



President's Notes.... Dr. Michael McCutcheon:

It's been a year and a half since the last edition of our Ephraim Newsletter. Much has happened during that time as you will read in the various committee reports.

This Spring, Russ Salfi retired after sixteen years of managing our Wastewater plant and heading up the Public Works Department. We were very fortunate to have an employee of Russ's caliber and during his employment, the Village benefitted greatly.

With Russ's departure, Brad Rasmusson is now the Wastewater Manager, Operator-in-Charge of the Wastewater Plant and Justin MacDonald is now the manager of the Maintenance Department.

As you will read, the Plan Committee has been hard at work meeting at noon on the day of the regular Plan meetings. During the last eighteen months, eleven new or revised ordinances have been created.

As a result of the April election, we say goodbye and thank you to Cindy Nelson for her seven years of service as a Village Board Trustee. She has agreed to stay on for the next year as the Chairwoman of the Library Committee.

Ken Nelson was reelected for two more years as a valuable and productive Village Board Trustee. We welcome Carly Mulliken as our newest Village Board Trustee. I remain at the helm for two more years and greatly appreciate the support you have given me and the other Trustees.

As you will see under the Capital Projects Ad Hoc Committee, we are working on five major improvement projects in the Village. As the projects are considered we will continue to see the benefit of revenue distributions from the increased room tax rate and the newly established Premier Resort Area Tax "PRAT" for project funding.

I encourage you to become involved in the various committees. It is your opportunity to have a say on the various issues facing our Village.

I thank you all for your efforts to keep Ephraim, Ephraim.



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Help Us Get Internet to Your Home or Business



The Door County Broadband Infrastructure project has been up and running for many months now and has been working hard to gather data necessary to quantify the need for high-speed internet in Door County.

The Village of Ephraim is asking all residents, property, and business owners to participate in this survey to show what internet services are in place in the County. It is projected to cost \$140 million for Fiber to the Premises in Door County. It is critical for us to obtain as much Federal and State funding as possible and not leave anyone behind.

Every survey completed can help:

1. The State obtain more federal funding for Fiber.
2. The County and Municipalities qualify and apply for more State and Federal grants to help pay for Fiber to the Premises.

We need you to complete this short 10-minute survey that includes an internet speed test from your Ephraim home(s) or business(es) (or both) at fibernetdoorcounty.org. If you do not have internet access available at your Ephraim home(s) or business(es) please fill out the paper survey and return it to the address provided.

If you do not have internet access at your Ephraim home(s) or business(es) OR you only have cellular access:

Please fill out the survey below and mail it to the address at the bottom of this sheet OR call 608-267-3595 to do this survey over the telephone.

1. Full Street Address _____

2. Unit Number (If You Have One) _____

3. City _____ 4. Zip Code _____

5. Place Type (Check All That Apply)

☐ Home ☐ Business ☐ School ☐ Library

☐ Other (please explain) _____

6. Do you Rent or Own this Place (Please check)

☐ Rent ☐ Own ☐ Neither

☐ Other (please explain) _____

Please mail this survey back to:
Broadband Coordinator
421 Nebraska Street
Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235
OR email to: jhatch@co.door.wi.us



Take the broadband survey and speed test from your Ephraim home(s) or business(es) internet connection at (no cellular access, please):

<https://maps.psc.wi.gov/apps/WISER> or FIBERNETDOORCOUNTY.ORG

2023 Village of Ephraim Budget

At the November 2022 Village Board meeting the 2023 budget was approved.

