



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*



Above: Maintenance Supervisor, Kurt Linczmaier, works to get the better of the storm and safeguard our residents

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Gibraltar Historical Association

Submitted by Laurie Buske

Our **vision** is to promote historical awareness by engaging the community and strengthening connections to the histories of residents with past and present ties to Fish Creek and our township.

As we look ahead, we are grateful for your continued support and anticipate another productive year. GHA has launched its membership drive and remains committed to keeping membership affordable. We encourage as many people as possible to join so we can better represent your interests and shape our future together.

We are also working to secure the Heritage Harbor Cultural Center, which will help us grow and advance our mission. To enter a 40-year lease with the Town of Gibraltar, we must raise \$675,000. With half of this amount already secured, your support remains essential. Please consider donating or helping us identify grant opportunities.

We also look forward to an engaging year at the Alexander Noble House Museum. Our upcoming exhibit, **"Beyond the Veil"**, will feature Victorian funeral history, customs, and gowns, along with several new items that offer deeper insights into the past. The museum will open for Memorial Day Weekend and reopen from mid-June through mid-October.

For more information, please visit our website:

<https://www.historicnoble.org> or send us an email at noblehousefc@gmail.com

Town Chair Report

Well, as I write this, we are in the middle of a snowstorm the likes of which we haven't seen for a few years. I hope everyone made it through safely; a reminder to check your sump pumps and make sure they are in working order. One good thing out of this is the hope that Lake Michigan will gain a few inches and save us from dredging costs at the marina.

As the snow melts and April is upon us, it's time for the Town's spring cleaning and planting. It also means the first phase of the downtown road reconstruction will be proceeding, with curbs, gutters, sidewalks, lampposts, and some new asphalt. My hope is that, between all the meetings and discussions over the last couple years, we made the right decisions to minimize the loss of the historical and quaint character of this area of the Town. Time will tell, but every time we do a new project and add more infrastructure, we lose a little more of what the Town once was. It's a big balancing act between history, character, and those who want current amenities.

Thank you to all who help think through these hard choices. I hope everyone has a wonderful spring and enjoys the quiet time before the tourists are back in full force.

Until we meet again,

Steve Sohns

Chairman, Town of Gibraltar

**FREE
CONCERTS AT NOBLE
SQUARE**

4167 MAIN STREET
FISH CREEK

TUESDAYS 3-5 PM

JUNE 23	SMALL FOREST
JULY 7	TALK OF THE TOWN
JULY 21	CREEK PICKERS
AUGUST 4	BIRCH CREEK AMBASSADORS & DOOR COUNTY JAZZ FESTIVAL
AUGUST 18	CHERRY TONES
SEPTEMBER 1	DOOR COUNTY EKULELE SOCIETY

Gibraltar Historical
Association

Find us here: [Noble House](#)

Parks and Lands

Submitted by Laurie Buske, Chairperson, Parks and Lands Committee

First, a big shout-out to our Town Crew, who spent days clearing snow (Blizzard Elsa). Let's hope it takes another 146 years before it dumps on us like this again.

We all know patience is a virtue, but this blizzard truly brought that to life.

Parks and Lands is pleased to announce the completion of our Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP), which will guide all park-related improvements and objectives.

We encourage you to peruse our Vision, Mission, Goals, and planned Capital Improvements.

Our Committee is committed to thoughtful planning and continuous improvement.

Our Vision:

Gibraltar's natural areas and open spaces are invaluable treasures that deserve our care and protection. These serene landscapes not only provide refuge from daily life but also remind us of the beauty and importance of our environment. We must safeguard these precious lands for future generations.

Our Mission

The Town of Gibraltar Parks and Lands Committee seeks to acquire, restore, and manage lands to protect and preserve public open space, natural areas, and other landscapes in an ecologically healthy state for the education, pleasure, and recreation of the public, now and into perpetuity.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

This plan aims to promote the development and maintenance of high-quality, sustainable parks and recreational facilities that serve the needs and preferences of both residents and visitors. The following goals should be considered in all decision-making: Resource Management, Sustainability, Education, and Future Opportunities.

We invite you to attend our meetings scheduled on the third Tuesday of each month at 8:00 am.

We will continue to discuss and review changes in several of our Parks throughout 2026.

Send your inquiries our way.

Laurie Buske

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Ephraim-Gibraltar Airport: Serving Northern Door County for Nearly 80 Years

Since the late 1940s, the Ephraim-Gibraltar Airport has been a vital part of northern Door County, connecting residents, businesses, and visitors to the broader aviation network. As part of both the Wisconsin State Airport System and the FAA's National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS), the airport operates as a public-use general aviation facility—classified as a “Local” airport by the FAA and a “Small GA” airport by the State of Wisconsin.

