



GIBRALTAR *Breeze*

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Catch the latest in Gibraltar: Fish Creek, Juddville, Maple Grove... with our dynamic newsletter covering all the town's highlights

Sharing is Caring

Ever notice how some of the best photos are on your phone? Please share them with the Town, so we can share them with everyone on our facebook, website and in our newsletter. Help us celebrate the beauty of Town of Gibraltar.



Send your photos to
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Town Chair Report

by Steve Sohns

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and I hope the Christmas holidays bring family and friends together.

The Town is decorated and looks awesome! Mother Nature got in on the act and sent a little snow to remind us of what is in our future for a few months.

With the Year 2024 upon us, the Town has many projects which we continue to work on with the community.

- Hill and Bluff street construction work has begun and intends to be completed before we get busy in the spring.
- Grants and donations requests are continuing to complete the purchase of the Redmann property.
- We will be producing a final plan for Kinsey property over the next few months.

As always, I'm here for you anytime you have thoughts and concerns,

Happy Holidays,

Steve Sohns

Chairman, Town of Gibraltar

Catch The "Breeze" Via Email

Welcome to Town of Gibraltar's Newsletter: the Gibraltar Breeze. You can catch the "Breeze" in March, June, September and December. June and December's newsletters will be available online only. **Sign up to receive them** here: <https://gibraltarwi.gov/subscribe-to-updates/> and check the "newsletter" box, or go to our newsletters page and download

GOAL: \$1,500,000



Fish Creek Park Expansion
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Preserve the Legacy of Fish Creek Park Expansion

When your legacy is important to you...

Give the gift that lives on 


Fish Creek Park Expansion Land Acquisition

Imagine 125 acres of pristine parkland that will provide Fish Creek residents and visitors a space to relax, play, and immerse themselves in the breathtaking beauty of Gibraltar. This is your opportunity to be a part of something extraordinary.


Join the Movement...Join your Neighbors...Make a Difference

With your generous donation, you can help secure this land for future generations to cherish.


Choose your level of commitment:

 Land Guardian - \$250-\$749


Plant the seed of preservation and become a proud guardian of Fish Creek Park Expansion.

 Land Patron - \$750-\$1499


Elevate your support and make a lasting impact as a dedicated patron of conservation.

 Land Supporter - \$1500-\$4999

Show your commitment to the cause and ensure that the beauty of Gibraltar is safeguarded for years to come.

 Conservation Defender - \$5000-\$9999

Stand as a true defender of conservation, protecting this precious piece of nature's paradise.


 Conservation Champion - \$10,000 – “Sky’s the Limit”!

Lead the way as a champion of conservation, leaving an enduring mark on Fish Creek Park Expansion.

Your Legacy Matters

Join us in preserving this magnificent land and let your legacy be remembered for generations to come.

Your donation will help ensure that the beauty and serenity of Gibraltar remain a gift for all to enjoy.

 Donate Today! Call (920) 868-1714 or visit our website at <https://gibraltarwi.gov/donations/> to contribute and secure your place in the legacy of Fish Creek Park Expansion.

 **Make a Difference. Leave a Legacy.** 

Visit Fish Creek is your best resource for things to do, special events, restaurants, shops, etc.

Find them here:

<https://visitfishcreek.com/>

At a Special Meeting of Electors on July 26, 2023, Town of Gibraltar Electors voted to purchase 118.76 acres for \$1.5 million.

The purchase will be entirely paid for by grants and donations.

Also included in the vote was a gift from the Redmann Family of an additional 6.23 acres to expand the park.

Comprehensive Plan

READY TO GO! Fish Creek's New Comprehensive Plan

(courtesy of Linda Merline)

The Town's 2023-2043 Comprehensive Plan was created with input from many townspeople. It is their vision for the Town of Gibraltar beginning now and continuing 20 years into the future. The vision seeks mindful growth in economic opportunities that move the Town toward a sustainable future, while preserving and enhancing its distinctive characteristics and strengths; honoring its Door County heritage, preserving its historical legacy, infrastructure, and aesthetics; protecting its natural environment and its agricultural resources; and continuing the tradition of offering a welcoming, friendly, small town atmosphere for residents, business owners, workers, and visitors alike.

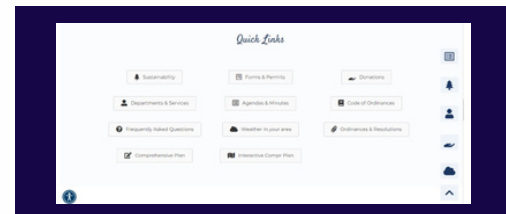
The plan is meant to guide the Town in cultivating this vision and to provide continuity across the 20 years through changing leadership. When embraced by the Town Board, its Commissions and Committees, their decisions will reflect the vision. The Plan consists of the narrative, goals, and actions. The narrative presents a wholistic picture of the Town beginning with its history. It goes on to describe the Town's current state in its chapters on Environmental Resources, Cultural Arts & Historical Resources, Housing, Economy, Transportation, Utilities, and Community Facilities, Communication, and Intergovernmental Cooperation. This information forms the foundation on which to build the vision.

