



GIBRALTAR *Breeze*

30 September, 2026

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



Our History Is Worth Preserving.

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A grassroots pledge initiative has transformed this project from an ambitious vision into an achievable goal. Generous contributions from the community, visitors, and supporters of Fish Creek established a strong foundation. Two significant grants from the Door County Community Investment Grant and the Fox Valley Community Foundation further advanced our efforts. We are only \$50,000 away from our goal.



Please help us reach our goal by November 1st. Donate today:
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MY PROPERTY WAS REVALUED

What Does That Mean for My Property Taxes?

1. WHY WAS MY PROPERTY REVALUED?

Wisconsin law requires property assessments to be within 10% of full market value. Gibraltar's 2025 assessment-to-value ratio was approximately 80%, **20% below full market value**, so a revaluation was necessary (by law) to bring assessments more in line with current market values and ensure a fair and equitable distribution of the tax burden.

2. WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR MY TAXES?

A higher assessed value does not automatically mean a proportional increase in your taxes. The revaluation did not increase the Town's total tax levy. Instead, as the overall tax base increases, the tax rate (aka mil rate) decreases proportionally. What really matters is how your property's value changed compared with the overall change in property values throughout the Town.

3. WHAT HAPPENS NOW?

Property owners received their new assessments and had an opportunity to review them and ask questions. The Board of Review has been completed, and the new assessments will be used for property tax purposes.

The goal was, and is, simple: current, consistent and equitable property assessments for all. No one pays too much and no one pays too little.

REMEMBER: Each entity (county, school district, NWTC and Town) has its own mil rate.

Your total property tax will be calculated by adding all of those entities' taxes together:

County + School District + NWTC + Town = Property Taxes



THE MATH BEHIND YOUR REVALUATION

Your share of the tax levy is based on your property's value compared to the total value of all property in the Town.

The basic formula: $\text{Your Property Assessment} \div \text{Total Town Assessment} = \text{Your Share of the Tax Base}$

For Example - IF

Town's Total Property Value: 1.5 billion (1,500,000,000)

Town's Tax Levy: 3 million (3,000,000)

Levy /Total Property Value: $3,000,000 / 1,500,000,000 = .002$

House Valued at \$500,000: $500,000 \times .002 = 1,000.00$

Your property taxes depend on how your property's value changed compared with the Town's overall property values—**not** simply on how much your assessment increased.

Remember, as discussed above, you will also pay taxes for the school district, county and NWTC. Those together with your Town taxes make up your **full property tax**.

As the Season Ends, Turn Back the Veil

*Shared courtesy of Laurie Buske

Fall is in the air, and that means time is running out to visit the Alexander Noble House exhibit.

This season, explore Fish Creek's history by visiting the Alexander Noble House, now transformed into a house of mourning. The clocks have stopped, mirrors are covered, and rooms are filled with authentic period clothing and relics reflecting past mourning customs.

By sharing these traditions and stories, we see that people in the past accepted death as a normal part of life. Families often faced disease and illness. Mothers sometimes died during childbirth, and many children did not survive to adulthood. Learning about these traditions helps us understand how earlier generations coped with death as something they encountered every day. They supported each other through grief and loss. We share these rituals to help you better understand some customs we still use today.

Our exhibit includes mourning gowns and accessories from the late 1800s, hair art, a connection to Abraham Lincoln, a death mask, and more. Visit to see, learn about, and experience traditions often hidden from view. We invite you to "Turn Back the Veil" at the Alexander Noble House Museum.

Recognized as both a National and State Historic Place, the museum was built in 1875 and is a true example of a Greek Revival farmhouse. Our mission is to show what daily life in Door County was like around the turn of the century.



The Noble House is open:

Tuesdays- Saturdays, 10:00-3:00 p.m.

CLOSING FOR SEASON: October 17, 2026

4167 Main Street

Fish Creek, WI

Check our [website](#) for updates to our hours.

**Thank you for
your continued support**



**As fall winds down,
we look forward to our annual
wreath sale. Sales benefit the
Gibraltar Historical Society
Forms are available [HERE](#)**

Join us for our last event of the season!!!

Gibraltar Talks

October 6th

6:00pm



Zion United Methodist Church, Door County, Wisconsin
Established 1875

8781 County F, Fish Creek, WI

Gibraltar Historical Association special event will be held at Zion Methodist Church on County F. Parish members have dedicated significant time to researching the histories of local families. The histories of the Reinhard, Franke, Gauger, and Sohns families are closely intertwined with the settlement of the area surrounding the church. Visitors are invited to explore the 145-year-old cemetery to observe these family connections and to experience the historic church that has served as a community gathering place for generations.

We are always happy to provide additional information.

Get in touch with us here:

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Laurie Buske

Chairperson, Gibraltar Historical Association

TOWN OF GIBRALTAR ELECTION CALENDAR

September 17: Clerks begin mailing absentee ballots

October 6: Last day for electors to begin to acquire residence for the General Election.