The total tax levy is \$1,936,790

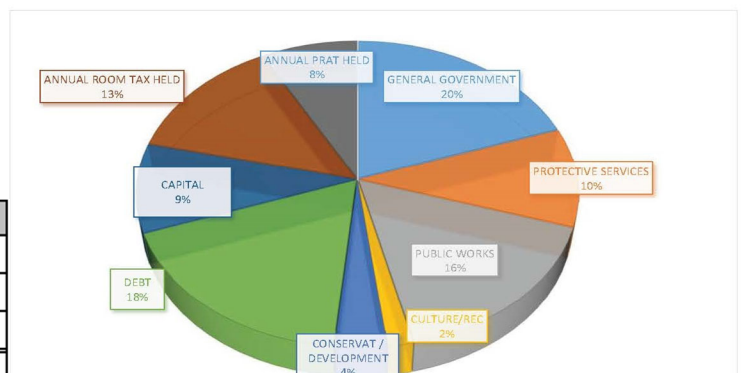
The mill rate is \$3.71.

Brent Bristol, Village Administrator

MILL RATE		
	2022	2023
Assessed Valuation	\$ 351,003,500	\$ 353,243,500
Assessment Rate per \$1,000	3.62	3.71
Percent Change:		2.341%

Village Expenses

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$	378,058	20%
PROTECTIVE SERVICES	\$	202,691	10%
PUBLIC WORKS	\$	316,416	16%
CULTURE/REC	\$	33,050	2%
CONSERVAT / DEVELOPMENT	\$	67,251	3%
DEBT	\$	346,669	18%
CAPITAL	\$	182,655	9%
ANNUAL ROOM TAX HELD	\$	260,000	13%
ANNUAL PRAT HELD	\$	150,000	8%
TOTAL	\$	1,936,790	100%



VILLAGE OF EPHRAIM 2023

ELECTED & APPOINTED OFFICIALS

VILLAGE BOARD

Mike McCutcheon—President

Matt Meacham

Carly Mulliken

Ken Nelson

Tim Nelson

Airport Committee

Martin Franke - Chair

Gary Glojek

Tim Halbrook

Historic Preservation Committee:

Ken Nelson - Chair

Marilyn Cushing

Elinor Pearson

Amy Russell

Cody Schreck

Plan Committee

Mike McCutcheon—Chair

Andy Bartelt

Grace Held

Monique McClean

Ken Nelson

Susie Samson

BD Thorp

Board of Appeals:

Karen McMurtry - Chair

Debbie Eckert

Sarah Glenn

Keith Krist

Vacant

Marinas & Moorings Committee

Tim Nelson—Chair

John Held

Bruce Nelson

Bob Plansky

BD Thorp

Wastewater Committee

Karen McMurtry - Chair

Dennis Jewell

Mike McCutcheon

Bruce Nelson

Jim Peterman

Community Protection Committee:

Carly Mulliken—Chair

John Cox

Tad Dukehart

Keith Krist

Dan Shannon

Physical Facilities Committee

Matt Meacham—Chair

Fred Bridenhagen

Paul Flottman

Jim Peterman

Diane Taillon

**Interested in serving on a
Village Committee? The
following committee's have
vacancies:**

- ▶ Historic Preservation Committee
- ▶ Board of Appeals

If interested in being considered
to serve on a Village Committee
contact the Village office at
(920) 854-5501

or
office@ephraim.wi.gov



Photo Credit: Tad Dukehart

Committee Meetings:

All committee meetings are held at the Village Hall (9996 Water St.) and via teleconference. All meetings are open to the public with exception of Closed Session meetings.

Monthly Meeting Schedule:

- Ephraim Board of Trustees meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM.
- Wastewater Committee meets on the 1st Monday of each month at 9:00 AM.
- Physical Facilities & Utilities Committee meets on the 1st Tuesday each month at 8:00 AM.
- Marinas and Moorings Committee meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 8:00 AM.
- Historic Preservation Committee meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM.
- Plan Committee meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM.

Public posting of all scheduled meetings and election notices are posted at the following locations:

- Information Box at the Visitor's Center.
- Information Box outside of the Post Office.
- The front door windows at the Administrative Office.

Physical Facilities & Utilities Committee:

For the year 2023 so far we have seen many improvements and accomplishments in Physical Facilities & Utilities "PFU" Committee.

