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Ephraim Update

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LETTER FROM THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT

During my youth, we had a small device that was attached to the side of our kitchen telephone. As I recall, there were about five or six of these unique telephone attachments in homes in Ephraim. It was a strange little button that identified the telephone as a “fire phone.” When someone called the Ephraim Fire Department telephone number, five telephones in Ephraim rang steadily until hopefully someone picked up to take the emergency call. At the same time, the person answering the call pushed that special button, which had a very important function: Pushing the button on the side of the phone activated the fire siren on top of the old firehouse, alerting the rest of the community that there was a fire or other emergency in the village. Well, that was then and this is now. The Ephraim Fire Department, our neighboring fire departments, and the fire service in general, has come a long way since the days of the fire phone.

Approximately 15 years ago, Ephraim entered into an agreement with the Towns of Gibraltar and Baileys Harbor to share responsibility in order to assure enough resources were available to respond to fires, auto accidents, water rescues, or any other event that would justify a fire department response. This agreement commonly referred to as the Mid-Door Agreement, has stood the test of time. The three autonomous departments train and respond to calls together. It is not perfect system, but it works. At the time, the agreement addressed several common issues that our local fire departments struggled with. Today, the fire and rescue services have become even more complex. Present day issues include manpower, training, continuing education, equipment needs, aging population, increased call demand due to tourism, funding and budgeting, etc.

Presently, the Ephraim Village Board and Fire Chief Weborg have entered into discussions with other Northern Door County municipalities to consider the possibility of forming a fire district. There may be, and I stress the word may, be numerous benefits to a fire district. Manpower, training, and response time are at the top of the list. But I and others believe that there may be substantial benefits in several other aspects including administrative and personnel costs, pooling equipment purchases, long-term capital equipment costs such as engines and trucks, etc. These are all issues that are on the table through these intergovernmental discussions

I want to assure the Ephraim taxpayers that the village board is carefully reviewing all aspects of potential fire department realignment, how it would impact our community, both in fire department response to community needs, as well as the desire for fiscal responsibility. Ephraim will stay engaged and be an equal participant in the discussions. There have not been any decisions made by the village trustees except to continue discussions with our municipal neighbors. If Ephraim and our neighboring municipalities discover that the fire service we presently provide suits our needs for the foreseeable future, we will put discussion on the back burner. If through thorough examination, we can provide a better, more cost effective fire service, the village will likely continue negotiating toward that goal.

If you have any questions regarding this subject or any other issue, please do not hesitate to give me a call. I can be reached at 920-421-0100 or through the village office.

As always, the Ephraim Village Board wishes you all a happy, safe, fun-filled summer.

John Cox

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Ordinance Changes...

The following changes in the Village of Ephraim Ordinance have taken place since last fall:

- Ordinance 03-2011 Amending the Conditional Use Permit Requirements
- Ordinance 01-2012 Allowing Burning in the Village of Ephraim with a permit
- Ordinance 02-2012 Amending Signage Requirements
- Ordinance 03-2012 Amending the duties of the Library Committee

If you have any questions regarding these changes, or any other ordinances in the Village of Ephraim, please contact the Administration Office at (920) 854-5501

~New Burning Ordinance Requirements~

The Village of Ephraim is now allowing recreational burning within its municipal boundaries. If you are interested in obtaining a permit for an outdoor fireplace, chiminea, or an outdoor fire pit, please follow these steps:

1. Contact the Ephraim Zoning Administrator at (920) 854-5501
2. Complete the necessary permit application and provide all information as required.
3. Cost of permit is \$10 annually.
4. Property owner must be the applicant for the permit, can not be a property renter.
5. The application for the burning location must be complete and approved by a Village of Ephraim official prior to utilizing it for burning purposes.
6. Burning location must meet all applicable Ephraim zoning setbacks.
7. Burning location must have a water source accessible to the site.
8. If interested in burning brush the previous process is still in place, the permit will be issued by the Ephraim Fire Chief or Assistant Fire Chief (920) 854-5501.