Translation: you must live in Town of Gibraltar (and be able to show that with proper documentation) by this date to vote in Town of Gibraltar

October 14: Deadline to use mail or internet submissions to register for participation in the General Election.

Translation: after this date, electors must register in person in the clerk's office or at the polling place on election day.

October 20: In Person Absentee Voting (IPAV) Begins

October 27 & 28: Election equipment testing in Door County.

October 28: Election equipment will be tested in Town of Gibraltar – 9am.

October 30: Last day for IPAV and to register to vote in the Clerk's office, which is open until 5pm.

Translation: After this date all voting and registration takes place at the election.

Also, last day for calendar year absentee ballot requests by mail for General Election to receive an absentee ballot for the General Election. **NOTE: please take into account the time it takes for mail to arrive, if making such a request.**

November 3: General Election – Polls open at 7am and closed at 8pm. All absentee ballots must be received by 8pm to be counted.

FIRST TIME VOTER CHECKLIST



Visit MyVote.wi.gov to:

- 01 Register to vote
- 02 View your voting options
- 03 Find your polling location
- 04 See what's on your ballot



VOTERS HAVE A LOT OF IDS TO CHOOSE FROM.

- WI DRIVER LICENSE or RECEIPT
- US PASSPORT
- WI STATE ID CARD or RECEIPT
- VETERAN'S ID
- MILITARY ID
- WI COLLEGE STUDENT ID & PROOF OF ENROLLMENT
- CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION
- TRIBAL ID

elections.wi.gov

Fall Dock Hours & Seasonal Closing

As we head into September and October, please note the following tentative dock hours and important seasonal closing information:

September & October Dock Hours

Day

Sunday–Saturday

Hours

9:00 AM–5:00 PM

Fuel Dock: The fuel dock **closes 30 minutes before the dock** closes each day.

Season Closing – Thursday, October 15

We will officially close for the season on Thursday, October 15.

By October 15:

- All boats must be off their moorings.
- All slip holders on floating piers, including all former Kinsey piers, must be out.

Staying Beyond October 15

Slip and mooring holders who would like to remain in the harbor after October 15 should **contact our dockmaster, Nathan LeClair at 920-868-3476**. Extended stays will be assigned on a **first-come, first-served basis**.

Thank you for helping us wrap up the season smoothly!

[CLICK for more information](#) on our town dock





A Fall Gardening Tip From Our Town Expert

Winterize Your Garden: Fall Tips for Lavender

From the desk of Laurie Buske

Do not deadhead lavender late in the season, you could jeopardize its health.

We all are busy and sometimes forget to deadhead our plants, allowing them to put energy into creating seeds. Let it go till spring, or it will put energy into healing its wounds and maybe even send new growth. We want it to send energy to its roots to survive the winter.

Also, do not overwater in the fall; lavender prefers well-drained, drier soil.

The only care needed is to add some compost around the base of the plant to slowly add nutrients to its roots during the dormant season.

Mark Your Calendars Town of Gibraltar Fire & Rescue's Open House Saturday, October 31st



For more information, see flyer which follows or check out their Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/gibraltarfirerescueassociation>

GIBRALTAR FIRE & RESCUE

INVITES YOU TO OUR ANNUAL

OPEN HOUSE



**SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 31ST**

**10:00 AM -
2:00 PM**

FREE
COMMUNITY EVENT!

**BOUNCE HOUSES 🎃 KIDS GAMES 🎃 FACE PAINTING
FIRE-RESCUE DEMOS 🎃 FOOD & MORE!**

SPECIAL GUESTS INCLUDE:

DOOR COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES • DOOR COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
DOOR COUNTY CERT • US COAST GUARD • GIBRALTAR POLICE DEPARTMENT
DOOR COUNTY K9 SAR • DOOR COUNTY GHOSTBUSTERS • AND MORE!

**GIBRALTAR FIRE DEPARTMENT
3496 COUNTY ROAD F • FISH CREEK**

Jack O' Lantern Days Returns to Fish Creek for Halloween Fun

Fish Creek is getting ready to put the "eek!" in Halloween with the return of Jack O' Lantern Days on Friday, October 30, and Saturday, October 31. This hometown Halloween festival offers a weekend of spooky surprises and family-friendly fun for little witches, goblins and Halloween enthusiasts of all ages.

Festivities begin Friday evening with Halloween Glow Ball at Evergreen Miniature Golf from 6 to 8 p.m.

Saturday's activities include mask making at PenArt, a Gibraltar Fire & Rescue Open House, an interactive raptor exhibit at Founder's Square, and the Bonnie Smith Memorial Halloween Costume March at Clark Park. Families can also enjoy trick-or-treating at local businesses, a magic show at Old Town Hall, and a Haunted Trail at Fish Creek Park. **The Haunted Trail recommends 6 to 6:30 p.m. for families with small children.**

The evening continues with another round of Halloween Glow Ball at Evergreen Miniature Golf, followed by an Adult Halloween Party at Bayside Tavern at 9 p.m.

With activities for all ages, Jack O' Lantern Days promises a memorable Halloween weekend filled with costumes, treats, entertainment and plenty of hometown charm.