The PFU committee was able to purchase a new wood chipper for the Village which will help us process the dead ash trees in the village. We are also asphaltting the inside of the cold storage building this year which will make it more usable. We were also able to install another snow wing on the other work truck which has improved our village roads. The North End village sign is now lit. From the administrative side, we wish Russ Salfi well in his retirement and welcome Justin MacDonald as our new Public Works manager. We also welcome Jake Bastian to our Public Works staff as he brings a lot of experience and talent to our staff.

Sincerely,

Matt Meacham, Committee Chair

Marinas and Moorings Committee:

The most visible change in Marinas & Moorings "M&M" operations for 2023 is the addition of the Assistant Harbormaster position to the Marina Staff, with Stephan Reynolds at the helm. Stephan will take some of the day-to-day operation responsibilities off our Harbormaster's (Brent's) shoulders, and provide additional continuity to the great job our seasoned staff (Josh, Logan, and Cam) already provides. The M&M Committee has discussed and advertised for someone in this capacity in recent years, and hope our customers will agree we have a great fit for our expectations in Stephan!

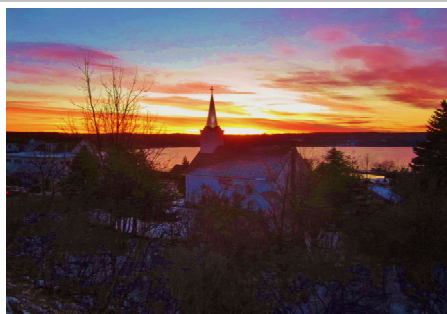
Other visible changes to the marina facilities include new faucets and countertops at Firehouse Marina and additional throw rings and ladders at Anderson Dock and Firehouse Marinas.

M&M Committee continues to work with the Village on graffiti abatement and capital upgrades at the Anderson Dock facility.

Meetings are generally held the Wednesday before Board of Trustee meetings at 8 AM.

Tim Nelson, Committee Chair

Photo Credit: Tad Dukehart



Plan Committee:

The Plan Committee has been hard at work revising or creating various ordinances in 2022 and 2023 to date. Some highlights include:

- Early in 2022, significant changes were made to Chapter 9, Nuisances and Chapter 10, Peace and Order.
- A new ordinance was created to define tree planting in public areas of the Village in May of 2022 which was followed by an amendment to Chapter 7, Traffic related to parking in May of 2022.
- Under the leadership of Ken Nelson, as I had to recuse myself, our new Short-Term Rental Ordinance was enacted in Chapter 12, Licenses and Permits in August of 2022.
- Following the Short-Term Rental ordinance the committee reviewed Robert's Rules of Order to streamline meetings and make them more productive.
- In August 2022, an ordinance prohibiting chain link fences in the Historic District was enacted.
- Chapter 17 was amended to rewrite the section relating to Planned Residential Developments "PRD's" in November 2022.
- A considerable amount of time was dedicated to drafting, debating, and restructuring changes to Chapter 15, Alcohol to consider the addition of a "Class A" license. A "Class A" license would allow for the establishment of retail, off-premise sales of intoxicating spirits. This ordinance DID NOT PASS.
- Chapter 17, Zoning was amended to define decorative and retaining walls in May of 2023.
- Chapter 1, General Government was amended to define committee structure and requirements in May of 2023.
- Finally, Chapter 12 was amended to add language regulating and permitting Mobile Food Establishments (Food Trucks) in May of 2023.

And the year is not yet half over!!!

I thank Ken Nelson, Andy Bartelt, Susie Samson, Grace Held, Monique McClean, and BD Thorp for the hours spent working on the above ordinances and the excellent and productive discussion generated by all of them.

Dr. Michael McCutcheon, Committee Chair

Historic Preservation Committee:

Historic Preservation Committee (HPC) has been busy over the past year reviewing various projects in our Historic District and sending our comments and recommendations on to the Plan Committee. We have worked with applicants to help guide their designs to meet the requirements spelled out in our Historic District Ordinance (§17.27 within Chapter 17: Ephraim Zoning Code).