There are goals for each chapter of the narrative. Each goal when completed contributes to the creation of the overall vision. The actions are the steps that lead to the accomplishment of the goals.

Implementation of the Plan is the last chapter. Each year those implementing the plan will need to decide what goals and actions are relevant to the current state of the Town and choose those to be worked on. Some goals direct who should work on them, while others are left open. Citizen input here is critical. The Plan Commission is currently putting together its list of goals to work on in 2024. This list will be presented to the Town Board at a joint meeting in January 2024. Call the Town office if you find a goal that you believe should be worked on in 2024.

Much work went into writing the Plan, but the work is not done. Now it will take all of us working together to set the plan in motion and keep it moving. It all begins by reading and embracing the Plan. You can find it on the Town website at the bottom of the home page as "Quick Link" buttons. There are two links: one for the regular comprehensive plan and the other for the interactive version of the comprehensive plan. OR, call the Town Office at 920-868-1714

Please, do get involved in making this vision come true. It can only happen with your help.



Gibraltar Historical Association & Alexander Noble House

As the snow starts to settle and our busy season begins to slow, we feel deep gratitude for all we have been able to visit with, connect, and share. Preserving Gibraltar's past is always on our minds, and we are only as strong as our followers' support.

Our community is full of a wide variety of people, and so are their opinions, but the one common ground we are reminded of each and every day is that we all love this beautiful place called home. The smiles and hugs show how much you all care, and this outpouring of spirit deeply impacts us.

The season was busy from start to finish, and we tried new events: Cleaning headstones at Juddville cemetery, Living History with Roger Boll playing the accordion, History of Cornills Riding stables, docent lead walking tours, and bringing the 120th Anniversary of the Sinking of the Hackley, to life.

We want to thank our Town Board, Town Staff, Volunteers, and Community for caring for Noble Square and the Alexander Noble House. We are the shining star on Main Street because we are in it together.

One of the most asked questions we received was about how to purchase a brick at Noble Square. It is effortless and preserves your place in Fish Creek forever.

Just go to: <https://historicnoble.org/donate/>

As 2023 comes to a close, your friends at the Gibraltar Historical Association wish you a happy holiday!

Click For more information on the Gibraltar Historical Association go to <https://historicnoble.org>

Kindling Community Spirit...

Gibraltar's Fire and Police Chiefs Spread Joy and Support Through Festive Initiatives

In the tight-knit community of Gibraltar, located in Door County, Wisconsin, the Fire Chief and Police Chief play crucial roles in fostering a sense of unity and care among its residents.

Recently, the Police Chief dedicated time to the Chop N Shop with a Cop program, held on December 2nd. In this heartwarming initiative, kids were paired with law enforcement officers to select and cut down Christmas trees while also choosing meaningful gifts for their families.

Simultaneously, the Fire Chief and the Gibraltar Fire Department hosted Pictures with Santa at the Old Town Hall on the same day. Beyond capturing the festive spirit, this event had a deeper purpose. The program successfully raised \$600.00, demonstrating the generosity of the community, which will go towards supporting a local family facing significant challenges. The 10-year-old daughter of this family battles a rare medical condition with numerous complications, making the funds crucial for their ongoing medical needs.

Through these initiatives, both the Fire Chief and Police Chief exemplify a commitment to not only ensuring the safety and well-being of the community but also actively engaging in programs that uplift and support their neighbors, creating a stronger and more compassionate Gibraltar.

PARKS & LANDS

Courtesy of Laurie Buske, Town Horticulturalist

Parks & Lands strives to enhance parks for relaxing, hiking, and viewing our water vistas.

2023 has proven to be a year of accomplishing goals, some of which date back to pre-COVID days!!

Thank you to Community Investment Fund Grant for the funding which provided the final stage for our poured surface at the playground at Fish Creek Park; now, our little ones are even safer.

Our parks also received funding from DDC, allowing us to add two more picnic tables and a bike rack, which is already being used. Two additional activity panels for our playground set will make our area a busy place for those little ones. It may be small, but it has everything we could pack into our little space. In spring, look for the return of a drinking fountain at Clark Park, providing a thirst-quenching stop for all of those looking to refill before a bike ride or hot sunny day.

We are always looking for volunteers to help with our Weed Warrior Workshops, help plant seedlings at Fish Creek Park to restore our tree canopy, help install holiday lights, and help design flyers for awareness of bicycle safety and Invasives. It's a great way to become involved in our community.

We want to shout out gratitude to our Chambers Island Lighthouse Keepers, Leon and Sharon Zellner, who give weekends all season long to keep the lighthouse looking good. Mowing the lawn, touching up here and there, and even reworking the little outhouse. Thank you for caring and wanting to preserve this unique structure on an island in Gibraltar's Township.

Finally, our focus for 2024 is to work on the goals for the future expansion of Fish Creek Park, including trails for all, an up-close view of nature, and the perfect getaway from the hustle and bustle of downtown. Consider being part of our future by donating.



The thermometer is rising, and you can be a team player, too.