[CLICK HERE for a full schedule](#)

Participating retailers:

Alpaca to Apparel, Bayside Shops, Beach People, Blue Ivy,
Blue Pine Door County, Door County Rock & Germ,
Edge of Park Outfitters, Fish Creek Market,
Fish Creek Moccasin, Founder's Square, Fred & Co.,
Fun Stuff, Good Times Great Lakes, Hat Head,
Hide Side Corner Store, Jack & Joie, Lake People,
Lautenbach's Winery, Market & Cider Co.,
Love Letter Door County, Nan & Jerry's,
Nelson Shopping Center, Nicolet Beach Camp Store,
O'Meara's Irish House, On Deck Clothing Co.,
Plum Bottom Gallery, Seven Sister's Resale Boutique,
The Cherry Hut, The Ginger House, The Main Course,
The Settlement Shops, Top of the Hill Shops,
Trilliant Diamonds & Jewelry, What Next?,
White Gull Inn (retail items), Willowbury Lane Home Decor,
Wink Swimwear & Clothing

Don't miss
the final days
of SHOPtember...



Spend \$100 at participating retailers and get a complimentary Fish Creek tote bag*!

SHOPtember

FIND IT IN FISH CREEK

Discover your next favorite find during SHOPtember!
Explore Fish Creek's unique shops, galleries, makers, markets and local flavors all month long while enjoying the beauty of autumn.



MASTERPIECES
& MAKERS

Sept. 4 - 6



TREAT
YOURSELF

Sept. 11 - 13



SAVOR THE
SEASON

Sept. 18 - 20



AL FRESCO
SHOPPING

Sept. 25 - 27

Scan the QR Code or go to visitfishcreek.com for more details including a list of participating retailers.
*Conditions apply. Quantities limited.

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SHOPtember: A Whole Month of Reasons to Stroll



A NOTE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR'S DESK



FISH CREEK POND & ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION

Fish Creek Park is the focus of an exciting, multi-year ecosystem and stream restoration project aimed at restoring and enhancing native habitats throughout a newly acquired 55-acre section of the park.

The project is designed to improve the health of the park's natural resources while creating a more diverse and sustainable environment for native plants, wildlife, fish, pollinators, and other species that depend on these habitats.

Restoration Goals

A key component of the project is the control of invasive species. Aggressive non-native plants can crowd out native vegetation and disrupt natural ecosystems. Restoration efforts will focus on managing and removing these invasive species, allowing native plants to return and thrive.

The project will also address stream and aquatic health. Planned restoration activities include removing fallen logs and other obstructions that interfere with natural water flow, stabilizing areas where streambanks are eroding, and improving fish passage and aquatic habitat. These improvements will help support healthier streams and the wildlife that rely on them.

Another important element is native planting. Native wildflowers, grasses, shrubs, and trees will be reintroduced along the restoration corridor. In addition to strengthening the landscape, these plants will provide valuable food and habitat for local wildlife, pollinators, and macroinvertebrates.

Community Information Meetings

The Town Administration held public informational meetings on September 14 and 15 at the Gibraltar Town Center to provide the community with information about the proposed restoration project.

The meetings offered residents and other interested members of the public an opportunity to learn more about the project, hear about the planned restoration activities, and ask questions. The meetings were informational in nature, and no formal action was taken.

The Fish Creek Park Pond and Ecosystem Restoration project represents a long-term investment in the health and sustainability of this important community resource. Through invasive species management, stream and aquatic improvements, and the restoration of native vegetation, the project will help strengthen Fish Creek Park's natural ecosystems for years to come.

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.

Special Programs This Fall

Saturday, October 31, 2:00 p.m.

Close up magic with David Watkins at Jack Days

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. Fun for all ages at the Gibraltar OLD Town Hall

Wednesday, November 18, 5:30 p.m.

1960s Beat Records from around the world

Join us and learn how the Beatles, the Rolling Stones, and the British Invasion influenced pop music everywhere

Saturday, December 5, 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Holiday Card Making

We will have lots of free supplies and snacks so you can get started making cards for all of the special people in your life!

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

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Town Chair Report

I hope everyone had a great summer. As the days get shorter and there's a little chill in the air at night, we all know fall is upon us. With fall comes a different set of directives in the Town, clean up.

Maintenance is doing the fall ditch mowing as well as trimming the tree branches that are hanging over our town roads. This is for safety and road longevity. Also, in another month, winterizing and leaf clean up downtown will begin.

In the office, our staff is preparing the budget for next year and cleaning up loose ends as 2026 closes out. In the next couple of months, the Town will be closer to a waterfront plan along with our 2nd phase of storm sewer repairs, sidewalks, and rebuilding of Spruce and Maple streets.

Another project being worked on, is the transformation around Fish Creek, the meander, fish passage, the pond, and the trail through Fish Creek Park and into Peninsula Park, thanks to some substantial grants that the Town was awarded. There's always a lot going on in this little Town.

I'm always here for your questions and concerns

Steve Sohns
Chairman, Gibraltar

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