Our Committee focuses on maintaining the "look" of our Historic District by reviewing design, materials, colors and overall site (fencing and landscaping). We met as a Committee on April 24 for a noon working session to discuss the 8 page Historic District Ordinance in detail.

Ken Nelson, Committee Chair

Community Protection Committee:

When we think of the Community Protection Committee (CPC) we think of our fantastic Fire Department. And we should! Chief Justin MacDonald and the 24 volunteer members deserve many kudos from our village. Of the 25 members, 11 are also EMS providers. Just this past year, 2022, in Ephraim alone, they responded to 33 fire calls and 63 EMS calls.

They are also part of the Mutual Aid District which means they respond to our surrounding towns and villages. CPC is also responsible for general safety issues in the Village. This has included purchasing a portable speed sign to help remind people of the speed limits in the village. We also updated the no parking ordinance on various residential streets, pursued possible walking path options and reviewed road safety concerns on German and Moravia.

As I stepped down from the Trustee position, Carly Mulliken is the new chair of CPC .

Cindy Nelson, Committee Chair



Green Tier Ad Hoc Committee:

The Village of Ephraim officially became a Green Tier community in 2019. The impetus behind this committee is to support the other village committees in pursuing sustainable and environmentally sound practices. Much has been accomplished in the past four years and is documented on the village website. Most recently, the village has become a Tree City USA, part of the Arbor Day Foundation. We have participated in the Door County Big Plant - giving away 350 seedlings to date. We are members of the Green Tier Summit, which meets twice a year. This group includes all of Door County Green Tier communities as we look at what we might accomplish collaboratively rather than as individual communities. Projects ahead include water filling stations, electric vehicle charging stations, composting and plastic reduction. The Green Tier Committee represents various facets of our village: Mike McCutcheon (Village President), Jeff Lutsey (Climate Change Coalition), Cody Schreck (Ephraim Historical Foundation), Lane Methner (Ephraim Business Council), Bruce Nelson (Marina Committee) and Cindy Nelson (Chair).

Cindy Nelson, Committee Chair

Ephraim Library Committee:

Were you aware that the Ephraim library is much more than books?? Stop in and discover movies, crafts, large print, eBooks, books on tape, puzzles, a 3D printer and more!

The Ephraim Library Committee, consisting of Mary Sawyer (librarian), Windsor McCutcheon (treasurer), Diane Kirkland (secretary), Mary Wilson, Grace Held and Cindy Nelson (chair) had an exciting past twelve months.

The 2022 traditional Fyr Bal Book Sale was another resounding success. The library's open house during Christmas in the Village generated much interest with more than 400 people dropping by to enjoy a cup of apple cider and cookies and listen to the music of the Door County Ukulele Society. As in other years, we helped with Child's Play, the Ephraim Historical Foundation summer program.

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Capital Projects Ad-Hoc Committee:

Early in 2022 the Village Board established the Capital Projects Ad-Hoc Committee. The purpose of this Committee was to review the Capital Projects identified by the Board as well as the residents of Ephraim, and develop a scope of work and preliminary cost estimate for each project. The Projects included:

- Anderson Dock
- North Ephraim Street Lighting & Path
- Fire Station Expansion
- Administration Building Renovation
- Maintenance Garage Expansion

Working with various contractors and consultants, the Committee developed alternatives with cost estimates for each project. A final report was presented to the Board at their November 2022 meeting.

The Capital Projects will now reside with the Village Board for which special meetings will be held. The Board also approved a final design engineering contract for North Ephraim. Because of the significant increase in the cost of street lighting since our Streetscape Project in 2019, the North Ephraim project will focus on a 10' wide pedestrian/bicycle path along the southeast side of 42. The project may also include bollard solar lighting along the path.