The following types of burning are prohibited in the Village of Ephraim:

- Garbage
- Asphalt and roofing materials
- Waste oil or other oily wastes
- Painted or treated wood including composite wood products
- All plastic or rubber products
- Leaf piles

In the event of weather conditions warranting suspension of permits, a notice will be posted in the Village Administration Office, Ephraim Visitor’s Center, and Ephraim Post Office. If there is a question as to whether there is a suspension, please contact the Administration Office (920) 854-5501.

A person utilizing or maintaining an outdoor fire of any kind and/or the owner of the property where the fire occurs shall be responsible for all fire suppression costs and any other liability costs or expenses resulting from damage or injury caused by the fire, irrespective of whether a burning permit is issued.

A violation of the ordinance may result in a fine of not less than five times the permit fee and all fees associated with any fire suppression necessary.

First Lady Dolley Madison to Visit Ephraim! The Ephraim Library Fund, Inc and the Ephraim Moravian Women are proud to announce a visit from First Lady Dolley Madison on June 21, 2012. Please join us at the Ephraim Village Hall at 1:30 pm for tea hosted in honor of her visit. Call either Eunice Rutherford at 868-3373 or Jane Olson at 854-7952 to purchase tickets for the tea (\$20.00). Also you may leave your name and telephone number at the Ephraim Library or the Ephraim Moravian Church office.

2012 Summer Reading Program "Dream Big - Read!" We invite all ages to participate from June 1 - August 15. Children through 8th grade keep track of hours spent reading and receive prizes at the library. Teens and adults submit Reading Bingo entries for a chance to win a prize basket of books. Special event programs will be held at the Ephraim Library on Thursdays at 3:00 p.m. on July 5 - We're All Actors, July 12 - The Ridges: Night Animals and July 25 - Pre-school /Early Elementary Crafts with Windsor McCutcheon.

Adult Book Discussion Group. Join with the summer book group on Tuesday, June 19 at 10:00 a.m. to discuss *Nine Tailors* by Dorothy Sayers. The theme this summer is "Detective Novels Around the World" and is facilitated by Katy Ostrander.

Fyr Bal Book Sale. Come to the annual used book sale on Saturday, June 16 from 8:30a.m.-2:00 p.m. If you'd like to volunteer to help, call Linda at 854-2014. Proceeds supplement Ephraim Library's materials budget.

Patriotic Driftwood Collection on Display. Don't miss our display of Marge Wedge Mabel's Uncle Sam driftwood figures on loan from Jane Olson through July 5th, honoring her friend Marge who passed away in 2011.

Online library registration is ready to go! There is a link to the online registration form on the main page of InfoSoup at www.infosoup.org. You will be able to use a temporary barcode number to request books until you are able to come to the library to pick up your library card (within 30 days).

HALL HAPPENINGS...SUE SHALLOW

Well it looks as though the Ephraim Village Hall will be busy this year. Here is a short synopsis.

June
The Moravian Women's spring sale will take place on Saturday the 2nd. There will be a beautiful June wedding on the weekend of June 9th. This year FYR BAL will be a one day event on Father's Day weekend the 16th of June with several events in the Hall throughout the day culminating with the Chieftains crowning at dusk. The Foundation sponsored Sing Along begins on the 17th. The Ephraim Library and the Ephraim Foundation are proud sponsors of a special presentation speaking to Betsy Ross. A wedding will take place there on the 23rd, and the PGA Potluck on the 27th. The Library summer program starts on the 28th. The Foundation will close out June with an antique appraisal so bring those treasured goodies with you to this event.

July
July, traditionally the busiest time in the Hall is no different this year the Foundation sing along continues on Sundays, and the Ephraim Business Council concert rain location on Mondays, History Speaks on Tuesdays and the Moravian Church Services on Wednesdays beginning the 11th, the Libraries summer program follows up on Thursdays. A special memorial service will take place on Tuesday July 17th to honor Barbara B. Reeve-Baker long time resident here in Ephraim. The Ephraim Yacht Clubs Women's Group will host their annual Dinner on the 19th and the Door County Folk Alliance barn dance on the 21st.

August
Pancakes, sausage, orange juice and coffee will be served by the Ephraim Men's Club on Saturday the 4th of August, a wedding on the 11th and two more on the 24th and 25th of August.

Well, these are just the highlights of the activities in the Village Hall this summer. As you can see there are few days available for rental. If you are looking for a booking, call Sue at the Administrative Office as soon as possible.