How the Airport is Governed and Funded

The Airport is overseen by an independent Airport Commission, which has full authority over construction, maintenance, and operations under Wisconsin Statute 114. Major improvements since 1947 have been funded through a combination of federal and state grants (generally 90% federal, 5% state, 5% local). In return, the Village of Ephraim and Town of Gibraltar—the airport's sponsors and owners—are required to maintain safe operations, protect runway approaches, and reinvest all airport revenue back into the facility.

Since 2009, the airport has operated without municipal tax funding, relying instead on revenue from:

- Hangar leases (the largest revenue source)
- Self-service fuel sales
- Aircraft and vehicle parking fees

Today, hangar lease revenue is approximately four times the profit from fuel sales, making hangar development a key priority for long-term financial stability.

Current and Future Priorities

The Airport is actively planning for the future, with priorities including:

- Updating the Airport Master Plan (2024–2026)
- Expanding hangar development on recently acquired property
- Reconstructing and rehabilitating Runway 14/32 (planned 2027–2028)
- Considering a 300-foot runway extension (to 3,000 feet) to improve safety margins under windy, gusty, or hot weather conditions

It's important to note that the runway extension is strictly for safety. It will not allow larger aircraft, jets, or commercial airline service.

Supporting the Community

The Ephraim-Gibraltar Airport does more than serve pilots—it's a community asset:

- Emergency services: Air ambulance flights averaged 7 per year in 2024–2025
- Aircraft base: Home to 22 validated based aircraft
- Compliance: Meets FAA and Wisconsin Bureau of Aeronautics standards
- Youth aviation education: Supported through the Friends of the Airport organization

A Self-Sustaining Community Resource


For nearly 80 years, the airport has functioned as a self-sustaining, grant-supported public facility, contributing to transportation access, emergency support, local economy, and aviation career pathways. Its careful planning and community support ensure it will continue to be a safe, functional, and welcoming gateway for northern Door County residents and visitors alike.

In Summary:

- *The Ephraim-Gibraltar Airport has been serving northern Door County for nearly 80 years –and it operates without local tax funding.*
- *From emergency air ambulance service to supporting future pilots through the Friends of Ephraim-Gibraltar Airport, the airport plays an important role in our community.*

Learn more about how the airport operates and its plans for the future on our website:

[Friends of Ephraim-Gibraltar Airport](#)



**NOTES
FROM THE
ADMINISTRATOR'S
DESK**

**CONSTRUCTION AT CEDAR
COURT AND MAPLE**



A New Storm Water System



Catch Basin



New Vortechs Unit

OUT WITH THE OLD / IN WITH THE NEW

Pictured below is the old equipment that the project is replacing.



**Work is underway
on a new storm water system**
at the intersection of
Cedar Court and Maple Street.

The project includes the
installation of new catch basins
and a vortechs unit designed to
help clean stormwater before it
reaches the bay.

This upgrade replaces the old
system, which had become
plugged and failed, and will
improve both drainage and water
quality moving forward.

Town of Gibraltar Battles Winter Storm Elsa

The Town of Gibraltar extends its sincere thanks and appreciation to the many individuals who went above and beyond during the recent snowstorm to keep our community safe and functioning.

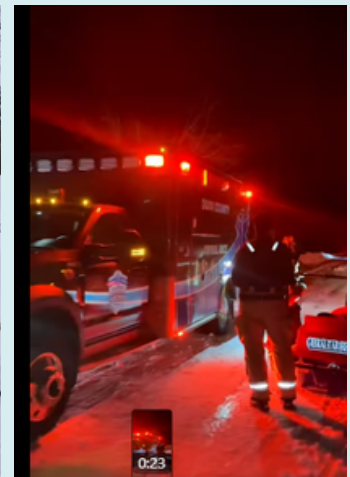
We would like to commend **Kurt Linczmaier and our maintenance staff** for their tireless work in keeping our roads as clear as possible during the storm. While maintaining streets is part of their role, Kurt and the crew went well beyond expectations—staying overnight at the town shop and leaving their families to ensure that residents could travel safely.

We are equally grateful to **Fire Chief Andy Bertges and our dedicated firefighters**, who staffed the Firehouse from Saturday through Wednesday, providing a warming shelter for those in need. Their commitment extended even further, as they used snowmobiles to assist residents when conditions made traditional travel difficult. [Click this link to see the snowmobiles in action: Gibraltar Fire And Rescue](#)

In addition, we recognize **Town Chairperson Steve Sohns, Administrator Travis Thyssen, Treasurer Theresa Cain-Bieri, and Clerk Laura Reetz** for their leadership not only drafting and issuing the Town's declaration of emergency, but also working remotely beginning on Sunday to keep the public informed. Their coordination and communication were critical during this time. Their work ensured that Town operations continued despite the challenging conditions.