Ken Nelson, Committee Chair

Ephraim Library Committee (continued):

We also initiated a Story Walk along the harbor. Well received by visitors and locals alike, we highlighted three different books that people could read as they walked along our beautiful shoreline: Good Morning Door County, Splat the Cat, Back to School and Room on the Broom. Finally, huge thank yous to Diane Kirkland who served for numerous years on this committee and to Mary Sawyer, our librarian for the past 8 years. Mary is moving over to Baileys Harbor. We also want to welcome our new librarian Suzanne Ihrig. Stop in and see all that your Ephraim Library has to offer!

Cindy Nelson, Committee Chair

Premier Resort Area Tax

Premier Resort Area Tax "PRAT" became effective **January 1, 2022.**

Those businesses that may be or think they may be subject to PRAT should contact WI DOR. The Village Administration Office is not responsible for telling a business if they will or will not be subject to the tax.

SHORT-TERM RENTAL HOSTS WHO UTILIZE MARKETPLACE PROVIDER SITES (Airbnb, VRBO, etc.):

- **Applicable Lodging taxes effective January 1, 2022 – 14%:** State Sales Tax (5.0% WI Sales and Use + .5% County Sales and Use), Local Room Tax 8.0%, and PRAT (Village of Ephraim .5%)
- It is the host/property owner's responsibility to check the lodging taxes generated for all online listings. ***Here's who to contact if you have questions:***

Wisconsin Department of Revenue:

Department of Revenue Customer Service:
608-266-2776

E-Mail: dorbusinessstax@wisconsin.gov

For further information please refer to State of Wisconsin Department of Revenue Publication 403, "Premier Resort Area Tax"

Community Beach Borrow Bin:



Courtesy of Gibraltar 4th Grade– Mr. Burress's
Community Service Project

Village of Ephraim Short-Term Rental "STR" Ordinance

*****License Required: No Owner shall allow property under their ownership or control to be used as an STR without obtaining and maintaining a Village of Ephraim license.*****

NOTICE: Ordinance No. 04-2022 became effective on January 1, 2023. The Village of Ephraim STR license will be renewed annually, on or before November 30 of each year.

If your property meets the definition of a short-term rental and has been issued, or would otherwise be subject to a State of Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCP) [Tourist Rooming House License \(TRH\)](#) your property will be required to obtain a Village of Ephraim STR license.

Fee Schedule: Initial Licensing Fee \$200 - Late fee \$150

For more information on licensing, please contact Kim at office@ephraim.wi.gov

Reminder: All parking for Short-Term Rentals "STRs" should be on property per Ephraim Code of Ordinances. There should be no street parking.

Have a Complaint about a Village of Ephraim Short-Term Rental "STR"?

Please allow the owner or the designated agent the opportunity to rectify the issue. You can use the contact information provided to you via the neighbor notification letter. If the issue(s) continue, please reach out to the Village of Ephraim to document the matter. Complaints made to the Village of Ephraim must be in writing (no phone calls will be accepted). Written emails will allow the Village to maintain a written, accurate record. All communication must be submitted via email and should be directed to bbristol@ephraim.wi.gov
IN AN EMERGENCY, CALL 911.

You can also report a complaint to the State of Wisconsin Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection by calling 608-224-2714 or emailing datcpfoodcomplaintsemergencyresponse@wi.gov



2022 ECONOMIC IMPACT FACT SHEET

THE POWER OF WISCONSIN TOURISM

DOOR COUNTY

THE POWER OF TRAVEL

Visitors spent \$466.5 million in Door County in 2022. That breaks down into the following share by key business categories:

Lodging: \$223.8 million
 Food & Beverage: \$97.9 million
 Retail: \$66.9 million
 Recreation: \$49.1 million
 Local Transportation: \$28.8 million



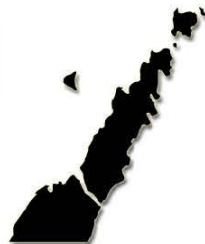
Source: Tourism Economics: Economic Impact of Tourism in Door County 2022

Statewide Impact

Tourism plays a significant role in Wisconsin's economy statewide and is a significant source of both employment and tax revenue.