Did you know Ephraim is now a BIRD CITY !!!



Photo courtesy Tad Dukehart

ZONING WITH...BRENT BRISTOL



Construction in Ephraim this year is holding steady with numbers right about where they have been the past couple of years.

Over the winter, the village planning committee and I have been working on general ordinance language clean-up. After many years of tweaks, additions, deletions, and re-writes, the need for some zoning ordinance TLC was clear. We have a goal of consolidating information and working towards a document that will become more user friendly and much easier to interpret. Be sure to watch our website and posting places for ordinance language that is being discussed. We would be happy to have your opinion.

As I mentioned last spring, please remember that travel trailers, campers, and coaches can be parked in garages and drive-ways in Ephraim; however, no travel equipment may be used for living or housekeeping purposes regardless of where it is parked on the lot. If you have any questions regarding this ordinance, please give me a call.

I am sure that many of you have building projects or maintenance plans for this season. 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.

Brent Bristol-Zoning Administrator/Building Inspector
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TREASURER'S NOTE: ERIN BRISTOL

Ephraim dog owners: If your dog is not yet registered with the Village, please take time to do so. It is a great way to keep your dog safe, especially in the busy summer months. Stop by the Village office Monday, Wednesday or Friday. The cost is \$3 neutered or \$8 if not. You must bring a copy of your dog's rabies vaccination information from your veterinarian. Thanks!

WASTEWATER...DAVE ALBERTS

Well I'm going into my 11th year of employment with the Village of Ephraim Wastewater Department. Things have prospered over the years with upgrades to the wastewater plant and sewer system in general. I've made the easy and difficult decisions to make this a better system. I couldn't do it without the input from my staff and the Wastewater Committee of Karen McMurtry, Joan Fitzpatrick, Gary Kiracofe, Tim Nelson and Marc Paulson. Not to forget that it's a joy to work with the administrative staff throughout all the phases in the decision making process. I'm thankful to have an experienced staff dedicated to serving the residents of the village. In wastewater, challenges can be overwhelming, but this staff handles them with ease and confidence.

We offer numerous services to the general public from sewer camera work, septage hauling for private septage systems to our certified wellwater testing facility just to mention a few. If you have any questions pertaining to wastewater and wellwater, please call me @ (920) 854-4991. I'm looking forward to serve the Village of Ephraim in the upcoming year and into the future. THANK YOU !

Don't forget to test your wellwater this year and spread the word!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE...

The following individuals make up the Village Committees and Commissions...

- Airport Commission** — Martin Franke, Mike McCutcheon and Arvid Munson
- Board of Appeals**—Karen McMurtry— Chair, Doug Schwartz, Debbie Eckert, Eric Kordon, Doug Schultz, and Sue Sherman
- Coastal Management Committee**—Steve Chomeau, Paul Flottman, Brad Massey, Tim Nelson, and John Cox—Chair
- Community Protection Committee**—Tadd Dukehart, Keith Krist, Mike Smith, Mike McCutcheon, Chief Niles Weborg, and Jane Olson—Chair
- Historic Preservation Committee**— Norma Hager—Chair, Lisa Carlson, Jim Stollenwerk, Tad Dukehart, Paul Burton
- Library Committee**—Barb Williams, Windsor McCutcheon, Anne Van de Ven, Diane Kirkland, and Jane Olson—Chair
- Physical Facilities Committee**—Diane Kirkland, Paul Flottman, Steve Sauter, and Sue Sherman—Chair
- Planning Committee**—Jim Stollenwerk, Paul Flottman, Walt Fisher, Roy Elquist, Fred Bridenhagen, Tim Nelson and John Cox—Chair
- Wastewater Committee**— Karen McMurtry, Joan Fitzpatrick, Gary Kiracofe, Marc Paulson

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS...JANE OLSON

Ephraim's new fire truck, Engine No. 8, has arrived! When you drive by, if one of the firefighters is there, please stop and take a quick look. Engine No. 8 is a real beauty. Our firefighters are training to become qualified to use all of the newly installed truck features. We wish to thank the fire truck research team of Mike McCutcheon, Justin MacDonald, Mike Meyer, Paul Pillat, Niles Weborg, and Sister Bay/Liberty Grove Fire Chief, Chris Hecht, for their efforts in securing the best truck for Ephraim at the best price possible. To further defray the cost of Engine No. 8, two older engines were sold.



