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Fireworks Celebration at the Harbor

Join us for an evening of music, community, and fireworks at this public event!

Parking will be available near the Town Center. **For the easiest access before and after the event, please use the designated public parking lots marked with stars on the map above.** Limited on-street parking is also available. Please plan ahead and **expect heavy traffic before and after the fireworks display.**

Enjoy **live music by Big Mouth at Clark Park** from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., providing the perfect soundtrack for a summer evening by the water.

As the sun sets, gather along the waterfront for a spectacular fireworks display over the harbor at dusk.

If you would like to help support this community tradition, please consider making a donation. Scan the QR code on the poster on Page 1 of this newsletter or click the following link:

<https://gibraltarwi.gov/donations/> and scroll to "Fireworks".

Bring your family, friends, and lawn chairs for a memorable night of entertainment and celebration.

We look forward to seeing you there!



The Past Comes to Life in Noble Square

Gibraltar Historical Society

The Gibraltar Historical Association's annual Living History Day brought history, agriculture, and hands-on learning together for a fun-filled day in Noble Square.

Visitors of all ages enjoyed meeting baby goats from 180 Petals, watching an alpaca shearing demonstration by Alpaca to Apparel, and visiting with three friendly donkeys from Fish Creek Livery Stable. Members of Arachne Spinners of Door County also demonstrated the traditional art of spinning fiber into yarn, offering a glimpse into skills that were once part of everyday life.

The event provided a unique opportunity for residents and visitors to connect with the agricultural traditions and rural heritage that helped shape our community. Through live demonstrations, animal encounters, and conversations with local experts, attendees experienced history in a way that was both educational and entertaining.

The Town of Gibraltar extends its thanks to the Gibraltar Historical Association, participating organizations, volunteers, and everyone who attended and helped make Living History Day a success.

For more information, please visit our website:

historicnoble.org or send us an email at noblehousefc@gmail.com



Find us here: [Noble House](#)





Parks and Lands

Discover Gibraltar's Maritime Heritage During Lighthouse Passport Days

While the first Lighthouse Passport Days weekend of 2026 has already taken place, there are still exciting opportunities ahead to explore Door County's rich maritime heritage. **Lighthouse Passport Days continues on August 7, National Lighthouse Day, and October 2-4, offering visitors unique access to historic lighthouses, guided tours, and special experiences throughout the peninsula.**

These popular events help support the preservation of Door County's historic lighthouses while providing residents and visitors with opportunities to learn about the area's maritime history and culture.

One of the crown jewels of Gibraltar's maritime heritage is the Eagle Bluff Lighthouse, located within Peninsula State Park overlooking the waters of Green Bay. Built in 1868, the lighthouse served as a critical navigational aid for vessels traveling through Door County's busy shipping lanes. Today, visitors can tour the beautifully restored light station, learn about the lighthouse keepers and their families, and enjoy panoramic views of Green Bay. The lighthouse is open daily from mid-May through mid-October.

For those seeking a more adventurous experience, Lighthouse Passport Days offers guided tours of the Chambers Island Lighthouse. **Available only during Passport Days weekends**, these special excursions include a guided hike across Chambers Island to one of Door County's most remote and historic lighthouses. The tours provide a rare opportunity to experience a lighthouse that is generally inaccessible to the public and to learn about its important role in Great Lakes navigation.

Visitors can also experience Gibraltar's maritime landscape from the water. Scenic boat tours departing from Fish Creek offer narrated cruises featuring Eagle Bluff Lighthouse, Peninsula State Park's dramatic shoreline, and the islands, bluffs, and beaches that define Door County's coastal character. Seeing these landmarks from Green Bay provides a perspective similar to the one mariners would have experienced for generations.

As autumn arrives, special Twilight Tours at Eagle Bluff Lighthouse offer another memorable way to connect with local history. Scheduled for September 26 and October 3 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., these evening tours allow guests to experience the lighthouse at sunset while learning about the people and stories that shaped Door County's maritime past.

Beyond providing memorable experiences, Lighthouse Passport Days play a vital role in preserving Door County's historic lighthouses. Every ticket purchased helps support the organizations that maintain these landmarks, ensuring that future generations can continue to learn from and enjoy an important part of the region's heritage.

Whether exploring Eagle Bluff Lighthouse, hiking to Chambers Island, or viewing Gibraltar's shoreline from the water, Lighthouse Passport Days offer an opportunity to celebrate the rich maritime history that has helped define the Town of Gibraltar and Door County for more than 150 years.