- Tourism had a \$23.7 billion impact on the state's overall economy in 2022.
- Direct visitor spending in 2022 totaled \$14.9 billion statewide.
- The tourism economy generated \$1.5 billion in state and local tax revenue in 2022.
- Tourism in 2022 supported 174,600 jobs in Wisconsin.

WISCONSIN
 — DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM —



Surrounded by Lake Michigan, Door County, Wisconsin is a collection of 19 communities working together to promote the region as a single destination. It has been a popular vacation retreat for more than a century and continues to provide visitors with scenic seaside experiences in the heart of the Midwest.

VISITOR SPENDING

- Tourism had an overall impact of \$582 million on Door County's economy in 2022, up \$51 million (9.7%) over 2021. *These totals include direct, indirect and induced impacts.*
- Direct visitor spending in Door County totaled \$467 million in 2022, an increase of \$44 million (10.3%) over 2021.
- Visitor spending percentage breakdown, by quarter, for 2022:
 Q1 (Jan-Mar) = 20% Q3 (July-Sept) = 30%
 Q2 (April-June) = 23% Q4 (Oct-Dec) = 28%

TAX REVENUE

- Tourism in Door County generated \$47.8 million in state and local taxes in 2022, an increase of \$5.1 million (11.8%) over 2021.

EMPLOYMENT

- Tourism in 2022 supported a total of 3,335 jobs in Door County.
- Total labor income of \$113.3 million was generated for employees in 2022 due to tourism spending, an increase of \$10.8 million (10.5%) over 2021.

DID YOU KNOW...

- Each household in Door County would need to be taxed an additional \$2,000 to replace the visitor taxes received by state and local governments in 2022.
- The \$467 million in visitor spending is more than \$7 million for each mile of the Door County Coastal Byway
- Door County ranked 7th out of 72 counties in 2022, generating 3.14% of all visitor spending in Wisconsin.

Source: Tourism Economics: Economic Impact of Tourism in Door County 2022

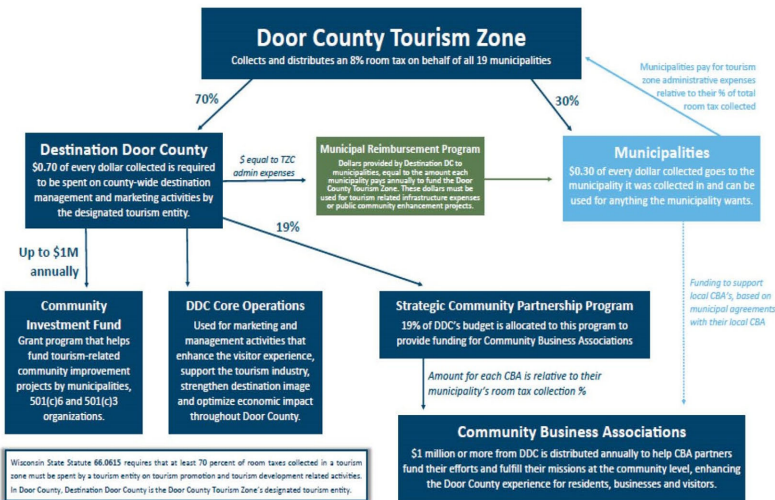
Download the complete 2022 economic impact report from Tourism Economics at bit.ly/Door2022

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Village of Ephraim Community Portal

The Village of Ephraim is now available to accept online payments for sewer bills and pump-out invoices. You can register by going to ephraim-wi.ourcommunityconnect.com. Once on the website, you will need your customer number, invoice number and invoice amount (all of which can be found on your sewer bill or by calling the Village office at 920-854-5501). You can then choose to receive your sewer statement by email or you can log on to the portal to make a payment. Please note that there is a convenience fee for making a payment on the portal.