The Fire Truck Research Committee from left to right Tad Dukehart, Chief Niles Weborg, Mike Meyer, Asst. Chief Justin MacDonald, Mike McCutcheon and Sister Bay Fire Chief Chris Hecht.

PHYSICAL FACILITIES/UTILITIES...MIKE MITTERMANN

Recycling News:

No need to sort your recycling, our service provider has gone single stream! Just be sure all your plastics have the recycling symbol on the bottom. Recycling is open every Saturday in May from 9am –noon and beginning in June Saturdays 9-noon and Tuesday 4-7pm. The brush dump located at 2684 German Road will be open every Saturday 9am—noon. In 2011 we recycled 563 yards of paper, 495 yards of co-mingled items and 7.9 tons of glass.

PENINSULA PRESCHOOL...LESLIE LELINE

Congratulations To The Peninsula Preschool Graduates of 2012

Since 1983 Peninsula Preschool has been helping children build a positive foundation for their academic careers. These young graduates are singing in three languages, identifying birds by their call and delighting in their first experiences in reading. In this school, children discover a love for learning and develop belief and confidence in themselves. Students are encouraged to think independently, pursue their natural curiosities, and strive toward their own potential.

The preschool's board of directors, teachers and parent body would like to thank the Village of Ephraim for housing and providing such a pleasant environment for our school.

THE EPHRAIM BUSINESS COUNCIL ...RACHEL WILLEMS

Visit the EBC on Facebook, Twitter, at www.Ephraim-DoorCounty.com or call 920-854-4989, year-round.

The Ephraim Business Council looks forward to a busy summer season!

We are proud to announce Ephraim's Tourism Administrator, Rachel Willems, has been named Door County's Certified Tourism Ambassador of the Year! The CTA program is a nationwide certification program that serves to increase tourism by training and inspiring front-line hospitality workers to turn every visitor encounter into a positive experience.

This year the EBC welcomes three new members: Hunter's Fairway Sotheby's International Realty, Julie's Upscale Resale and Peninsula Players Theatre. The 2012 Ephraim brochure is on stands now.

The EBC was a major sponsor of the 5th Annual Door County Half Marathon & Nicolet Bay 5k, which attracted 2,300 participants, their families and friends to our area the first weekend in May. Ephraim's 48th Annual Fyr Bal Festival is Father's Day weekend, Saturday June 16. We welcome the Family Bucket Raffle inside the Village Hall, where great prize packages from local businesses will be on display. Drop a raffle ticket into a prize's corresponding bucket for a chance to win! Also new this year is "Shop for Cash," where you may enter local businesses to purchase tickets to win \$1,000 cash.

Ephraim's waterfront Visitor Information Center is open daily through October. Please stop in and cast your vote for Fyr Bal Chieftain or if you're available to volunteer for Fyr Bal.

Evenings in Ephraim concerts will again feature talented Door County musicians in Harborside Park, Mondays 7-9pm June 18—August 20.

The Ephraim Business Council teamed up with Peninsula State Park and the Village of Ephraim to gain Bird City designation for the village. Bird City Wisconsin encourages communities to implement sound bird conservation practices and gives public recognition to communities that protect and enhance bird habitat.

Ephraim volunteer firefighter Scotty Weborg also received an award from the Peninsula State Park for outstanding contributions to fire prevention and the Smokey the Bear program.



Photo Courtesy Jolynn Nelson

Photos Courtesy Tad Dukehart



Truck # 8 is delivered !

At an April 9th Public Hearing the community approved a revised village burning ordinance. To view these changes in their entirety go to the Village website and reference Ordinance number **5.11 Burning within the Municipal Boundaries of the Village of Ephraim**. In short Ephraim will now allow small below ground burning pits, fireplaces, and chimineas if the site meets all Village requirements. **This ordinance does not allow for brush piles or grass/leaf burning.** You may contact the Village Offices, Zoning Administrator Brent Bristol, or visit the Village website for more information. Permits are for one year only and must be renewed annually on May 1. Thank you to the Community Protection Committee for their efforts in helping to revise this ordinance.