We are always happy to provide additional information. Get in touch with us here: laurieflowers@yahoo.com

Laurie Buske
Chairperson, Town of Gibraltar Parks and Lands

There is good news in Gibraltar: over 200 trees have been planted in our town. Volunteers at Half Mile Bridge Condos planted 20 trees to help restore a disturbed area. Local citizens planted 80 trees, while Gibraltar High School students added 46 more on the upper part of Fish Creek Park. Gibraltar 5th graders also planted 54 trees along the park trails. All of these trees were donated by the Climate Change Coalition of Door County. Thank you to all who participated; we are making a difference through tree planting that reduces emissions and restores ecosystems.

Ephraim-Gibraltar Airport Celebrates 80 Years of Service & Inspires Future Aviators

The Ephraim-Gibraltar Airport marked a major milestone on Saturday, June 6th as community members, pilots, volunteers, and families gathered to celebrate the airport's 80th Anniversary alongside the annual Young Eagles aviation event.



The day showcased both the airport's proud history and its continued role in serving northern Door County. Throughout the morning, young people ages 8–17 participated in the Experimental Aircraft Association's Young Eagles program, receiving free introductory airplane rides and learning firsthand about aviation. Pilots introduced participants to aircraft operations, preflight inspections, navigation, and the fundamentals of flight, helping inspire the next generation of aviators.

The anniversary celebration followed from noon to 3 p.m., featuring aviation history displays, aircraft on display, light refreshments, music, and opportunities for visitors to connect with pilots, airport supporters, and community members. The event reflected the strong community spirit that has sustained the airport for nearly eight decades.

The Ephraim-Gibraltar Airport traces its roots to 1944, when property was first acquired for an airfield. The airport opened to tourist air traffic in 1946 and officially became part of the Wisconsin State Airport System in 1947. Since then, it has served as a gateway to Door County, welcoming visitors from across the Midwest while providing critical transportation access for residents and businesses.

Today, the airport operates as a public-use general aviation facility and remains financially self-supporting, having operated without municipal tax funding since 2009. Revenue from hangar leases, fuel sales, and parking fees supports ongoing operations and maintenance, while federal and state grants have helped fund major infrastructure improvements throughout its history.

Beyond serving recreational and business aviation, the airport provides important community benefits. It supports emergency medical air transport, averaging several life-flight operations each year, and serves as a base for aviation education programs. Through the Friends of Ephraim-Gibraltar Airport, local youth have access to scholarships, educational opportunities, and programs such as Young Eagles that introduce them to aviation careers and experiences.



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NOTES FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR'S DESK

From Construction Chaos...
to Small-Town Charm!

FROM BELOW THE SURFACE WITH NEW EQUIPMENT

A New Storm Water System



Catch Basin



AND New Vortechs Unit



TO WHAT YOU SEE ABOVE GROUND



Cedar & Main



Main Street



Spruce & Cedar

Work Completed:

Cedar Court & Maple Street Stormwater Improvements

A new stormwater management system has been installed at the intersection of Cedar Court and Maple Street to improve drainage and protect local water quality.

The project included the replacement of a failed and plugged stormwater system with new catch basins and the installation of a Vortechs treatment unit, which helps remove pollutants and debris from stormwater before it reaches the bay. These improvements will provide more effective stormwater management while helping safeguard the health of our local waterways.



Experience History, Music & Community

The Gibraltar Historical Association invites residents and visitors alike to explore the rich history of Fish Creek through a variety of engaging programs and events this season.

The Alexander Noble House Museum is now open Tuesday through Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This year's special exhibit, ***Turn Back the Veil***, offers a fascinating look at Victorian-era mourning customs. Visitors can experience a historic house in mourning, complete with covered mirrors, stopped clocks, authentic mourning attire, hair art, and other artifacts that reveal how families in the late 1800s honored loved ones and coped with loss.

History enthusiasts can also discover Fish Creek's past through **docent-led walking tours held every Wednesday and Saturday at 9:00 a.m.** Beginning at Gibraltar's Old Town Hall and ending at the Alexander Noble House Museum, these guided tours share the stories, people, and landmarks that helped shape the community.

Prefer to explore at your own pace? A **FREE self-guided audio tour** is available through the Gibraltar Historical Association. Simply pick up a tour card at the Alexander Noble House Museum or the Fish Creek Visitor Center and enjoy a personalized journey through downtown Fish Creek's historic sites.

Adding to the summer experience, **free concerts return to Noble Square beginning June 23.** Held every other Tuesday from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., the concert series features talented local musicians in a relaxed outdoor setting. Guests are encouraged to bring a lawn chair and enjoy an afternoon of music, community, and summer in the heart of Fish Creek.

Whether you're interested in local history, unique exhibits, guided tours, or live music, the Gibraltar Historical Association offers countless opportunities to connect with the stories and traditions that have shaped Fish Creek for generations.

