes due to the use and misuse of grills. Multifamily homes have such a significant increase in risk due to the high number of people living in the buildings that the State has deemed the risk and benefit of using the grills in that type of building is an unacceptable risk.

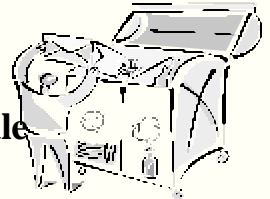
**What will happen if I continue to use my grill on my deck or balcony?:** Two things. 1) The building owner / Association may be cited and fined for continued non-compliance with the State Fire Code. 2) You personally may be held civilly and in some cases criminally liable for any fires that occur and also may be financially responsible for any injuries or loss of property that are a result of a fire from your grill.



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### Summer Schedule

**May – October 2009**

**Saturdays 9AM—12 Noon**

**June, July & August Tuesdays 4-7PM**

Confused on just how to sort your recyclables?  
Stop by the Administrative Office and get the complete facts.

Planning for our future,...

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