Once again the Fire Department is requesting that you check your fire number. Please make sure that it is free of brush or overhanging branches; check to see if it can be seen from the road, and that the numbers are not faded or in need of replacement. Please remember that seconds count when a family member or your home requires emergency service. The Ephraim Fire Department has 3 new members, Tim Penchoff, Jason Rockwell and Bob Volpe they all have completed the State Required 60 hours of training to enter a burning building. This now brings the Ephraim Fire Department membership to 21 Firefighters.



Chief Weborg demonstrates some of the new controls for the truck.

Reminder to all residents that are returning to their summer homes and businesses to check the batteries in your smoke and CO Detectors to make sure they are in working order. If you have any questions on placement of smoke or CO Detectors, please do not hesitate to call the Fire Department and we will be happy to answer your questions. Have a safe and fun filled summer and fall!

EPHRAIM FOUNDATION EVENTS... KEVIN FREE

Opening Day Nearing for Ephraim Historical Foundation's Museums

Things are moving quickly with the anticipation of the June 15 opening of all four Ephraim Village Museums by the Ephraim Historical Foundation. The Anderson Barn Museum will open its doors at 11:00am to feature the long awaited opening of the new exhibit, "Ephraim: the Artist's Inspiration." Thea Thompson, Ephraim Historical Foundation's curator, has assembled a unique blend of paintings by local artists. This exhibit explores the role artists play in the preservation of Ephraim's history. A reception will follow the opening day of activities from 4:00-6:00pm at the Anderson Barn History Center.

The Ephraim Historical Foundation is also proud to announce a brand new tram tour for 2012. Summer visitors will have the rare opportunity to experience 'monuments' to Ephraim's Moravian past. The guided tour will depart from the Anderson Barn History Center on Tuesdays at 1:30 from June 19-August 28, exploring the Ephraim Moravian Church, the Historic Iverson House, and the Ephraim Moravian Cemetery. The cost of this approximately one and a half hour tour is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students.

The Ephraim Historical Foundation has a whole host of events and programs planned for 2012. Please consult the calendar on the website, www.ephraim.org for a complete listing of the over one hundred events and programs for the season 'Where Door County's Past Lives Today!'

THE HARDY GALLERY NEWS... KATHLEEN SHEMANEK

Greetings Ephraim Residents!

The county is returning to its hustle and bustle. Spring is here with all its color and another season at the Hardy Gallery is underway. New life is sprouting! The Hardy wishes to welcome Selma Ann Gigstead, born on Sun., April 29, to Elizabeth and her husband John. The family is doing well and rejoicing in the birth of Selma.

2012 will mark the Hardy's 50th anniversary! Watch for announcements of all the activities we have planned. Things have changed since our founding in 1962, but our mission of supporting a growing Door County visual art community remains the same. We embrace the changing times and are grateful for our past success. We hope, always, to be an active, growing gallery that enriches the lives of so many people (both local and visitors).

This year the Hardy Gallery exhibit season will launch with the annual *Wall to Wall Salon* exhibit which will run from May 26 – 31 and will be followed by the *50th Annual Juried Exhibition*, on display from June 8 – July 15. The ever-popular *Community Mosaic Project* will make a return and will be unveiled to the public on Friday evening, July 20 along with the *2012 Collection Invitational*. The 2012 Door County Arts Maps have been delivered and will soon be "hitting the newsstands" locally and statewide.

In celebration of our milestone anniversary this year, we are eager to share the news that a historic catalog that highlights the history of the Hardy is in production. Residents of Ephraim, along with our transient populations, are both an integral part of that history and we look forward to celebrating our anniversary with you!

MARINA NEWS... KEITH LINDSTRAND HARBORMASTER

Spring is here and boating season is starting. As usual, all slips are filled and we have a long waiting list for slips but, if you or a friend is looking for a mooring we have a couple available for immediate occupancy. The water level is predicted to be about the same as last year which gives us good depth.



Photo Courtesy Tad Dukehart 7

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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May							June							July						
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Key
 VB - Village Board Meeting
 PC - HPC/Plan Committee Meetings
 WW - Wastewater Committee Mtg
 PF - Physical Facilities Committee
 BR - Board of Review
 E - Election Day
 OC - Office Closed-Observance of Holiday

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