We also extend our sincere appreciation to our interagency mutual aid partners, including our fellow **Door County Fire Departments, Door County EMS, the Door County Sheriff's Office, the Door County Communications Center, WPS, and especially the Door County Highway Department**. Their coordination, dedication, and tireless work were critical in helping to keep our community safe during this storm.

This was truly a team effort, and the dedication shown by all reflects the strength and commitment of our Town of Gibraltar and the larger Door County community.



Registering to Vote vs. Voting in Wisconsin: Two Distinct Processes With Key Differences

In Wisconsin, registering to vote and casting your ballot are two separate steps – and each has its own requirements. Knowing the difference helps ensure your vote counts.

Registering to Vote = Proving Where You Live

When you register to vote – whether online, by mail, or in person – you must **prove your Wisconsin residency**. This shows you live in the district where you want to vote.

To register, you'll generally need a document that includes your name and current address.

Acceptable proof of residence includes:

- A Wisconsin driver's license or state ID (with your current address)
- A current utility bill (gas, electric, phone)
- A bank statement, credit card statement, or paycheck mailed to your address
- A lease that covers the current time period and includes your name and address
- A student ID with photo, name, signature, and dates issued/expired paired with current enrollment paperwork
- Your automobile registration listing the residence as the location of the car/truck
- A government or employee ID with current address
- If you're experiencing homelessness, a letter from a shelter or service provider verifying your residence

Voting = Proving Who You Are

Once you're registered, showing up to vote requires photo identification to **prove your identity** – not your address.

Wisconsin law requires voters to present an acceptable photo ID before voting in person or receiving an absentee ballot (with very limited exceptions).

Acceptable photo ID to vote includes:

- Wisconsin driver's license or Wisconsin state ID card
- U.S. passport
- Tribal ID issued by a Wisconsin tribe
- Military or Veterans Affairs ID
- Certificate of naturalization (issued within the last two years)
- A student photo ID from a Wisconsin accredited university or college with appropriate dates and enrollment verification if needed

Your photo ID does not need to include your current address to be valid on Election Day.

Important: An ID issued by a different state will not work for voting or for registering to vote in Wisconsin. Only Wisconsin or acceptable federal/tribal IDs count at the polls.

Changed Your Name or Address? Re-Register

If you've moved or changed your name (for example, after marriage or divorce), you'll need to update your registration. You can do this online at myvote.wi.gov or by contacting your municipal clerk.

Bottom line:

Registering is about proving where you live.

Voting is about proving who you are.

Checking your registration and preparing the right ID ahead of time makes Election Day a smooth experience and helps ensure your ballot is counted.



Get to know your local stream
with the
Water Action Volunteers

- Join a network of over 500 citizen scientist volunteers across the state
- Have fun outside & connect with the natural world
- Learn about water quality & aquatic life in your local stream
- Collect valuable scientific data to inform stream management decisions



Become a Water Action Volunteer!

Volunteer Opportunity: Help Protect Fish Creek!

The Town of Gibraltar is looking for volunteers to participate in our Watershed Program, a Wisconsin DNR initiative that runs from May through October and monitors the health of Fish Creek.

Volunteers work together as citizen scientists—collecting valuable data that helps protect and preserve our local waterways. It's a great way to enjoy nature, spend time outdoors, and make a meaningful impact in your community.

Just a few hours per month can make a difference!
Join the Water Action Volunteers (WAV) program and help safeguard one of our area's most important natural resources.

Interested?

Contact the Town of Gibraltar Clerk to learn more and get involved!

phone: 920-868-1714

email: clerk@gibraltarwi.gov



Young Eagles event
TODAY
at the Ephraim-Gibraltar Airport
June 6, 2026: 9am - 2pm



this EAA sponsored event is brought to you by
the Friends of the Ephraim-Gibraltar Airport

Just in case

you need more snow!!!

We're looking ahead to the 2026 Christmas season and giving our Town Snowflakes a refresh! These unique decorations which beautify downtown Fish Creek during the Christmas season—are in need of a little TLC. If you'd like to help keep this special part of our holiday tradition shining bright, please click the QR code and choose your donation amount.

Every contribution makes a difference!
Thank you for helping us preserve a piece of what makes Fish Creek so special during the holidays.



Click the QR Code
at left to donate
and help us get ready
for Christmas



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Encounter. Enrich. Enlighten
Fish Creek Public Library

LIBRARY

Fish Creek Library Book Club
2nd Wednesdays at 5:30pm
Fish Creek Library

Bittersweet Bookies Book Club
1st Wednesday at 1:00pm
at Write-On Door County

Adult Clothing Swap
Sat: April 11 from 10am - Noon

Open Craft Night
Wed: May 27 from 5 - 7pm

For more information on library programs:

www.doorcountylibrary.org

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