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CONCERTS AT NOBLE
SQUARE**

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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 UKULELE SOCIETY
SEPTEMBER 8	SPIKE & APRIL

Gibraltar Historical
Association



2026 Concerts in the Park

This summer, concerts at Noble Square are free for everyone. On Tuesdays from 3-5pm, bring a chair to the corner of Main Street and Highway 42, take in some shade, and listen to a variety of music from talented musicians. Spend the afternoon listening to music, shopping and enjoying the waterfront, then dine at one of Fish Creek's nearby restaurants, to create a wonderful day.

In the case of inclement weather, concerts will be held at the Old Town Hall, 4176 Maple Street, 1 block North of Noble Square. Follow us on Facebook: Gibraltar Historical Association, for Rain Dates.

June 23, 2026 / Small Forest

Small Forest features mother/daughter songwriting duo Marybeth Mattson and Jeanne Kuhns, offering their own unique sound, stretching traditional folk boundaries, adding flavors of rock and pop, with blood harmonies and rhythm guitars. Small Forest sings original music with some special covers!

July 7, 2026 / Kevin Van Ess & Talk of the Town

The Talk of The Town performs all styles of music with an emphasis on Traditional jazz including special salutes to Pete Fountain, Louis Armstrong, Benny Goodman, Duke Ellington, Glen Miller, Frank Sinatra, Count Basie, and many more. Their performances are known for their infectious energy and upbeat rhythms! In addition, during their performance you will hear some Rock Country, Blues, Latin and even a Polka as the group salutes their state Song!

July 21, 2026 / Creek Pickers

The Creek Pickers consist of longtime Door County bluegrass musicians Andy Coulson (banjo and vocals), Karen Stillman (bass and vocals) and Pete Evans, (mandolin) joined by Milwaukee based guitarist and vocalist Jerry Wicentowski. Their repertoire consists of traditional and contemporary bluegrass.

Jazz All Afternoon

August 4, 2026 / Birch Creek Ambassadors

This group is made up of our most advanced students attending our jazz session. The group varies from 5-8 students who audition to be part of this high caliber instrumental group. They perform widely throughout Door County and are featured at many campus concerts

August 4, 2026 / Door County Jazz Festival

The second annual Door County Jazz Festival returns to Fish Creek and the Historic Noble House Park on Tuesday, August 4th. Bring your chairs, sunscreen and picnic baskets for an evening of jazz in the park. The Door County Jazz Festival is presented by the Door County Jazz Foundation and will feature music throughout the Door County Peninsula over the course of the first full week in August

August 18, 2026 / The Cherry Tones

The Cherry Tones are a 3-piece Door County, Wisconsin-based band specializing in high-energy, vintage rock 'n' roll, and roots rock, heavily influenced by 1950s–1980s music. The trio features David Cavanaugh (guitar/vocals), Steve Gomoll (drums/vocals), and Mike Bacsi (bass/vocals)

September 1, 2026 / Ukulele Society

The Ukulele Society of Door County is a local ukulele club open to all players.

Song selection will be hits from the last 100 years. They will cover Hank Williams to Bobby Dylan, from the Beatles to Bruno Mars and everything in between. Join us as we all sing along to our favorites.

September 8, 2026 / Spike & April

Door County based duo Spike and April play only songs they enjoy, gleaning material from jazz, swing and rock they cover familiar tunes and obscurities.

Set lists include their own inspired, finely crafted originals. Mike "Spike" Judy on guitar and vocals, with April Pate on drums and vocals., create a mood filled with great songs. laid-back mood filled with great songs.

Fish Fri Concert Series Returns to Fish Creek Beach

Free waterfront concerts combine great music, beautiful views, and community spirit all summer long

Summer evenings in Fish Creek are once again filled with the sounds of live music as Visit Fish Creek's popular Fish Fri Concert Series returns for another season of free outdoor entertainment.

Held at Fish Creek Beach, the concerts invite residents and visitors to bring blankets and lawn chairs, relax by the waterfront, and enjoy performances by talented local and visiting musicians. With beautiful shoreline views, a vibrant downtown atmosphere, and easy access to shops, restaurants, lodging, and attractions, Fish Fri offers the perfect way to spend a summer evening in Door County.

Concerts take place from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., providing a relaxing opportunity to enjoy live music before heading downtown for dinner at one of Fish Creek's many restaurants.

This year's lineup includes:

- June 12 – Lewis Murphy Band
- June 26 – Acoustic Endorphins
- July 10 – Three Springs
- July 24 – Billy Dave Sherman and The Hedgehog Republic
- August 14 – Wine on Fridays
- August 28 – Frog Furr

In addition to great music, concertgoers are encouraged to stop by the Visit Fish Creek table between songs to say hello and enter to win prizes donated by local businesses.