WHERE DOES ROOM TAX GO IN DOOR COUNTY?



Holding Tank Pump-outs/ Septic Pump-outs/ Water Testing

Holding and septic tank pump-outs are available for Ephraim residents only. Water testing meets all State requirements and is available to anyone; a fee will be determined at the time of scheduling and is based on what tests you request. Water testing kits are available at the Ephraim Treatment Plant located at 10285 Town Line Drive.

The Ephraim Treatment Plant personnel can schedule a convenient time to pump-out your holding tank, septic tank, or test your water for contaminants. The office can be reached at 920-854-4991.

Village of Ephraim Sewer Rate Increase

On November 8, 2022, the Village of Ephraim Board of Trustees approved the 2023 Fee Schedule. In turn, the Village of Ephraim announced a 5% increase in sewer rates commencing January 1, 2023. The increase will apply to sewer customers, holding tank pump-out customers, and commercial hauler truck customers.

The Wastewater Committee has successfully held rates steady for the last ten (10) years. Municipal sewer is operated in a cost-recovery basis whereby rates are set to generate sufficient revenue to cover the budgeted expenses for sewer systems. The increase in sewer rates is necessary due to increasing operating expenses for the municipality's aging sewer infrastructure. Throughout 2023, a sewer rate study will be conducted to determine what adjustments need to be made to meet current expenses, debt, and upgrades to an aging system.

Wastewater Plant News

Brad Rasmusson, is now the Wastewater Manager, Operator-in-Charge of the Wastewater Plant.

Please inform your guests that there is no such thing as a flushable wipe. Any type of wipe can build up and cause blockages and expensive repairs in your grinder station, sewer lateral or septic system. Dispose of all wipes (regardless of the packaging labels) and feminine hygiene products in the appropriate trash container.

Sewer Bills

Village of Ephraim sewer bills are mailed the first week of April, July, October and the third week of December. They are due 30 days from the date of billing.



Clerk's Corner

Tax bills are mailed the beginning of December. The 1st half of your property tax bill is due by **January 31**. The 2nd half of your property tax payment is due **July 31**.

Make your check payable to: **Door County Treasurer**

Mail or deliver your check to: **Door County Treasurer, 421 Nebraska St, Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235**

There will be important need to know information within the tax bill insert, please be sure to review.

Andrea Collak, Clerk/Treasurer

Future Election Dates

- **February 20, 2024: Spring Primary**
- **April 2 , 2024: Spring Election**
- **August 13, 2024: Partisan Primary**
- **November 5, 2024: General Election**

Voter Location/Registration

If Ephraim is your primary residence, you may register to vote at the Village Administrative Office at 10005 Norway Street or online at myvote.wi.gov

Call for Volunteers!

We need you to serve your community as an Election Inspector. These are paid positions: \$11.00 per hour. Training and split shifts are available. If you are an Ephraim resident and willing to serve please call the Ephraim Village Clerk: Andrea Collak at 920-854-5501 or acollak@ephraim.wi.gov

Village Hall Rentals:

The Village of Ephraim offers the rental of the Ephraim Village Hall for your function. For more information email: office@ephraim.wi.gov

Recycling and Brush Dump Site

The Ephraim Recycling and Brush Dump is located at 10285 Townline Road and is open 24 – 7, year-round for Village of Ephraim residents.

IS YOUR PROPERTY PROTECTED FROM FRAUD?

What is it?

Property Fraud is when someone illegally uses your property for financial gain.

How does it happen?

Someone records a document at the Door County Register of Deeds Office attempting to make it look like they own your home or property.

Should I be concerned?

Yes. Fraudulent documents are recorded in counties all over the nation each year and victims often don't even know for a long period of time.

What can I do about it?

Subscribe to the FREE notification service provided by the Door County Register of Deeds Office at:

PropertyFraudAlert.com

Carey Petersilka

Door County Register of Deeds

Scan the QR code below with your smart phone camera to sign up for free!