In the event of rain, concerts will move indoors to Gibraltar's Old Town Hall, located at the corner of Maple and Spruce Streets across from Clark Park in downtown Fish Creek. Attendees can check Visit Fish Creek's Facebook page for weather-related updates and venue announcements.

Whether you're a longtime local or visiting Door County for the first time, the Fish Fri Concert Series offers a wonderful opportunity to experience live music, connect with the community, and enjoy everything Fish Creek has to offer. Mark your calendars and make plans to join the fun this summer.



Visit Fish Creek

(the official visitor center for the area)

is located at 4097 Main St.

It is centrally situated downtown,
in the same building as the library
and Town offices

Visitor Center Details:

Phone: (920) 868-2316

Website: [Visit Fish Creek](http://VisitFishCreek.com)

Encounter. Enrich. Enlighten

Fish Creek Public Library

The Fish Creek Library has a full lineup of activities and programs planned for residents and visitors this summer. From book discussions and educational presentations to live animals and magic shows, there is something for all ages to enjoy.

Monthly Activities

Don't forget to stop by the library each month for free craft kits, available outside the library door while supplies last. These take-home projects provide a fun and creative activity for children and families.

Book Clubs

The Fish Creek Library hosts two monthly book clubs for readers looking to connect with fellow book lovers:

Bittersweet Bookies Book Club

- First Wednesday of every month
- 1:00 p.m.
- Held at Write On, Door County

Fish Creek Library Book Club

- Second Wednesday of every month
- 5:30 p.m.
- Held at the Fish Creek Library

For information about either book club, contact the library at 920-868-3471.

Summer Programs

June 24, 1:00 p.m.

Open Door Sanctuary Presents: Birds and Dinosaurs

Discover the fascinating connection between modern birds and prehistoric dinosaurs through hands-on activities and live bird encounters. This engaging program explores how scientists use evidence from today's animals to better understand the past.

July 15, 1:00 p.m.

Peninsula Reptile House: Bringing the Past Forward

Meet some of the living descendants of dinosaurs and learn about their unique habitats and care. This interactive presentation offers a closer look at reptiles and their remarkable evolutionary history.

August 5, 1:00 p.m.

Close-Up Magic with David Watkins

Prepare to be amazed as magician David Watkins performs incredible close-up magic. Audience members may even have the opportunity to participate in some of the tricks.

The Fish Creek Library continues to provide opportunities for learning, creativity, and community engagement throughout the summer. Whether you're interested in books, wildlife, science, or entertainment, be sure to mark your calendar and join the fun. All programs are free and open to the public.

For more information on library programs:

www.doorcountylibrary.org



- 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



Ephraim-Gibraltar Airport Continued from page 5

As the airport approaches its ninth decade of service, planning is underway for future improvements, including updates to the Airport Master Plan, additional hangar development, and future runway rehabilitation projects designed to maintain safe and reliable operations.

The June 6 celebration served as both a tribute to the airport's history and a reminder of its ongoing importance to the community. From the excitement of first flights for Young Eagles participants to stories shared by longtime pilots and supporters, the day highlighted how the Ephraim-Gibraltar Airport continues to connect people, support the local economy, and inspire future generations.

The Friends of Ephraim-Gibraltar Airport, EAA Chapter 630, volunteers, pilots, and community supporters who helped make the event possible were recognized throughout the day for their contributions to the airport's success and continued growth.



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Town Chair Report

Summer is officially here and so are our part time residents and our visitors.

The Cedar and Main street project is completed for the most part and I think it turned out well; we worked hard to accomplish from everyone's visions and concerns. In addition to a smoother ride and nice looking road, the project fixed a big section of our original storm sewer which had been failing for several years. It is my hope that everyone is able to take a walk or drive through the area, so you can let us know your thoughts.

Unfortunately, the last section of old storm sewer on Spruce Street is showing its age and we will most likely need to address it next year. As in the past, planning and work begins with the committees and commissions. The public's feedback is being taken into consideration. At the end of the day the Town will make the needed repairs, corrections, and improvements, while keeping the quaint and historic character of the Town. This next improvement will go hand in hand with some of the Harbor/Marina updates on the water side and the agreed upon concept plan for Harbor Walk Park and area.

This is probably the most complicated area to plan because of the diverse elements of the area including cars, boat trailers, launching ramps, parking areas, slip & mooring holders, dock operations, 2 parks, the Old Town Hall, and all the walking traffic. Much thought, discussions, meetings, and high-level engineering have gone into the planning and now we will have to get down to the details. Stay tuned in a couple of months!

But for now, enjoy the summer! We hope to see you all on July 2nd at Clark Park for the band and fireworks!

Happy 250th and thanks to all that are donating to make it an awesome afternoon and evening!

Steve Sohns
Town Chair

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