Destination Door County Resident Survey

Destination Door County "DDC" is embarking on a process to develop a long-term Destination Master Plan for our community. In creating this plan, it is critical for all voices to be heard, especially the voices of our residents. Our goal is to listen and create a shared vision for making Door County an even better place to live and work, while making it an appealing place to visit.

This plan will include sustainability and stewardship needs and initiatives to ensure that we are protecting and supporting our natural assets and environment.

We would sincerely appreciate your time to complete a quick survey, which will take approximately 15 minutes. After completing the survey, you will be entered to win a Door County gift certificate for \$100.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DoorCountyResidentSurvey>

Or scan the QR code to take the resident survey



Parking Within the Village

The Ephraim Fire Department provides fire and emergency protection services within the Village of Ephraim. For first responders to do their job effectively, they need access to the areas where incidents may occur which requires unobstructed roadways to reduce community risk.

In many areas of the Village, due to car and trailer parking, emergency vehicles have been challenged by obstructed roadways. This could delay response time and create safety issues in the future, if not addressed. Village Fire Chief MacDonald stresses that emergency vehicles need to be able to access roadways to travel to their destination as well as when they arrive at their destination, they need to be able to get close enough to any building to effectively deploy essential emergency services.

We ask that you partner in keeping our roads accessible. Short Term Rental "STR" property owners should take the time and review the Village STR ordinance and communicate in advance with all of their guests that it is **NOT** permissible to park cars or trailers on Village streets. All guests must park on-site in the parking spots indicated on the site plan submitted to the Village of Ephraim with their STR application.

If you or your guest(s) are using Village of Ephraim marina facilities (paying to launch their boat or have a transient dock reservation) the Village does offer options for trailer parking. Your guests can obtain this information directly from marina staff when they launch their boats or check in for their transient slips.

Planning a Building or Remodeling Project?

Structures built without an approved permit are subject to a **5X** the penalty fee per day and you may be required to remove the un-permitted item. Please consult with the Zoning Administrator before you build at 920-854-5501 or bbristol@ephraim.wi.gov

Contacts for Emergencies

In the event of any emergencies in the Village which include power lines down, vehicles leaking fluids, fluid spills, car accidents, or smoke in an area from an unknown source, please dial 911. This will be the fastest way to have the correct emergency responders respond to an incident.

For trees across roads you can contact the Village Office Monday thru Friday, 8am-4pm at 920-854-5501. For instances outside business hours, please contact the Door County Sheriff's Office Non-Emergency number at 920-746-2400 and press Zero to speak with an On-Duty Dispatcher. They will gather your information and then contact the appropriate Village Representative.

Justin MacDonald,

Fire Chief / Maintenance Manager

jmacdonald@ephraim.wi.gov

Who is Responsible for Trees in the Right-of-Way?

Wisconsin State Statute §86.03(1) addresses who is responsible. "Removal of fallen trees. If any tree falls from adjacent land into any highway, the owner or occupant of the land shall immediately remove the tree from the highway."

In the event that the tree falls into the road, the Village along with the County will do our best to clear it out of the roadway so that it does not impede traffic. However, it is the responsibility of the property owner to clean up debris and remnants.

If you have questions, please call the office at 920-854-5501.



Photo Credit: Tad Dukehart

Contact Us

Ephraim Administrative Office

Phone (920) 854-5501

Fax (920) 854-2072

Or visit us on the web at ephraim.wi.gov

E-MAIL ADDRESSES

Administrator/Zoning Administrator– Brent Bristol

bbristol@ephraim.wi.gov

Clerk/Treasurer – Andrea Collak

acollak@ephraim.wi.gov

Deputy Clerk/Utility Clerk – Kim Roberts

office@ephraim.wi.gov

Marina Harbormaster - Brent Bristol

bbristol@ephraim.wi.gov

Fire Department–Non Emergency/ Maintenance Manager - Justin MacDonald

jmacdonald@ephraim.wi.gov

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